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DARFUR SURVIVOR TO SPEAK AT EASTERN

Willimantic, CT — Gabriel Bol Deng, a survivor of the atrocities in Darfur and one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, will speak at Eastern Connecticut State University on Sunday, Dec. 3 in Webb Hall, Room 110. The speech, which begins at 6 p.m., will be followed by a candlelight vigil. The event is sponsored by the Eastern chapter of Amnesty International, which will be accepting donations at the event in support of Save Darfur, a non-profit coalition established to provide humanitarian relief to the area.

Deng now lives in Syracuse, NY, and will graduate next May with a BS in mathematics education and philosophy from Le Moyne College. "I hope to raise enough money to build one school (in Sudan) so that some people may find the same hope for the future through education that I found here," he says. "Education is my mission now, a mission that will take me back to Sudan."

The conflict in Darfur has resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians and the displacement of 2.5 million more. Aerial bombing the Sudanese military and other recent acts of violence make clear that the situation is desperate. Amnesty International has asked that a United Nations peacekeeping force be deployed to stop the violence.

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