

URGENT ACTION

FORCED EVICTIONS IN CHAD STOPPED

More than 10.000 people living in Ambatta, in Chad's capital, N'Djamena, are no longer at risk of forced eviction. The residents of Ambatta have thanked Amnesty International for their action on their behalf, which was crucial in stopping the evictions.

The Ambatta committee, which was formed to negotiate with the authorities and defend the rights of Ambatta residents, informed Amnesty International that the Chadian authorities have accepted their request to restructure Ambatta neighbourhood and a commission has been established to oversee the process. On behalf of all the residents of Ambatta, the Ambatta committee have asked us to convey their thanks to Amnesty International members. They said that their lives would have been ruined had the evictions taken place.

"Your action in our battle was crucial and salutary for us and has stopped the forced evictions. You have restored hope to the Ambatta people, a community of thousands of people," Ambatta Committee, 24 June 2011.

The residents of Ambatta were informed in May 2010 that they had to leave their homes by October, to make way for government built social housing. The people of Ambatta were not consulted in this decision, nor were they offered any compensation or alternative housing.

Forced evictions remain a major human right issue in Chad. Thousands of victims of forced evictions that have been taking place in N'Djamena since February 2008 are still waiting for a solution to their situation. Amnesty International is continuing to campaign on their behalf.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the first update of UA: 218/10. For more information : <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/AFR20/011/2010/en/8a49275e-7d63-45e8-8d4d-6b5c9aef5607/afr200112010en.pdf>

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