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No end in sight: The ongoing suffering of Somalia's civilians

On Thursday 25 March, Amnesty International will publish a short report calling on the warring parties in Somalia to follow a set of recommendations in a bid to end the indiscriminate killing and wounding of civilians that has escalated since armed opposition groups launched a major offensive against government forces on 7 May 2009.

The short report *No end in sight: The ongoing suffering of Somalia's civilians* documents a catalogue of human rights violations committed by all sides, including heavy shelling of residential and market areas; torture and unlawful killings; kidnappings and killings of journalists.

Amnesty International's Somalia researcher and author of the report, Benedicte Goderiaux, will be available for interviews from Nairobi, Kenya, in English and French.

To obtain an embargoed copy of the report, or to arrange an interview, please contact Elisabeth Vikman, Amnesty International Press Officer at elisabeth.vikman@amnesty.org or +44 7778 472109

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