

**The United Nations Mission In Sudan****Office of the Spokesperson****Press Statement of the Special Representative  
of the Secretary-General for Sudan****Khartoum, 29 September 2005**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Jan Pronk, strongly condemns the attack on Aro Sharow IDP camp and the villages of Gosmeina and Ardja by Arab tribesmen, which according to preliminary reports, left 29 people dead and another ten seriously injured.

Jan Pronk calls on the Sudanese Government and the local authorities in Darfur to exert all efforts needed to protect the IDP camps in close cooperation with the Mission of the African Union in Darfur.

The Special Representative calls on all parties to the Abuja Talks to prevent any further escalation of the situation and to persevere in their quest for a peaceful settlement of the Darfur conflict in order to put an end to the suffering of the people in the region.

The Special Representative stresses the need to ensure that the perpetrators of the attack are identified and brought to justice. He reiterates that those individuals who impede the peace process, constitute a threat to stability in Darfur and the region, commit violations of international humanitarian or human rights law or other atrocities, will be held responsible for their acts, as per Security Council resolutions 1591(2005) and 1593(2005). In this regard, and pending a final report from the Mission of the African Union, the names of the individuals responsible for the attack, when known, will be reported to the Security Council and to the Panel of experts established by the Security Council in its resolution 1991 as well as to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

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