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The Justice and Equality Movement condemned on Thursday harassment practiced against the local leaders to force them to cooperate with census takers and allow them to count the displaced population in the West Darfur camps.

The Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the three states of Darfur region staged protests to mark their rejection of the fifth national census that started on April 22 in the whole country. For the IDPs, protection is the priority, they also ask for a real peace responding to their aspirations including the return to their villages.

(...) [JEM spokesperson, Ahmed Hussein Adam,] blamed the international community for not imposing the principle of the **responsibility to protect** in Darfur.

"Unfortunately the international community failed to impose the principle of **responsibility to protect**, and this failure is due to the lack of international will."

The **responsibility to protect** is a new principle in international relations providing a legal basis for "humanitarian intervention" by external actors (through the UN) in a state that is unwilling or unable to prevent or stop genocide, massive killings and other massive human rights violations.

(...) [T]he census is skewed by the absence of a neutral state apparatus, the existence of repressive laws and control media by NCP security service. (...)

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To read the statement of AU/UN Joint Special Representative, Rodolphe Adada, to the UN Security Council on the situation in Darfur, please refer to:

<http://appablog.wordpress.com/2008/04/24/darfur-statement-by-the-auun-joint-special-representative-for-darfur-rodolphe-adada-to-the-un-security-council/>