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### **2005 UN Commission on Human Rights: The Commission must act to prevent continuing human rights violations in Sudan**

The human rights situation in Sudan continues to be in serious crisis. In Darfur, civilians are still targeted by militias supported or condoned by the government. Nearly two million displaced people in the region are not able to return home. The Government of Sudan continues to commit serious and some times flagrant human rights violations in many parts of the country - political opponents or critics of the government are detained for long periods without trial; the state of emergency remains in place; camps for displaced people are being demolished in Khartoum.

In the run-up to the voting on a resolution on Sudan, it is crucial that the Commission on Human Rights urges the Government of Sudan in the strongest terms to address these human rights violations. The Commission must appoint a Special Rapporteur with a mandate to monitor and report publicly on the human rights situation in Sudan.

If the Commission does not act to halt the human rights crisis in Sudan the credibility of the Commission will be further undermined.

**For more information on Sudan see:** *Sudan: Continuing human rights violations*  
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/afr540382005>.

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