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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CIVILIAN ABUSES, HEAVY FIGHTING IN DARFUR

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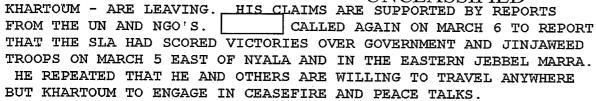
1. (C) ON FEBRUARY 28
CALLED POLOFF TO PLEAD FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION IN
TAWILAH WEST OF EL FASHER WHERE, HE CLAIMED, CIVILIANS WERE
BEING MASSACRED AND YOUNG GIRLS RAPED BY THE JINJAWEED MILITIA.
SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ALLOW CIVILIANS ACCESS
TO MEDICAL CARE IN EL FASHER AND THAT SEVERAL,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

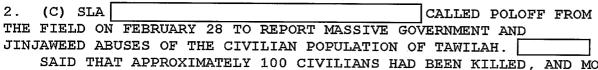
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SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY 100 CIVILIANS HAD BEEN KILLED, AND MORE THAN 5000 HAD FLED. HE CLAIMED THAT SEVEN WOMEN, INCLUDING ONE 15 YEAR OLD GIRL, HAD BEEN RAPED BY THE JINJAWEED. TWO HAD DIED, HE ADDED, AND THE OTHER WOMEN HAD BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO 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 SOME WERE KILLED. THE UN REPORTED SEVERAL ARMED MEN. 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 ALSO CALLED POLOFF ON MARCH 6 TO REPORT THE TAWILAH INCIDENT, WHICH HE LABELED AS "ETHNIC CLEANSING."

- (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 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
- 4. (C) COMMENT: THE SITUATION IN DARFUR HAS WORSENED 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

SLA FIGHTERS HAD BEEN KILLED.

GOVERNMENT AND JINJAWEED TROOPS

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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