



Diane Cummins, a Canadian runner who competed in the 2004 Athens Olympics said, "the Olympics stand for friendship and for celebrating humanity."

Am I not Human?

We live in a time with magnificent communication and information resources. The wealth of historical knowledge both traditionally accepted and alternatively accepted are available to us with very little effort. We can connect with one another and network in ways that were out of the reach of common people before the information highway became available to us, and some of us are utilizing this to coordinate our efforts in campaigns that raise awareness of needless suffering the world over.

The following information gives you background for a campaign that has the end of genocide and cultural oppression in its sight. There is no reason for suffering of the magnitude seen in Darfur and other areas such as the Congo, Tibet, and Burma to name a few, in an age where we can refuse to do business with oppressive forces. We especially question China for the part they play as suppliers to inhumane forces in the Sudan, and for their own role terrorizing Tibetans, monks included. How can China see fit to host Olympic games, games said to be held to principles of honor, excellence, and global friendship, when they have such poor perception of basic human rights?

Join us on the 27th of each month April 2008 until the oppression ceases to ask a simple question of China, on behalf of the countries that must not be populated by humans in China's eyes: "Am I not Human?"

Useful links that you can utilize in your actions to support human rights are located at the back of this e-book.

Thankyou for your time.

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Darfur

Sudan, the historic Nubia, is the largest country in Africa. Darfur is roughly the size of Texas. Sudan scarred having fought a civil war for 21 years that killed millions of people. Unfortunately, Sudan is an oil country with 70% of its oil derived revenue fed to the military while our Darfurian family starves.

In 2003, fighting between the Sudanese Liberation Movement/Army against the Government of Sudan military, and militia groups collectively known as Janjaweed intensified. In response, the Government of Sudan increased arms and support to the militias.

The Janjaweed herd cattle, camels, and other livestock, yet it's interesting to note that they have not reclaimed any land while wiping out entire villages, destroying food and water supplies, and systematically murdering, and raping hundreds of thousands of Darfuris. This is clearly a depopulation scheme as the Sudanese military utilizes military planes that are painted the same color as U.N. humanitarian aircraft, which is illegal, assuring that no one flees in fear before the bombs fall.

The story of Sudan is incomplete without China. China is the largest stakeholder in Sudanese oil, purchases 70% of Sudan's exports, has written off \$80 million dollars in Sudanese public debt, provides interest-free, unconditional million dollar loans and is Sudan's largest supplier of arms. To say that China has clout with Sudan, is an understatement.

To date 400,000 Darfurians have been senselessly murdered and 2.3 million have become displaced, with 200,000 living in refugee camps in Chad which is being infected by the crisis.

Source: SaveDarfur.org
GlobalSecurity.org

Tibet

The story of Tibet lies in history. From the periods of 1913 to 1950, Tibet behaved, administered and engaged in international relations as a free and independent state. Since the 1600s, Tibet was administered by Llamas {Tibetan Buddhist high monks} and civil laymen. The economy was based substance farming, herding and trade. The religion of Tibet is Tibetan buddhism which incorporates the teaching of Buddha with the Tibetan mythology and is integrated into their daily lives and given the highest regard.

In 1949, the People's Liberation Army of China invaded Tibet as a part of their cultural revolution under the guise of freeing peasant Tibetan farmers from the greed and power of the Llamas. The honorific relationship the Tibetans have with their religious hierarchy was debased as llamaism, a practice that caused ignorant peasants to be subjective to the wealthy llamas.

China claims ownership of Tibet based on historical relationships of Mongol or Manchu rulers with Tibetan llamas, hundreds of years ago, completing dismissing Tibet's autonomy that was enjoyed for 40 years.

Millions of Tibetans have been murdered as a direct result of the Chinese invasion and occupation of Tibet. The practice of population transfer of millions of Chinese into Tibet has resulted in socio-economic hardship for Tibetans. Fertile lands are given to Chinese settlers, key administrative positions are held by Chinese. Businesses are primarily Chinese owned and operated with Tibetans turned into ethnic curiosities.

Tibetans are not free to openly practice their religion, monasteries are guarded and controlled by Chinese military, hundreds of monks are tortured and arrested for any sign of dissent, and it is illegal to display the Tibetan flag.

The Dalai Lama, who left Tibet during the invasion to India, is considered by China to be a terrorist instigator. Tibetan buddhists consider him to be the reincarnation of Buddha and their cultural and religious leader but simply speaking of him or possessing his photograph is torturously punishable by Chinese law.

Recent protests in Tibet have caused a renewed crackdown by China, with the state controlled media propagandizing the dissent and playing on nationalistic mentalities within China.

The Tibet Government in Exile welcomes dialogue with China, is not seeking independence but autonomy as a means to preserve their cultural and religious identity in their historic homeland.

Source: Tibet.com

Take Action

There a number of ways to take action. Petitions, Boycotts, and Peaceful Gatherings are very effective in creating progressive change from a grassroots level. Innovation and creativity are especially important in putting forth actions that can 'go viral' and create enough buzz to help everyone realize they too can take action and make a solid difference where the proven interest of consumers is needed. Most citizens wouldn't want to support businesses who support rapists, torturers or murderers, but this is in essence what happens when we don't research the businesses we purchase our goods from. Without money from consumers they lose their power.

Please take a moment to visit these links, sign petitions, request to receive their newsfeeds, meet with local chapters to see what you and your loved ones can do to be sure the actions of inhumane criminals on any level of the totem pole seeking to profit at the expense of innocents are held accountable and stopped flat. In remembering community the world can heal.

<http://dreamfordarfur.org>

<http://olympicgenocide2008.com/>

<http://www.freetibet.org/>