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South Sudan: Amnesty International Experts Available

On July 9 2011 South Sudan will celebrate its independence. Amnesty International has experts available to give comment and human rights analysis in both English and French.

On the eve of its independence, Amnesty International is calling on the government of south Sudan to:

- **Ensure accountability for abuses by security forces**
- **Uphold the right to freedom of expression and association**
- **Review the legality of all detentions, particularly of juveniles**
- **Promote and protect the rights of women and girls**
- **Ratify international human rights treaties**

Other possible talking points include:

- **Human rights impact of the violence in Southern Kordofan**
- **Forced return to high risk areas of those displaced by violence**
- **Overview of the state of human rights in southern Sudan**

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Background

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch released a briefing paper entitled 'South Sudan: A Human Rights Agenda' on June 30, 2011.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR65/001/2011/en>