

**Statement attributable to the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, Mr. Ali Al-Za'tari**

**Khartoum, 27 March 2013.** The United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, Mr. Ali Al-Za'tari, is extremely concerned by the continued abduction of Sudanese civilians travelling from Zalingei in Central Darfur to Nyala, South Darfur, to attend a conference on internal displacement. Whoever abducted them has committed an unforgivable crime. Mr. Al-Za'tari urges the immediate release of those civilians and hopes that the combined efforts of the Government of Sudan and UNAMID will ensure their safe return.

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