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Yoko Ono visits Amnesty International

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CAPTIONS Real Player version Yoko Ono is presented with a gold disc for record sales in Italy © AI A note of hope, hung by Yoko Ono, is a call to the UN to deliver a peacekeeping force to Darfur © AI

Yoko Ono has paid a visit to Amnesty International's London headquarters to celebrate the success of the Make Some Noise/Instant Karma album. The record has helped focus global attention on the human rights crisis in Darfur.

The album, featuring tracks from top stars including U2, Green Day and Snow Patrol, has sold over half a million discs worldwide, going platinum in Ireland and gold in Italy.

The release was made possible by Yoko's generosity in granting AI the rights to all of John Lennon's post-Beatles songs and donating all music-publishing royalties to the project.

The artist and campaigner was also on hand to kick-start the latest Make Some Noise for Darfur campaign, which uses 'artivism' to raise awareness on the crisis.

"I am very honoured that Amnesty International has shown this recognition of my efforts to promote the idea of a more peaceful world," she said. "I feel that we are all on the same path, a path I embarked on with my husband John many years ago."

Ono's visit was also an occasion to highlight the fact that the conflict in Darfur is not a forgotten one. AI Secretary General Irene Khan said: "The album has helped increase global awareness of the massive tragedy that continues to unfold in Darfur, a crisis in which countless civilians have been left unprotected."

The UN and the African Union are currently discussing the deployment of the largest peacekeeping force ever to the region.

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