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UPDATE

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UNMISS “PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS” (PoC) SITES ¹

- As of 22 July, the estimated number of civilians seeking safety in ten Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is 95,469, including 31,940 in Juba (Tompson, UN House and PoC3), 17,000 in Malakal, 4,123 in Bor, 40,574 in Bentiu, 563 in Wau, 1,193 in Melut, 65 in Nasser, and 11 in Rumbek.

STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central Equatoria, Juba	Tompson	11,473
	UN House	17,347
PoC 3	Adjacent to UN House	3,120
Jonglei	Bor	4,123
Lakes	Rumbek	11
Upper Nile	Malakal	17,000
	Melut	1,193
	Nasser	65
Unity	Bentiu	40,574
Western Bahr El Ghazal	Wau	563
TOTAL		95,469

ACTIVITIES IN PROTECTION SITES

UNMISS continues to remain concerned about the number of IDPs in its military bases, particularly in Bentiu where the numbers continue to remain high. The bases were not prepared or established to house so many IDPs for such a lengthy period of time, as a result a number of IDPs live in congested conditions, with serious sanitary and health concerns; all of which are exacerbated further with the rainy season. Despite ongoing improvements, flooding occurs regularly in all protection sites.

Given uncertainties surrounding the cessation of hostilities and the projected deterioration of the food security situation in conflict affected states, numbers of IDPs in UNMISS bases are expected to remain high over the coming months.

Juba, UN House and Tamping sites

- In Juba, the new PoC site (PoC 3) has received 3,120 IDPs relocated from Tamping, the exercise is on-going.
- A monitored dismantling operation of shelters took place at Tamping PoC, with UNMISS taking the lead to clear areas needed for operational and security purposes.
- A grinding mill is being set-up in PoC 2 and 3 and expected to be completed early next week.

Bor

- Non-food items and shelter material has been distributed to new arrivals, and flooded households
- Construction of latrines continues, with 3 blocks finalized; hygiene promotion and garbage collection is on-going.

Bentiu

- Through a combination of trucking and boreholes, approximately 10.1 litres of clean water per person per day is being distributed.
- Two mobile clinics in PoC2-3 have been established.
- Materials to set up two temporary learning spaces have been delivered.
- Grinding mills and distribution of blankets mosquito nets complete.

Malakal

- Space reconfiguration in sector 1 and 3 of the new PoC site continues, with 13 tents already assembled to accommodate 104 individuals. It is anticipated 150 tents will eventually be assembled to approximately 2,000 individuals.

Rumbek

- Given the low numbers of IDPs at the PoC site, a scaling back exercise has commenced

Melut

- Population centers outside of UNMISS log bases continue to receive humanitarian support from UN Agencies who are providing shelter materials, food and medical care.

UNMISS STATEMENT

UNMISS deplores attack on Nassir Town, Upper Nile State

The UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) is gravely concerned about an attack that took place today in Nassir Town, Upper Nile State. The attack was carried out by opposition forces comprised of a mixture of armed youths and defected SPLA soldiers (SPLA in Opposition) loyal to former Vice President, Mr. Riek Machar Teny.

UNMISS notes that this attack represents the most serious resumption of hostilities since President Salva Kiir Mayardit and the former Vice President met in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa on 9 May and recommitted to compliance with

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the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement they had signed earlier on 23 January. The attack is a clear violation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement.

“It is deplorable that this major attack comes at a time when intensive efforts are underway by mediators of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to convince all parties to resume the suspended peace talks in Addis Ababa. It is also worrying that the attack was launched in total disrespect of the presence of the IGAD Cessation of Hostilities Monitoring and Verification Team who deployed in Nassir last month.” said the acting head of UNMISS, Raisedon Zenenga, today.

UNMISS calls for full compliance with the cessation of hostilities agreements by all parties to the conflict and their return to the negotiating table without further delay.

UNMISS reports that all of its personnel as well as members of the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Team stationed at the Mission’s base are safe and fully accounted for.

This statement can also be accessed at:

<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Portals/unmiss/%20Press%20Releases/July%202014/Press%20statement%20re%20a%20tack%20on%20Nassir,%20Upper%20Nile%20State%20--%2020%20July%202014.pdf>

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