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STORY: SUDAN/ SELEIA AFTERMATH

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SOURCE: UNMIS

RESTRICTIONS: NONE

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH/ NATS

DATELINE: 14 FEBRUARY 2008, SELEIA, WEST DARFUR, SUDAN

SHOTLIST:

1. Wide shot, burnt remains homestead
2. Close up, burnt house hold items
3. Med shot, chickens wandering among burnt remains
4. Wide shot, more burnt huts
5. Mid shot, humanitarian workers
6. Wide shot, UNAMID protection force walking through burnt compound
7. Med shot, UNAMID soldiers
8. Wide shot, UNAMID soldier picking up a bullet from the ground
9. Close up, empty bullet shell
10. Wide shot, displaced people outside a school
11. Mid shot, displaced woman
12. SOUNDBITE (Arabic) Abdallah Ibrahim El- Nur
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13. Wide shot, WFP trucks carrying food items
14. Wide shot, displaced people gathering in front of the trucks
15. Med shot, more displaced people waiting for food
16. Close up, women waiting
17. Wide shot, sacks being off loaded from trucks
18. Med shot, man off-loading the sacks
19. Wide shot, sacks being stacked up
20. Close up, food sacks

21. SOUNDBITE (English) AMY MARTIN, UN OCHA

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22. Med shot, people waiting for food

23. Close up, women

24. Wide shot, more people gathered

STORY:

Thousands of civilians have fled the town of Seleia in West darfur after the recent attacks by the government of Sudan and Arab militia know here as Janjaweed. The attacks intended to flush out members of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) that had taken control of the towns of Sirba, Abu Sorouj and Selelia late last year.

Elderly man, women and children who could not run away during the attacks are the only people remaining in the town. Seleia is now controlled by government troops but residents still feel unsafe and say the Janjaweed are still in town. They gather together at a school compound for safety as most of their huts and property was burnt down.

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Residents say 16 people were killed in the town, some from the bombs dropped while others shot dead by the men on horseback.

A joint humanitarian assessment mission to the town by UN agencies and supported by UNAMID forces found only about 200 people out of an estimated population of 25,000 that once lived there. This was the fist time to access this town since mid-December 2007.

Amy Martin from OCHA estimates about 160,000 people in need of humanitarian assistance since December last year when JEM captured the northern corridor of West Darfur rendering most areas inaccessible to Aid workers.

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The fighting in Darfur started in 2003 with over 200,000 lives lost and over 2 million civilians forced to flee their homes.