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SUDAN: MAKE SOME NOISE – DARFUR ACTION
Justice for the Women of Sudan

- o Women under fire
 - Since 2003, thousands of women and girls have been raped or subjected to other forms of sexual violence in the Darfur region of Sudan
 - Two million civilians have been forced to flee their homes and over 200,000 remain in refugee camps in Chad
 - For the first time in history, serious crimes of violence against women have been explicitly recognized as crimes against humanity by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)
 - Yet authorities in Sudan have publicly refused to comply with the ICC requests to investigate, arrest or surrender the suspected war criminals
- o Act now to end impunity
 - International pressure works. It's time to put the Sudanese authorities under fire

Music by Snow Patrol, "Isolation" – buy this exclusive track now

In the Darfur region of Sudan alone, thousands of girls and women have been raped and subjected to other forms of sexual violence. While the world waits for justice, the perpetrators continue to rape and kill with impunity.

But amidst the wreckage, inspiring women and men are risking everything to make things right. Join them and demand justice for these crimes against humanity

Tell the government of Sudan to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court without delay and bring the war criminals to justice. International pressure works. Send this e-Card to Mr Muhammad Ali al-Maradhi, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Sudan.

Subject: End impunity for the worst crimes of violence against women in Darfur

Dear Minister Muhammad Ali al-Maradhi,

I am writing to you to express my concern at the widespread commission of rape and other sexual violence committed against women and girls in Darfur.

Despite commitments to combat violence against women and girls in Darfur, the government of Sudan is overwhelmingly failing to investigate and prosecute these horrific crimes. It is essential that all cases are investigated and those responsible brought to justice. All victims should be provided with full and effective reparations.

Sudan has signed but not ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. As the Court is currently investigating crimes committed in Darfur, it is important that Sudan ratifies the Rome Statute without delay. At the same time, I urge you to pledge and ensure Sudan's fullest cooperation with International Criminal Court.

Yours sincerely,

E-mail confirmation

Subject : Thank you for making an impact

Thank you for making an impact with Amnesty International. Your actions are making a difference in war-torn Darfur. But we're not done yet. We need you to tell your friends to join us by way of a special e-Card from Make Some Noise artists Snow Patrol.

Just fill in the email addresses below and help us make some noise for human rights.

Thanks again,
The Make Some Noise team

PS If you still don't have Snow Patrol's exclusive cover of "Isolation", you can download this and other exclusive tracks at the Make Some Noise Music Store

Tell-a-Friend e-Card page (after taking action)

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But amidst the wreckage, inspiring women and men are risking everything to make things right. Join them in demanding that the Sudanese government bring the war criminals to justice. It's an easy way to make a big impact for human rights.

Watch the video featuring Snow Patrol's cover of "Isolation" and make some noise for human rights

Thank you for spreading the word

Thank you for telling your friends to make an impact with Amnesty International. Your actions are making a difference.

To download Snow Patrol's cover of "Isolation" and all the latest tracks in support of Amnesty International, check out the Make Some Noise Music Store

6. Video text

In a world torn apart by violence and war, women face the brunt of the conflict.

In the Darfur region of Sudan alone, thousands of girls and women have been raped and subjected to other forms of sexual violence by government-backed Janjawid militias.

And while the world waits for justice, the perpetrators continue to rape and kill with impunity

For the first time in history, serious crimes of violence against girls and women have been explicitly recognized as crimes against humanity by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Yet authorities in Sudan have publicly refused to comply with the Court's requests to investigate, arrest or surrender the suspected war criminals in Darfur

Add your voice to the international cry for justice

It's time to put the Sudanese authorities under fire and bring the war criminals to justice

e-Magazine text

Act now for women under fire in Darfur

"I support Amnesty because we have lived our whole lives in freedom - freedom of thought, freedom of action - and want to ensure others have those basic human rights"

- Gary Lightbody, Snow Patrol

6735 actions taken. 953 friends told. 1 big meeting

After being continually denied a meeting with the President, Amnesty Mexico and Jaguares were able to secure a meeting to deliver their thousands of petitions to Guadalupe Morfin, the Special Prosecutor appointed by President Fox to oversee federal intervention in the unsolved tragedies Ciudad Juarez.

We've been overwhelmed by your support in putting the international spotlight on Ciudad Juarez. Now we want to shed that light on the worst cases of violence against women in the Darfur region of Sudan.

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So join Snow Patrol and demand justice for these crimes against humanity.

Featured Track: Isolation, Snow Patrol

The boys from Northern Ireland serve up a lyrical, sombre version of "Isolation," available now at the Make Some Noise Music Store.

Jaguares contest winners

Make Some Noise is proud to announce the three winners of Make Some Noise T-shirts and signed Jaguares CDs. They were selected at random from a list of the 953 participants who sent the Jaguares e-Card to their friends.

Top acts bring the noise to Portland

With Collective Soul, Incubus, Suzanne Vega and more, this was not your typical human rights conference. AIUSA's 2006 Annual General Meeting entitled "Human Rights at High Volume" culminated in an earth-shattering concert at Portland Oregon's Roseland Theatre. Activists from all around the country were then equipped with Make Some Noise campaigning materials to spread the word to a new generation.
