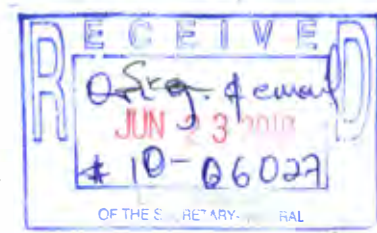


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NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

KYRGYZSTAN: HUMANITARIAN SITUATION✓

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1. The situation in southern Kyrgyzstan is calmer but still very tense. On 21 June, the Interim Government launched a military operation to remove barricades from areas in and around Osh where ethnic Uzbeks had sought refuge, which resulted in some further violence and two deaths. The risk of renewed wider violence, not least in connection with next weekend's referendum, remains high.
2. The provision of humanitarian assistance in and around Osh and Jalalabad is still hampered by insecurity. Many ethnic Uzbek communities are declining assistance from national/government organizations because they blame the government for what happened to them. Non-food items (NFIs) have been stockpiled at Osh airport but distribution of these items to the affected population has been extremely difficult due to the volatile security situation, with UN agencies only just becoming able to operate on the ground themselves. Nevertheless, WFP has been distributing food through the ICRC and local NGOs, and UNICEF assistance in water, sanitation and hygiene arrived in Osh earlier today. UNHCR are also stepping up their efforts and their presence.
3. SRSG Jenca visited Osh earlier today and confirmed that the situation in the city is improving, with public transportation, shops and markets gradually resuming their activities, which reinforces the need for urgent strengthening of the UN presence in the South. I therefore consulted this morning with DSS, WFP, UNHCR and UNICEF Principals. While not underestimating the security threat and the need for mitigation measures, there was a consensus that UN Agencies should start operating without any further delay in the South. The RC in Bishkek (whom I have also nominated to become the HC) has agreed to do this. DSS will continue to provide support and assess the situation on the ground in order to facilitate humanitarian operations.
4. As you know, I launched the Flash Appeal for Kyrgyzstan on 18 June, together with the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan. The Flash Appeal requests US\$71 million for immediate humanitarian assistance. \$8 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has been allocated. Altogether, just over \$40 million has now been pledged or committed.
5. In Uzbekistan, the Government are managing 46 refugee settlements in tented camps and public buildings. Relief continues to arrive at Andijan airport and ready-to-eat food and mixed food commodities are available for **immediate** distribution by WFP. We are also aiming to launch a Flash Appeal for Uzbekistan at the end of this week, to cover the needs of 100,000 refugees, amounting to approximately \$37 million, of which \$6 million will be covered by CERF. However, it now appears that refugees may have **started to return in** significant numbers. For example, there are reports up to 35,000 **refugees may have already** returned. But the true extent of such returns still needs to be assessed.

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6. I have asked Rashid Khalikov, Director of OCHA Geneva, to visit both countries to evaluate and provide recommendations on the humanitarian response. He will arrive in Kyrgyzstan on Thursday, 24 June, and will visit Osh, before continuing to Uzbekistan, where he will have the opportunity to visit refugee camps along the border, especially in the Andijan region.

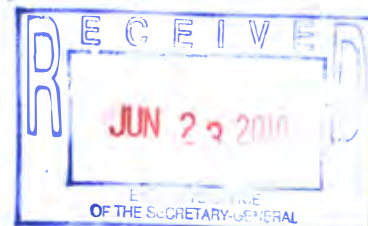


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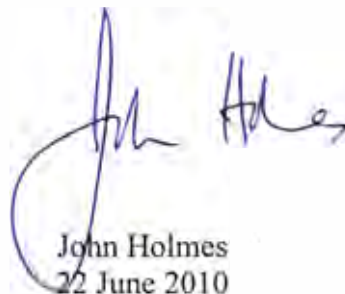
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Note to Mr. Nambiar

KYRGYZSTAN



I enclose a note to the Secretary-General about the situation in Kyrgyzstan.
I would be grateful if you could kindly transmit it to the Secretary-General.



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