

The people of Darfur need protection. UN peacekeepers now!



Despite a peace agreement in May 2006, the people of Darfur remain at risk of being killed or driven from their homes by marauding Janjawid militia. Forced to live as virtual prisoners in camps for the displaced, women seeking essential firewood face beatings and rape on a daily basis.

The violence highlights the failure to protect civilians by the African Union peacekeeping force in Darfur. Civilians, most political parties, the armed opposition and the African Union itself are all calling for the African Union force to be replaced by UN peacekeepers.

Yet Sudanese President Lieutenant-General Omar al-Bashir has fiercely opposed this move. African Union peacekeepers, even if they stay in Darfur, are too few to be effective.

Amnesty International is calling on the UN Security Council to protect civilians now by sending UN peacekeepers to Darfur to take over from the African Union mission without delay. The peacekeepers must:

- Be mandated and trained to protect civilians everywhere in Darfur, using all necessary means, in full compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law
- Ensure the disarmament of the government-supported Janjawid militia
- Secure humanitarian access to the civilian population, and investigate all human rights abuses
- Protect women from violence, and investigate all cases of rape and sexual violence
- Ensure the safe, voluntary and sustainable return of all the displaced to their homes

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