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**Note verbale dated 20 August 2007 from the Permanent Mission
of the Sudan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed
to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council and has the honour to inform it that 1,250 families in the Abu Shoak camp for the internally displaced in northern Darfur returned to their home villages in northern Darfur on Friday, 17 August 2007. The Governor of North Darfur State, Osman Kibir, addressed the returning families and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction. He vowed that his government would spare no effort to facilitate the return of the internally displaced persons (IDPs). The representatives of the returning IDPs demanded protection for the returnees in their respective home villages. The villages to which the IDPs have returned are Tawila, Karoma, Tuma, Abu Sikeen, Gabral-Ganan, Kaila, Um Hai, Serfaya, Mialga and Kailal-Uyoun.

Several Sudanese non-governmental organizations, chief among them the Sudanese National Youth Union, the Islamic Medical Association and the Al-Zubair Charity Foundation, have assisted in the voluntary return of the families.
