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Sudan: Amnesty International Experts Available

An Amnesty International delegation has recently returned from Juba in southern Sudan.

While in Juba, the three-delegate team met with government officials, diplomatic missions, civil society and United Nations representatives in order to make an assessment of the human rights situation ahead of the forthcoming referendum on southern independence.

Now back in London, the team is available to talk about their findings in English, French and Arabic. Specifically:

- Escalated offensive and consequent human rights violations by the Khartoum government in Darfur as the world turns its attention to the referendum;

- Concerns over the situation of human rights in the north and the south of Sudan

Threats to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly;

- Concerns over discrimination against southerners living in the north and uncertainty over the question of citizenship in case south Sudan secedes.

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