

# PREVENT Hotel Darfur



## A Message from Don Cheadle and Paul Rusesabagina

You are aware of the horrible atrocities that took place in Rwanda just a decade ago. And you know that this tragedy was made all the more horrible because the people who knew about it failed to act to stop it. As we made *Hotel Rwanda*, we were overwhelmed with sadness and anger as we relived the lack of response by those who knew.

Another genocide is taking place right now in the Darfur region of Sudan. We know, because we just returned from there.

Not since the Rwanda genocide of 1994 has the world seen such a calculated campaign of slaughter, rape, starvation and displacement. Government-backed militias, known collectively as the Janjaweed, are systematically eliminating entire communities. Villages are being razed, women and girls raped and branded, men and boys murdered, and food and water supplies targeted and destroyed. Victims report that government air strikes frequently precede militia raids.

It is conservatively estimated that more than 200,000 human beings have died. If we do not act, the violence will continue, people will not receive adequate aid and protection, and many more will die.

One of the most striking lines in *Hotel Rwanda* is, "After they see this, people are going to say 'My God, that's terrible' and then go on eating their dinners."

We ask that you act, today, to stop the violence. **Write to President Bush and your other elected representatives to ask that the United States do whatever is necessary to end the butchery. Inscribe your movie ticket with the commitment, "Not On My Watch," and send it to the president.**

We don't want to watch a movie named *Hotel Darfur*. Please act now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Don Cheadle and Paul Rusesabagina**

P.S. You can learn more about the situation, its causes, possible solutions, and ways you can help from the International Crisis Group ([www.icg.org](http://www.icg.org)), Amnesty International ([www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)) and the Save Darfur Coalition ([www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org)).



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