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## Students' Video Depicts Brutal Violence In Darfur

*Danbury Students Hope To Inspire Others To Get Involved*

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**DANBURY, Conn.** -- A group of Danbury teenagers have a passion to educate others about the brutal violence and deaths of thousands of people in the Darfur region of Sudan.

Channel 3 Eyewitness News reporter Eric Parker reported the Danbury High School students have made a video about the situation that they hope will open some eyes in the United States.

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"After World War II, the world, the United Nations, said they'd never let something like this happen again -- and it is," a student said in a portion of the video.

Parker reported the video is designed to draw attention to the ongoing genocide in Sudan. On Thursday, that attention came from Connecticut's governor.

"You said 'Enough already,'" Gov. M. Jodi Rell told the students. "We're going to let the message get out to Danbury and the rest of Connecticut and the rest of the world."

Last year, Danbury High School's assistant principal, Tim Salem, spoke to students about Darfur and Sudan.

"After one of those presentations, six students came to me and said, 'Let's do a little bit more than just write letters and talk to people around the building,'" Salem said.

The six students who made the video have since graduated, and others have taken over.

"The video in itself, it's eight minutes, but it's so powerful, and you didn't want to see all that work go to waste," said Alysha Rashid, a Danbury student.

The video has generated tremendous attention, including a trip last month during which students showed the video to a high school in Michigan.

The students are scheduled to take the video to Congress next month.

"The video was created not to educate people fully about the cause, but to grab their attention and hopefully, we can capture it after with the facts and our knowledge about the issue," said Max Delahant, a Danbury student.

Besides the obvious goals of the video, the students said they hope their efforts will show other students that they can make a difference.

"Students are powerful," said Sabrina Wirth, a Danbury student. "Students our age can make a difference; it's very important that they involve themselves in social issues around the world."

With the students' inspiration, the state has pulled pension money away from companies that do business with Sudan.

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