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## **Afghanistan: Misery as Refugee Crisis Grows**

On 23 February, at a press conference in Kabul, Amnesty International is launching a report highlighting the plight of hundreds of thousands of people in Afghanistan who live in slum-like conditions after escaping their homes and villages due to conflict.

A record high of half a million Afghans are now internally displaced, having been forced to flee for their lives in the hope of finding safety elsewhere in the country.

*'Fleeing war, finding misery: The plight of the internally displaced in Afghanistan'* reveals the misery faced by thousands of men, women, and children who live in makeshift dwellings with poor access to food, water, sanitation, health services and education.

Amnesty International's new report includes a series of recommendations to the Afghan authorities and their international allies on how to respond to this growing humanitarian and human rights crisis, before the country's modest development gains are undone.

- The new report *'Fleeing war, finding misery: The plight of the internally displaced in Afghanistan'* is available under strict embargo, upon request
- Amnesty International spokespeople will be available for interview in the following languages: English, Dari, Pashto
- Case studies will be available for interview in Kabul
- AV material is available
- Still images are available

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