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DARFUR: A SECOND CHANCE FOR ALZAKY

VIDEO

ALZAKY WALKING

MAKING UP THE BED

WASHING CLOTHES

SITTING WITH FRIEND

WRITING THE LETTER

CARD GAME

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Here in Sudan's Darfur region, one young man's life is on the verge of a radical transformation. (7)

18 year old Alzaky Abdullah Gafar will soon be released from this juvenile prison in North Darfur, where he has spent the last 4 years on manslaughter charges. (11)

Though he has forgotten how to write, Alzaky has enlisted some help to draft this letter to his mother: (5.5)

(LETTER NARRATED) "*My kind mother Nora, I missed you and have not seen you for a long time. I am now completing my jail sentence and will come to see you. Greetings to my brothers and sisters. Your son... Alzaky.*" (11)

NARRATION:

Alzaky was jailed at age 14 for killing a classmate in a fight. They had quarreled outside of school

and Alkazy attacked him with a stick, accidentally murdering the boy. (10)

ALZAKY ON CAMERA

ALZAKY: (In Arabic) M

“I regret it very much. I didn’t mean to cause problems. I was a troubled youth. Now I’ve lost many years of my life... but since I transferred to this center, I’ve learned many things...”(11)

EXTERIOR CENTRE

NARRATION:

After two years of incarceration, Alzakay was transferred to this juvenile detention center, the only one of its kind in all of Darfur. It receives young offenders from across the region. // Once a week, the inmates travel to a specialised school where they are given a unique opportunity... (15)

ARRIVING AT TRAINING

NARRATION:

They are taught vocational skills that will help them reintegrate into society, and become fruitful members of their community. (7)

LAYING THE BRICKS

JOHN OMONDI: (In English) M

OMONDI ON CAMERA

“His coming to the prison is like giving him a second chance in that he will be able to have a livelihood, and thus a way to support himself and also to support his family members.” (13)

NARRATION:

John Omondi is a Corrections Advisor with the African Union and United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur. (6)

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| OMONDI ON CAMERA | <p><u>JOHN OMONDI</u>: (In English) M <i>“Most of these boys are boys who have been arrested by the police after the displacement of their families, who currently are in some of the IDP camps”.</i> (9)</p> |
| WOMEN AND CHILDREN | <p><u>NARRATION</u>: 10 years of war in Darfur has displaced over 2 million people ... many now live in camps where they lack access to basic healthcare and education. Economic hardship and high-unemployment rates have brought a surge in violence across the region... But a new initiative is helping these inmates become useful members of society. (20)</p> |
| MEN SEATED IN CAMPS | |
| WORKSHOPS | <p>The United Nations works with the Government of Sudan to improve prison facilities and provide prisoners with rehabilitation programmes. Inmates can choose between a variety of vocational skills, including masonry, welding and auto-mechanics. (15)</p> <p>The program also trains prison staff so that they may teach the skills to inmates. So far 16 prison staff and 22 juvenile inmates have undergone training. (12)</p> |
| KHALIL BADAWI IN INTERVIEW | <p>Khalil Mohammad Badawi is Director of the technical school in El Fasher Darfur. (5)</p> |
| BADAWI ON CAMERA | <p><u>KHALIL MOHAMMAD BADAWI</u>: (In Arabic) M <i>“When these boys are unemployed, they are more likely to commit crimes, but if they learn a trade</i></p> |

and get a job, they will stay away from a life of crime.” (15)

ALZAKY IN WORKSHOP

Eager to learn a new skill, Alzaky chose to train as a brick layer. (4)

OMONDI ON CAMERA

JOHN OMONDI: (In English) M

“Building on the skills that he’s acquired in prison, we believe that this boy can still be a very useful member of the society.” (10)

NARRATION:

Alzaky’s big day has arrived.. // He has served his sentence and is being sent home to his family...(5)

MOTHER

With his newfound freedom comes new responsibility. His family has long awaited his return, especially his mother. (9)

ALZAKY’S MOTHER ON CAMERA

ALZAKY’S MOTHER: (In Arabic) F

“Thank God for his safe return.” (3)

WITH FAMILY

After an emotional reunion, Alzaky settles into his new life, new beginning, committed to providing for his mother and siblings. (7)

UN LOGO

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