



darfur australia network



Newsletter

Director's Roundup

Welcome to the final issue of DAN newsletter. After nine years of hard work, and many triumphs and achievements, DAN will have its last day of operation on Friday 5th December 2014. Though we are closing, we have had an eventful time in the last few months.

In September we organised our 'Soccer Tournament for Peace' at Selwyn Reserve, Sunshine. Four local soccer clubs participated and the Darfuri club from Dandenong won the tournament. Apart from the enthusiastic players, the event was well supported by the Darfur community. The Darfuri women made traditional desserts for everyone while the youth staged dramas, and singing and dance performances. Three youth performed rap songs with words relating to the history of the Darfur crisis.



Players in action



Community members performing a traditional dance



The winning team with DAN members

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In October 2014, we had the opportunity to take our 'Peace for Darfur' petition (which was mentioned in the previous newsletter) to Canberra. The President lead the delegation comprised of Mohamed Khalil Abaker (Darfur Community Association of Australia President), Ayoub Abaker Khater (DAN Board Member), Aisha Idris Mohamed (Darfur Community Member) and Eltayib Ali (Darfur Community Member). We met various members from all major Australian political parties and DFAT; and discussed the crisis in Darfur and our four-point petition. The petition was supported by 1240 signatures, and the Australian Green's Senator Ludlam tabled it at the Senate sitting on Monday 27th October. The Foreign Affairs Minister's office have informed us that our petition has been sent to the United Nations Security Council in New York for tabling at the November sitting of the UNSC.

Please check the link (<http://darfuraustralia.org/>) for an updated list of contacts after the official close of DAN office (5th December, 2014). The 'Darfur Humanitarian Advocacy Australia' will carry on the advocacy work in the future.

