

**Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards Joins Other Members of
Congressional Black Caucus in Announcing Darfur Fast**

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Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (D-MD) today joined with other members of the Congressional Black Caucus, actress Mia Farrow, and social activist Marcia Dyson, to launch a fast to protest the ongoing violence in Darfur. Rep. Edwards committed to fast each Friday until this Congress adjourns.

“The Darfur genocide has killed more than 400,000 civilians and displaced 2.5 million people from their homes. The people in the Darfur region of Sudan continue to live in abhorrent and unsustainable conditions—facing the threat of rape, violence, and starvation,” said Rep. Edwards. *“We must raise awareness of the level of suffering taking place in Darfur so that action will be taken. We ask President Obama and his Administration to use their political capital to lead a truly international effort, using all available carrots and sticks as appropriate and necessary to make progress towards the shared goal of achieving peace for Darfur and all of Sudan. I hope by taking part in this fast with my colleagues from the Congressional Black Caucus and other concerned individuals, we will be successful in bringing some relief to Darfur. **I urge residents of Maryland’s 4th Congressional District to join me in fasting each Friday in solidarity with the people of Darfur.**”*