

WHO: Representatives Chris Smith (R-NJ), Frank Wolf (R-VA) and Leonard Leo, chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF).

WHAT: The release of a USCIRF report documenting the human rights violations committed by the government of Sudan based on religion, ethnicity, and political affiliation and the urgent humanitarian situation in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile states. A photo exhibit demonstrating the human toll of the violence in the two states will be displayed.

WHEN: Press conference – December 14, 1:00 pm
Photo exhibit - December 13-14, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm each day

WHERE: Rayburn House Office Building Foyer

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