



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Sudan: Human Rights and Sanctions

Panel I



Omer Ismail was born in the Darfur region of Sudan. He has spent over 20 years working both independently and with international organizations on relief efforts and human rights. Omer fled Sudan in 1989 as a result of his political views. He helped found the Sudan Democratic Forum, a think tank of Sudanese intellectuals working for the advancement of democracy in Sudan. In addition, he co-founded the Darfur Peace and Development organization to raise awareness about the crisis in his troubled region. He currently works as Policy Advisor to several agencies working in crisis management and conflict resolution in Africa. He was a Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University's Carr Center for Human Rights Policy.



Ken Isaacs currently serves as the Vice President of Programs and Government Relations for Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief organization with activities in over 130 countries worldwide. Mr. Isaacs began his career as a businessman in Boone, North Carolina. In 1984, he was asked by Samaritan's Purse President, Franklin Graham, to establish a well-drilling project in Ethiopia during the height of its civil war. Mr. Isaacs was the first person to serve abroad for the organization. After implementing a wide portfolio of successful programs that included providing clean water, IDP camps and other emergency relief for hundreds of thousands of people, Isaacs returned to North Carolina to serve as Samaritan's Purse International Programs Director. Under his leadership, the organization's global presence and capacity has greatly expanded, and Samaritan's Purse now manages thousands of field staff around the world who meet emergency and developmental needs. As the head of Samaritan's Purse international relief efforts for over 25 years, he has designed and implemented emergency

relief programs in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Honduras, El Salvador, Kosovo, Turkey, Afghanistan, Haiti, Japan, and the Philippines. These efforts have included responses during wars, complex crises, famines, and natural disasters.



Miles Windsor is the Advocacy and Development Director at Middle East Concern (MEC). He has responsibility for conducting advocacy in the US, Canada, UK and Russia. He has been with MEC for two years. MEC is an association of members that has been operating for 26 years to respond to cases of violations against Christians across the Middle East and North Africa. It seeks to meet the needs of those suffering abuses on account of their Christian beliefs on a case by case basis and in a variety of ways. Miles has worked in political communications for nine years, and for seven years has been focused on highlighting and mobilizing responses to abuses against Christians in the Middle East. He has also served for four years as a local government politician, and he was the Campaign Manager and political aide to John Glen MP during the UK General Election in 2010. Prior to entering politics, Miles worked briefly in journalism at the BBC where he was an undercover investigative journalist at Panorama, the BBC's flagship investigative current affairs documentary program.



Jehanne Henry is a senior researcher in Human Rights Watch's Africa division. She supervises and contributes to the work on Sudan, South Sudan, and Chad and has also worked on Kenya. She has worked with the organization since 2008 focusing initially on the conflict in Darfur, then on a range of other issues in Sudan and South Sudan. Prior to joining the organization, she served as a human rights officer with the United Nations Mission in Sudan based in North Darfur. She has worked on human rights and rule of law issues with USAID in Cambodia and as a legal adviser in the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, and managed a legal aid program with the American Refugee Committee in Kosovo. Henry has also worked in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, and clerked for a U.S. federal judge in New York. She is admitted to the New York state bar.