

I am writing to express my grave concern on approximately 230 internally displaced women who have not had food delivered to the internally displaced (IDP) camp since 18 April. Their food supply has run out. This denial of food to the women and their children is seen as an attempt by the authorities to force them to go back to their former homes where they would risk facing various human rights violations.

I am urging the government to respect the right to food and halt any plans to cut off food aid to the hundreds of internally displaced women known as the Knifar movement and their children.

I also call on them, in line with international human rights and humanitarian law, to stop any plans to forcibly return the internally displaced women and their children to Bama area where they would face insecurity and risk human rights violations including restrictions on their right to movement.

Sincerely,