



Darfur Campaign Film Guide: *JUDGMENT ON GENOCIDE*

The *Judgment on Genocide* (JoG) is a short film which presents the International Citizens' Tribunal for Sudan, a mock tribunal set-up to mirror the International Criminal Court. The film depicts the trial of Sudanese President, Omar al-Bashir, who is being tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. It features testimonies from Darfurians, activists, and PHR's own deputy director, Susannah Sirkin.

The *Judgment on Genocide* DVD is an excellent tool to raise awareness on the necessity for justice & accountability in Darfur on your campus. To be most effective in using the film to support your chapter's education and advocacy efforts, additional background on Darfur will be useful.

Introducing the Film

When introducing the film at a screening, be sure to give those who attend the necessary background to the conflict in Darfur. Explain why justice and accountability in Darfur is necessary, and how the crimes committed by Government Armed Forces and the Janjaweed against Darfurian civilians lend themselves to the substantial charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. In addition, provide your participants with information about the background of the genocide in Darfur and the procedures and actions of the International Criminal Court. *Fact sheets, powerpoint and additional educational resources on Darfur and Justice & Accountability can be found at www.physiciansforhumanrights.org/students/.*

Showing the Film

For the film to have a significant impact, it should be used in conjunction with another activity. Some ideas include:

- JoG film screening and roundtable discussion—include desserts as an added incentive
- Wine and Cheese Tasting or Coffeehouse event with JoG screening and discussion
- Justice & Accountability in Darfur workshop or conference break-out session

Post-Screening Discussion

Because the film touches upon daunting topics, it is important to show a screening along with opportunity for reflection. After screening of the *Judgment on Genocide*, hold a roundtable discussion to hear what your fellow students have to say about the issue and debate the most effective ways for the international community to approach addressing justice and accountability in Darfur. Through discussion, participants should not only understand the importance of bringing justice to Darfur but also leave with ideas on how the unique position as future health professionals could help to protect the integrity of Darfurians.

Sample Discussion Questions:

- Why is it significant for the United States to support the ICC (both in the context of the Darfur trials and at large)?
- What specific perspective do health professionals and HP students bring to the health and human rights agenda in advocating for justice in Darfur?
- What steps can students take to join the grassroots movement to hold the Sudanese Government accountable for its role in the genocide?
- What resources within your community to best advocate for the United States to support the International Criminal Court in its investigation and trials for Darfur?