

Press release: Questions in Dutch parliament about Lundin, based on UNPAID DEBT

Questions in writing by MPs Haverkamp and Ferrier (both CDA) to the Minister of Foreign Affairs about the alleged complicity of the Swedish oil company Lundin in human rights abuses in Sudan

1. Are you aware of the article "Swedish oil company complicit in violence in Sudan" (*Trouw*, June 8, 2010) in which, based on a recent report by ECOS, the Lundin Consortium is accused of possible complicity in war crimes and crimes against humanity during the war in oil-rich Block 5A, Sudan, in the period 1997-2003?
2. Do you believe that the report offers sufficient grounds to urge the Swedish, Austrian and Malaysian governments to further investigate the involvement of the Lundin Consortium in the war in Block 5A, which caused thousands of deaths and displaced many thousands of people?
3. Is it true that Lundin, at the time the company was active in Sudan, was registered at the Chamber of Commerce in The Netherlands? Is it also true that Lundin is presently active in the Netherlands, as a participant in consortia that are exploiting Dutch natural resources, and that the company thereby is a business partner of the Dutch Government?
4. Is it your opinion that it should have consequences for the relationship between The Netherlands and Lundin if this company is found guilty of complicity in war crimes and crimes against humanity? If so, what consequences?
5. What ways do you have to ensure that Lundin will cooperate in further investigations will be willing to compensate the families of the victims?
6. Is it true that the right to compensation of victims of the war in Sudan, as enshrined in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), has not been fully realised? What can The Netherlands, as a signatory to the CPA and member of the Assessment and Evaluation Commission (AEC), do to still realize compensation and as such to create a peace dividend for the people of Sudan?
7. What can the international community, in particular those involved in the implementation of the CPA, do to promote that in the future the oil industry in Sudan will be managed in a socially responsible way, in order for the businesses to contribute to the development and the stability in the border areas between North and South Sudan?

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