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30,000 Civilians Exposed to Fighting in Muhajariya, Darfur

Khartoum 17 January 2009: The acting UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Sudan, Kenro Oshidari, is deeply concerned about the humanitarian situation in Muhajariya, South Darfur.

Recent clashes between JEM and SLA/MM have exposed the town's residents and displaced populations - some 30,000 civilians in all - to levels of violence previously not seen in the town.

"We deplore the loss of life and injury to civilians in Muhajariya. The hostilities must stop so that aid agencies can get back to the town to continue their life-saving work."

The hostilities resulted in an aid agency's office being burnt to the ground and reached the point where the UN has relocated aid staff from Muhajariya. UNAMID peacekeepers are still in the town and are protecting members of the local population; the UN evacuated six injured persons with two in critical condition to Nyala late Friday and continues to provide some very basic medical services in the area.

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