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Congress welcomes anti-genocide activists to Capitol Hill

Exhibit part of nation-wide student effort to raise awareness and work to end atrocities in Darfur

[CITY, STATE] - Photographs of high school student activists will be presented Monday at the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The photographs depict students from across the country fighting to stop the genocide in Darfur.

The display, compiled of student advocacy photos, spells out "Darfur", featuring activists from six different regions. The display is a culmination of the national "Picture A World Without Genocide" initiative. During the photographed events, students called media outlets, wrote letters, and sent op-ed to local newspapers urging for more coverage of the genocide in Darfur. High School students also held fundraisers and raised awareness as part of this campaign. The display shows that high school students across the nation are devoted to putting a stop to the genocide in Darfur.

The display is being unveiled today in a brief presentation on Capitol Hill, which marks the third year since Congress declared the crisis in Darfur to be genocide. The event will include remarks from members of the Genocide Intervention Network, STAND's parent organization, STAND, and the Save Darfur Coalition. Organizers hope that the event will serve as a way to reinvigorate the advocacy community, as well as challenge members of Congress, many of whom will attend the event, to dedicate themselves to achieving a solution for Darfur now.

"These high school students have really demonstrated their dedication to helping the people of Darfur," says [NAME], [POSITION]. "The display on Capitol Hill is clear evidence that high school students across the country are standing up to stop the genocide in Darfur."

Members of [SCHOOL] STAND are calling attention to the atrocities that have raged on for nearly four years in the Darfur region of Africa's largest country, Sudan. For the first time in history, the US government has declared a genocide while the massacres are still ongoing. This was three years ago. To date, an estimated 400,000 have been killed and over 2.5 million displaced.

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STAND is the student-led movement to end mass atrocities (www.STANDnow.org). Comprises of more than 100 high school and college chapters throughout the United States and internationally, STAND mobilizes students to take action to prevent genocide and mass atrocities by educating, advocating, and fundraising for civilian protection.