



WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR: GENOCIDE?



"It is to the shame of the whole world that the international community failed to act to prevent genocide in Rwanda. We now rightly recognise our responsibility to protect behind borders where there are crimes against humanity."
- 13 November 2007



"Failure of states to exercise their responsibility to protect their own civilians from genocide or ethnic cleansing warrants military intervention on humanitarian grounds."
- 12 February, 2008

The people of Eastern Congo are being terrorised.
They need protection urgently.
Only a neutral EU force can be deployed fast enough.

But so far the UK is refusing to act, and obstructing others from doing so.

Regional diplomacy is needed, but it will never be enough. The only regional assistance the people of Eastern Congo can see is fanning the conflict. Angola, Zimbabwe and others are backing government troops and militias; Rwanda is backing General Nkunda; all sides on the ground are raping and murdering.

Leaving things to the region has killed over 5 million people in the Democratic Republic of Congo so far.

How many more war crimes must be committed, people driven from their homes, women raped, men murdered and children abducted into militias before we recognise our responsibility to protect?

**Gordon Brown, David Miliband, live up to your words.
Support a neutral EU force to protect Congo's civilians.**

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