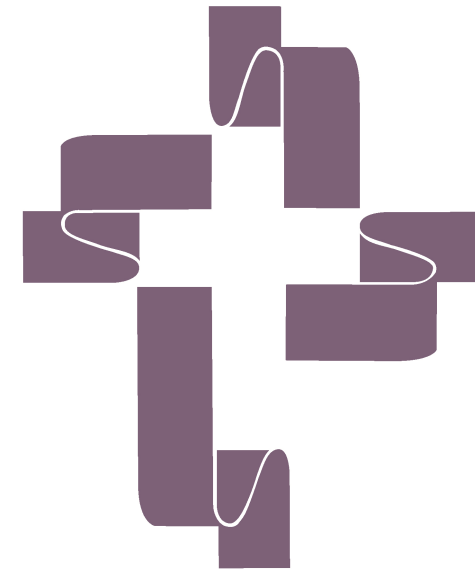


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THE HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT TO FIGHT RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

EARLY ADVOCACY BEFORE SOCIAL MEDIA

Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

Organizations/Free Soviet Jewry Campaign

Individual cases/Members of Congress

- Frank Wolf
- Chris Smith
- Tom Lantos and Annette Lantos
- Jackson-Vanik Amendment

WHAT DID WE DO?

Mailings from organizations:

Information

Prayer Points

Write letters, send faxes to prisoners,
Congress, Soviet officials, psychiatric
hospitals, labor camp commandants

1996: A NEW MOVEMENT BEGAN

January 1996: We came together

Why then?

WHY WAS AN
ADVOCACY EFFORT
FOR
PERSECUTED
CHRISTIANS NEEDED?

BUILDING A CONSTITUENCY

“Politics are downstream
from culture” Wolf

Provoke Interest

Provide Information

INTRODUCTION OF THE WOLF/SPECTER BILL FALL 1997

Freedom
from Religious Persecution
Act

OPPOSITION TO THE BILL

- Clinton Administration
- Foreign Policy Establishment and some human rights groups
- Trade Lobby
- Some Churches
- (National Council of Churches)

STRUGGLE TO PASS BILL

“doomed” . . .

. . .

“dead in the water”

New York Times

PASSAGE OF THE 1998 INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

Second to last day, 105th Congress, October 1998

**Signed into law by President Clinton,
October 27, 1998.**

WHAT CHANGES IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TO ADVOCATE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM?

- State Department Office of Religious Freedom
- U.S. Commission on International Rel. Freedom
- Religious Freedom institutionalized in U.S. government, foreign policy establishment

ENCOURAGED OTHER LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS:

- Trafficking Victims Protection Act
- Sudan Peace Act
- North Korea Freedom Act
- Sudan Divestment Campaign
- Comprehensive Peace Agreement
- Sudan, North Korea, and Middle East Special Envoys
- Middle East and South Asia Caucus
- Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission

WHAT NIGERIA SHOWS US

Nigeria



DIRECT COMMAND FROM GOD:

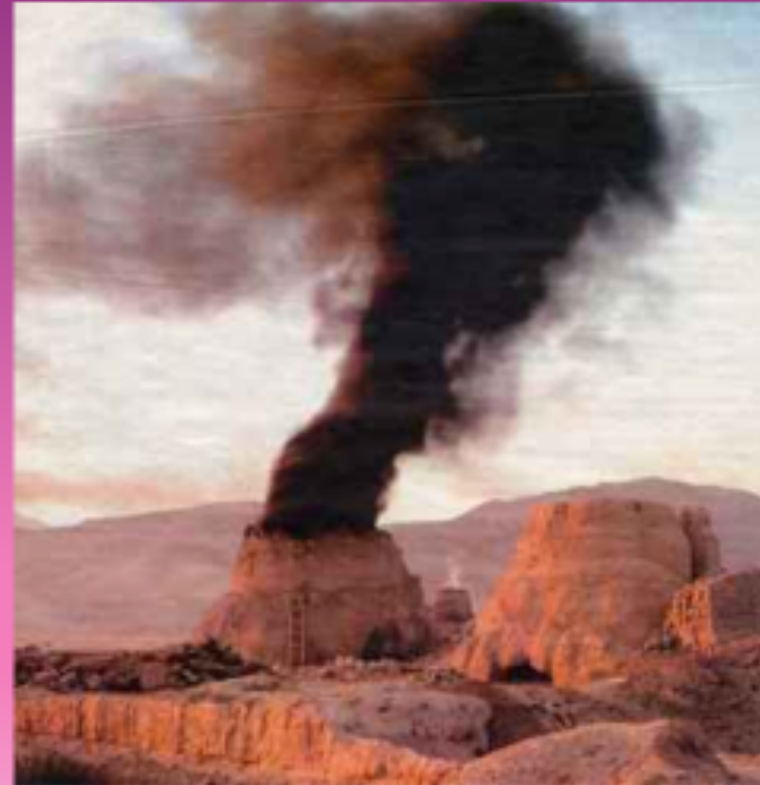
Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.

