

What is IB4D?

ITALIAN BLOGS FOR DARFUR (IB4D) was created in May 2006 as an on-line movement to promote human rights in Darfur, to fight the indifference of the traditional Italian media towards the tragic events taking place in Darfur , located in the northwestern region of Sudan, Africa, where, for over three years, there has been taking place one of the cruelest wars in the world.

The purpose of IB4D is to create a movement of public opinion which can contribute to the resolution of the conflict in Darfur and the promotion and protection of human rights and democratic liberty in Sudan. Only by guaranteeing the Italian citizens correct and complete information can we hope, in fact, that the Italian institutes work towards finding a political solution to the conflict and help start s new era of democracy and liberty in Sudan.

To pursue this goal, the movement intends to put pressure on the Italian media through the participation of internauts, who by signing an on-line appeal to RAI, Mediaset and La7, ask the major Italian broadcasting stations to give more air space to information on Darfur. IB4D is the first Italian initiative of this kind for Darfur. The movement also wishes for a greater mass media coverage of all the major humanitarian crises worldwide, like the tragedies in Angola, Costa d' Avorio, Congo, Nepal, Vietnam, Cecenia etc..

Why IB4D?

IB4D is the first and only Italian initiative of its kind that attempts to mobilize public opinion in favour of Darfur and encourages an improved quality in Italian broadcasting, using the wide possibilities that internet offers for communicating. IB4D's actions are direct and immediate, and aim to obtain major attention of the mass media to the tragic events in Darfur.

Other associations for Darfur, in particular the Anglo Saxons, have been active for 2-3 years in making known to a vaster public the conflicts in Darfur and collecting funds for humanitarian aide in the Sudan region. IB4D believes that international humanitarian help, even if important because the only means of support for the civil population, cures the symptoms but not the disease. IB4D believes instead that an amplification by the mass media of the crises, in particular through the explosive force of TV images, can efficiently push towards the creation of an international diplomatic front which, along with the African Union, can intervene between the conflicting parts and put an end to the terrible tragedy that has been going on for three years. As such the ONU Peace Corps could also guarantee the stability necessary to facilitate the diplomatic resolution of the conflict and increased security for the civil population and humanitarian workers in Darfur.

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APPEAL TO RAI, MEDIASET AND LA7 FOR DARFUR

"I write to complain about the little space dedicated by your network to the genocide that is taking place in Darfur in Sudan. In Darfur for 3 years people are dying but the alarm launched by humanitarian organizations and militants for civil rights remains unheard by great part of the Italian media. Up until now 300 thousand dead, 200 thousand refugees and 2.5 million homeless have been counted which gives this crisis the title of "genocide".

Everyday the TV networks reach a great part of the population of the peninsula as the primary source of information if not the sole source. TV retains the power of information, even newspapers, although in lesser proportion, can converge to inform the Italians to what is happening in Darfur. Often, what isn't told by the mass media doesn't exist for great part of the Italian families.

Nourishing a major conscience of the genocide in Darfur, the Italian mass media can help to stop the injustices and the atrocities that are taking place in that region.

For this reason I ask you to increase the space dedicated to information about the genocide in Darfur, thus putting a stop to the grave actions against human rights and the dignity of mankind.

As a consumer of these public and private services, I beg you to give major importance to the tragedy in act, through programming that gives space even daily to services and dossiers on the genocide in Darfur.

I would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully"

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