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GREAT LAKES: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION ARRIVES IN KIGALI,  
RWANDA

**KIGALI** -- An Amnesty International delegation led by its Secretary General, Pierre Sané, arrived in Kigali, Rwanda, yesterday to demand greater human rights protection for all groups at risk in the current tragedy in the Great Lakes region.

The visit follows Mr Sané's meeting on 11 November in Addis Ababa with the Organization of African Unity. Another Amnesty International delegation will travel to Kinshasa, Zaire, this Friday.

"The massive humanitarian crisis requires the saving of hundreds of thousands of lives -- this is an essential step but does not go far enough. We fear that the various proposals for international response will leave to one side, in the shadow of humanitarian assistance, a fundamental issue -- guaranteeing protection to all those whose basic rights are at risk," said Pierre Sané on his arrival.

"The international community should not lose sight of the right to protection, particularly the right of refugees. The fact is that the refugee problem is not the cause of the current regional crisis -- serious human rights violations are at the heart of the crisis."

Amnesty International has requested meetings with senior Rwandese government officials as well as with diplomatic representatives of several other states and with United Nations agencies, to convey the organization's concerns and recommendations. The delegation is also seeking meetings with representatives in Kigali of the *Alliance des forces démocratique pour la libération du Congo-Zaire* (AFDL) armed group. The AFDL has captured parts of eastern Zaire in recent weeks.

"Every attempt to forcibly move groups of people to regions or countries where they fear to go seems likely to bring about an even greater deterioration in the human rights situation."

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