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RE: Commentary on the Turkey-Sudan axis of genocide

I wanted to share with you a sample of the commentary (see attached) over the past weeks and months on the growing relationship between Turkey and Sudan - two nations with a record of genocide and genocide denial.

Ankara's support for Khartoum, which undermines the international community's efforts to isolate Sudan's genocidal regime, includes:

- 1) Turkey's sale of weapons directly to Sudan.**
- 2) Turkey's diplomatic support for Sudan's genocide denials.**
- 3) Turkey's use of its UN Security Council seat to block anti-genocide efforts.**



Sudanese President al-Bashir and Turkish President Gul.

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Commentary on the Turkey-Sudan Relationship



“The visit of the Sudanese president to Turkey coincided with The Hague court’s prosecutor request that Mr. Al-Bashir be arrested for committing genocide in Darfur. Yet President Al-Bashir received a warm welcome in Turkey, where he alleged that his government ‘had restored peace to Darfur,’ and defended the implementation of Shariah law in resolving the Darfur conflict.”

The Wall Street Journal Europe
“Is Turkey Still a Western Ally?” - by Soner Cagaptay
January 22, 2009



“Human Rights Watch wishes to express our concern that you have chosen this moment to welcome President al-Bashir, who is currently subject to a request for a warrant at the International Criminal Court (ICC) for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.”

Human Rights Watch
Letter to Turkish Government prior to al-Bashir’s visit
August 15, 2008



“President Gul greeted the Sudanese leader with a military guard of honor only bestowed on Turkey’s closest allies. While the international community fiercely works to contain al-Bashir’s government, Turkey embraces it. Both governments have a long history of genocide denial.”

Congressman Frank Pallone
Statement on the floor of the U.S. House
February 13, 2009



“Despite being a pariah to most of the international community as the result of his administration’s alleged support for the perpetrators of mass ethnic cleansing in Darfur, on his arrival in Ankara al-Bashir was accorded the full honors Turkish protocol bestows on a visiting head of state, including not just a red carpet but a military guard of honor and a 21-gun salute.”

Jamestown Foundation
Blood, Oil, and Headscarves: al-Bashir Visits Ankara
By Gareth Jenkins
January 22, 2008



“Turkey has been trying to persuade the world, not very successfully, that there was no Armenian genocide in 1915. The picture of President Abdullah Gül smiling at a joint press conference is hardly going to convince skeptics that Turkey even knows what genocide means, and it will certainly raise doubts in supporters of Turkey. After all, Bashir’s Sudan has been accused of a relentless campaign of ethnic cleansing that has left over 200,000 Sudanese dead and more than 2 million driven from their homes.”

The Century Foundation
Bashir in Turkey: The Unanswered Questions
By Morton Abramowitz
January 24, 2008



“The [Turkish] government has received criticism for supporting the al-Bashir administration despite widespread accusations regarding genocide and war crimes perpetrated against the population of Darfur.”

Today’s Zaman
February 23, 2009