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DARFUR/ DARFUR: DEFYING OBLIVION

On February 25, the photographic exhibition Darfur/Darfur will be coming to Madrid to display the cultural wealth of the Sudanese region of Darfur while showing the tragedy it is experiencing.

In response to our desire to put a face on the humanitarian crisis being suffered in the Sudanese region of Darfur, the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees -UNHCR- with the cooperation of the Casa Encendida**, is presenting the photographic exhibition *Darfur/Darfur* in Madrid.

For five days, the *Casa Encendida* will be donating its façade to display cultural wealth of the people of Darfur to the people of Madrid, while at the same time increasing awareness about the tragic situation in which hundreds of thousands of people are living in a region of western Sudan, torn apart by a conflict which has taken the lives of nearly 300,000 people since 2003, leaving behind more than 2.5 million displaced persons internally and almost 500,000 refugees.

This traveling exhibition, with 170 large-format images projected onto outdoor surfaces, accompanied by Sudanese inspired music, is now reaching Madrid after traveling through more than 30 locations in different corners of the planet. The images will be projected onto the façade of the *Casa Encendida* at c/ Ronda de Valencia nº 2 in Madrid, starting at 7:30 p.m., from February 25 to March 1, 2009.

Since it was launched in 2006, this **exhibition created by the Arts Work Project**, has been shown throughout North America, Europe and Africa, at notable sites such as the Jewish Museum in Berlin (accompanied by a concert directed by Daniel Barenboim), the *Musée de Beaux Arts* of Montreal, *The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum* in New York, the *Centro Internazionale de Fotografia (FORMA)* in Milan, the *Trocadero* in Paris and the *Holocaust Centre* of Cape Town, South Africa, as well as others.

Through the photographs taken by former American Marine Brian Steidle and renowned graphic reporters such as Lynsey Addario, Mark Brecke, Hélène Caux, Ron Haviv, Paolo Pellegrin, James Nachtwey, Ryan Spencer Reed and Michal Ronnen Safdie, "DARFUR / DARFUR" proposes a challenge: not allowing the violation of Human Rights, the exodus of refugees and the internal displacement into the region to fall into oblivion.

For further information, please see:

www.darfurdarfur.org
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