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UN calls for immediate access to areas in South Darfur

Khartoum 12 February 2009: UN Humanitarian Coordinator, Ameerah Haq calls for immediate access to over 100,000 civilians in Muhajariya, Sheria and Labado areas of South Darfur. International humanitarian agencies have attempted to reach the area four times since 7 February but are unable to obtain clearance for humanitarian flights.

“We are very concerned about the state and condition of civilians in these areas,” said the Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sudan, Ameerah Haq. “Aid agencies need urgent access to Muhajariya, Sheria (Mijekha and Kazanjadeed areas) and Labado where people are in critical need of assistance. Unless access is immediately granted, the situation for hundreds of thousands of civilians could deteriorate rapidly.”

UN and NGOs in Nyala stand ready to provide vital food, water, shelter and medical care to vulnerable civilians who were displaced from Muhajariya into the surrounding areas following recent hostilities in the area.

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