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Sudan: Amnesty International delegates on mission to eastern Chad

An Amnesty International mission is currently in eastern Chad carrying out research among refugees fleeing from the conflict in Darfur, western Sudan. The mission is focussing research on the human rights violations which caused 120,000 refugees to flee Darfur to Chad, including violence against women. Women currently account for up to 80 % of the refugees in some areas of eastern Chad.

The delegation will also seek meetings with representatives of negotiating parties, mediators and observers in N'Djamena - - the Sudan government, the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army, the Justice and Equality Movement, Chad mediators, African Union, European Union and the United States.

The delegates will be available for interviews from the field from 25 - 28 May 2004. Please call:

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