

Chad arrests aid workers over children

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N'DJAMENA, Chad -- The government of Chad has arrested 18 people, including some aid workers, on charges of trying to abduct more than 100 children aboard flights to Europe. Nine French detainees face charges of attempted child abduction and fraud, the prosecutor's office said, while seven Spaniards and two Chadians are charged with being accomplices, a BBC correspondent reported from N'Djamena. The aid workers are with the group Zoe's Ark, which maintains the children ranging in age from 18 months to 9 years old were orphans from Darfur. However, UNICEF officials questioned that and said some appear to be from scattered villages throughout the country, the report said. The children are being cared for by UNICEF in orphanages until their histories can be determined, the BBC said.

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