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On August 12, Amnesty International and the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre (SERAC) will launch a major report looking at forced evictions in Badia East, Lagos State, Nigeria.

The report will be launched at a press conference (see details below)

Date: 12 August 2013

Time: 11am

Venue: Oranmiyan Hall, Lagos Airport Hotel, 111 Obafemi Awolowo Way, Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria.

Human rights experts from Amnesty International and SERAC will be available for interview after the press conference. Members of the affected community will also be present and available for interview.

The report *'If you love your life, move out! Nigeria: Forced Eviction in Badia East, Lagos State'* focuses on a mass eviction in Badia East in February this year which affected some 9,000 people.

Lagos State government has stated that this was the first phase of its plans to clear out the whole of Badia East in order to "redevelop" the area and evict most of the current residents. If these plans proceed, tens of thousands will be at risk of eviction and homelessness.

A wide range of photos and footage documenting the devastating impact of forced evictions in Lagos are available for use by the media.

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