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Office of the Spokesperson**Statement by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General
for Sudan on Recent Incidents in Zalingei IDP Camps (West Darfur)****Khartoum, 25 July 2006**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sudan, Mr. Jan Pronk, condemns the killing of three Sudanese officials from the Government State Water Corporation on Thursday 20 July at the Hissa Hissa camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs). The three officials were members of a Government team undertaking water testing in the camp. They were beaten to death by IDPs

The State Water Corporation, together with other actors from the Government agency Water and Environment Sanitation (WES), has been an effective partner to UNICEF in reaching conflict-affected persons in all communities throughout the Darfur region. This partnership is part of joint efforts to protect local population health, in particular women and children's health.

The Special Representative also condemns the killing of a Government police officer on 22 July in Hamidiya camp. The Policeman was reportedly beaten to death by IDPs.

On behalf of the United Nations, SRSG Jan Pronk extends his condolences to the families of the victims.

He urges community leaders in IDP camps to play a proactive role in preventing attacks on all those working for the benefit of the Sudanese people across the country, in particular the displaced population.

The Special Representative expresses concern about the security situation inside some IDP camps where requisite conditions for the conduct of humanitarian activities are no longer available or significantly affected by insecurity in these camps, worsened by a wide availability of weapons the camps. According to the Darfur Peace Agreement, the internal security of the camps in the areas under the control of the Government is the responsibility of the Government of National Unity in cooperation with the African Mission in Sudan (AMIS).

SRSG Jan Pronk hopes that the AU will soon be able to re-establish its civilian police presence in the IDP camps where such a presence has been suspended, following attacks on AMIS police personnel. AU deployment inside IDP camps is crucial to ensure security within the camps and provide the adequate environment for humanitarian work.

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