*If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,” does not HE who **weighs the heart** perceive it?*

Proverbs 24: 11, 12

ACCOUNTABILITY





IF WE, THEN . . .

*Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?... **THEN** your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear... **IF** you do away with the yoke of oppression... **THEN** your light will rise in the darkness.*

Isaiah 58: 6, 8, 9, 10

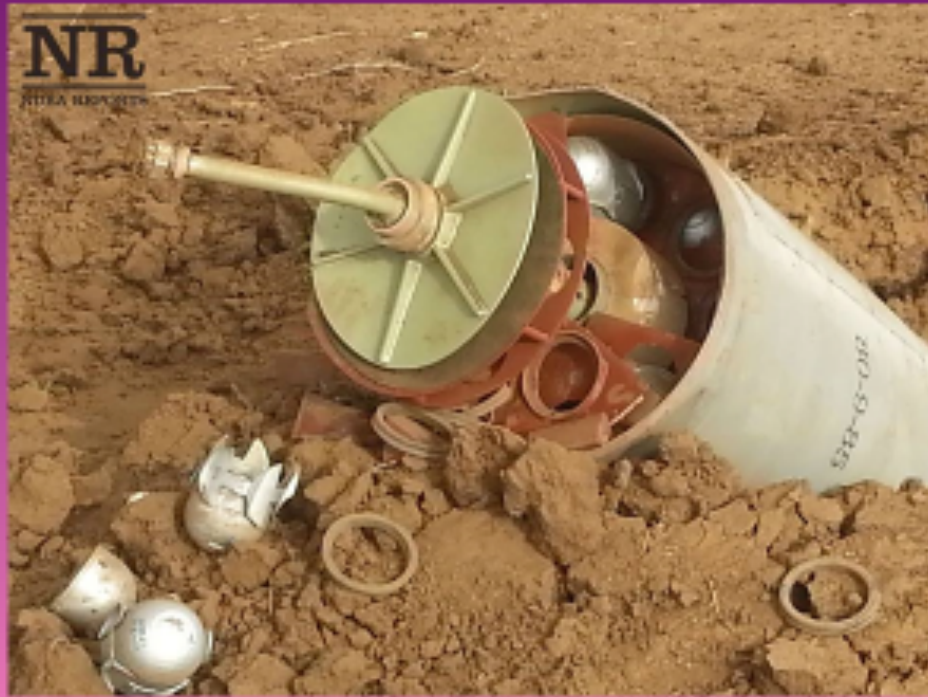
Sudan

**ALMOST 4000 BOMBS DROPPED
ON CIVILIAN TARGETS
SINCE APRIL 2012**



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*How long will you waver
between two opinions? If the
LORD is God, follow Him, but if
Baal is God, follow Him. Then,
says the Bible, The people said
NOTHING.* 1 Kings 18: 21



رعايا الصليب من أتباع الكنيسة المصرية المحاربة

The people of the cross, the followers of the hostile Egyptian Church

1. Milad Makeen Zaky
2. Abanub Ayad Atiya
3. Maged Solaiman Shehata
4. Yusuf Shukry Yunan
5. Kirolos Shokry Fawzy
6. Bishoy Astafanus Kamel
7. Somaily Astafanus Kamel
8. Malak Ibrahim Sinweet
9. Tawadros Yusuf Tawadros
10. Girgis Milad Sinweet
11. Mina Fayez Aziz
12. Hany Abdelmesih Salib
13. Bishoy Adel Khalaf
14. Samuel Alham Wilson
15. Worker from Awr village
16. Ezat Bishri Naseef
17. Loqa Nagaty
18. Gaber Munir Adly
19. Esam Badir Samir
20. Malak Farag Abram
21. Sameh Salah Faruq

THERE IS NO TIME TO WAVER

INSPIRING PASSION FOR THE PERSECUTED

- **Nehemiah**
- **David**
- **Esther**
- **Moses**