

# Lopez Lomong

Flag bearer of the U.S. Olympic delegation at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games



At age 6, he was forced to flee a repressive wave unleashed by the Sudanese government in Darfur and spent ten years in a refugee camp in Kenya. He arrived in the United States at sixteen years of age, and has become one the country's best 1,500 meter athletes.

*"...guns are not to defend the country, but to kill innocent people."*  
Lopez Lomong, from a message sent to the Sudanese government