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 TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, PREL, PREF, SU
 SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CIVILIAN ABUSES, HEAVY FIGHTING IN DARFUR

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 REASON: 1.5 (B), (D)

1. (C) ON FEBRUARY 28 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] CALLED POLOFF TO PLEAD FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION IN
 TAWILAH WEST OF EL FASHER WHERE, HE CLAIMED, CIVILIANS WERE
 BEING MASSACRED AND YOUNG GIRLS RAPED BY THE JINJAWEEED MILITIA.
 [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ALLOW CIVILIANS ACCESS
 TO MEDICAL CARE IN EL FASHER AND THAT SEVERAL, INCLUDING A YOUNG
 WOMAN WHO WAS RAPED, HAD DIED. PEOPLE, HE SAID, HAVE NO
 SHELTER. THOSE WHO CAN MAKE IT TO IDP CAMPS - AS FAR AWAY AS

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KHARTOUM - ARE LEAVING. HIS CLAIMS ARE SUPPORTED BY REPORTS FROM THE UN AND NGO'S. [REDACTED] CALLED AGAIN ON MARCH 6 TO REPORT THAT THE SLA HAD SCORED VICTORIES OVER GOVERNMENT AND JINJAWEED TROOPS ON MARCH 5 EAST OF NYALA AND IN THE EASTERN JEBBEL MARRA. HE REPEATED THAT HE AND OTHERS ARE WILLING TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE BUT KHARTOUM TO ENGAGE IN CEASEFIRE AND PEACE TALKS.

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2. (C) SLA [REDACTED] CALLED POLOFF FROM THE FIELD ON FEBRUARY 28 TO REPORT MASSIVE GOVERNMENT AND JINJAWEED ABUSES OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF TAWILAH. [REDACTED] SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY 100 CIVILIANS HAD BEEN KILLED, AND MORE THAN 5000 HAD FLED. HE CLAIMED THAT SEVEN WOMEN, INCLUDING ONE 15 YEAR OLD GIRL, HAD BEEN RAPED BY THE JINJAWEED. TWO HAD DIED, HE ADDED, AND THE OTHER WOMEN HAD BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO EL FASHER MEDICAL FACILITIES BY THE GOVERNMENT. IDP'S WHO ARRIVED IN AN EL FASHER CAMP TOLD THE UN THAT 16 GIRLS HAD BEEN ABDUCTED AND OTHERS WERE RAPED IN FRONT OF FAMILY MEMBERS BY ARMED MEN. SOME WERE KILLED. THE UN REPORTED SEVERAL UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AMONG THE IDP'S. A UN ASSESSMENT TEAM VISITED TAWILAH AND FOUND ONLY 100 PEOPLE LEFT IN THE TOWN - REPORTEDLY TO TRY TO HALT LOOTING. THE UN RECEIVED REPORTS OF 67 CIVILIANS KILLED, BUT IDP'S CLAIMED THAT THE NUMBER WAS HIGHER. MORE THAN 5000 NEW IDP'S ARE NOW HOUSED IN THE "WES" CAMP OUTSIDE OF EL FASHER. SLM SPOKESMAN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ALSO CALLED POLOFF ON MARCH 6 TO REPORT THE TAWILAH INCIDENT, WHICH HE LABELED AS "ETHNIC CLEANSING."

3. (C) MILITARY ACTIVITY CONTINUES IN WEST DARFUR AND IS INCREASING IN SOUTH DARFUR. A JINJAWEED ATTACK OUTSIDE OF NYALA REPORTEDLY LEFT 15 DEAD AND 30 INJURED. THE ICRC CLAIMS IT WAS NOT GRANTED PERMISSION TO ENTER THE HOSPITAL TO INTERVIEW THE VICTIMS. FOUR VILLAGES NEAR DELEIJ IN THE ZALENGI AREA (WEST DARFUR) WERE BURNED ON MARCH 3, SENDING VILLAGERS INTO HIDING. THE JINJAWEED REPORTEDLY LOOTED, STOLE CATTLE, AND KILLED TWO VILLAGERS. AN INTER-AGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSESSMENT MISSION DEPARTED FROM ZALINGI ON MARCH 2 AND NOTED MOST VILLAGES HAD BEEN DEPOPULATED AND DWELLINGS BURNED. THEY ALSO NOTED AN INCREASE IN IDP'S, ALL OF WHOM WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SECURITY. ON MARCH 6 [REDACTED] CALLED AGAIN TO REPORT "REBEL" VICTORIES ON MARCH 5 IN EASTERN JEBEL MARRA AND IN THE AREA EAST OF NYALA. HE CLAIMED THAT THE REBELS HAD KILLED 200 GOVERNMENT TROOPS - INCLUDING 5 OFFICERS - AND JINJAWEED EAST OF NYALA AND HAD CAPTURED 15 GOVERNMENT VEHICLES. IN JEBEL MARRA, HE SAID, THE REBELS HAD KILLED 120 JINJAWEED. HE CLAIMED THAT ONLY 11 SLA FIGHTERS HAD BEEN KILLED.

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4. (C) COMMENT: THE SITUATION IN DARFUR HAS WORSENERD IN THE MONTH FOLLOWING PRESIDENT BESHIR'S DECLARATION THAT THE WAR HAD BEEN WON. THE SLA AND JEM, HOWEVER, ACTING IN UNISON ON THE GROUND LEVEL, CLAIM THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING TO AMBUSH

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GOVERNMENT AND JINJAWOOD TROOPS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE HEAR MUMBLING ABOUT THE HOSTILITIES
POURING ACROSS THE STATE LINE INTO KORDOFAN AND EVEN FURTHER
EAST. THE SLA IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE, BUT NOT WILLING TO
DISARM UNTIL THERE IS AN INTERNATIONALLY MONITORED CEASEFIRE
AGREEMENT AND POLITICAL DIALOGUE. END COMMENT.

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