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UNMISS INTENSIFIES MILITARY PATROLLING IN PIBOR COUNTY

The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has stepped up its military patrolling in Pibor County in recent days by intensifying its patrols in Pibor and Gumuruk towns, and by launching sustained patrols in areas outside both towns to help create a secure environment which allows civilians to safely return to these towns and access the ongoing food distribution.

The patrols are being conducted daily, both on foot and vehicles, moving beyond the boundaries of both Pibor and Gumuruk towns and covering a radius up to 18 km so far.

During the patrols, peacekeepers locate vulnerable displaced civilians affected by recent fighting, interact with them, explain the situation in Pibor and Gumuruk towns and the ongoing food distribution, and gather information on the location of other civilians and their condition.

UNMISS has received the support and cooperation of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, the SPLA, the Pibor County authorities, as well as armed groups in the area where patrols are conducted. The intensive patrolling is part of continuing efforts by UNMISS to bolster the implementation of its protection of civilians mandate and to help establish an improved security environment.

[Pictures attached to this mail can be consulted on UNMISS website and downloaded on UNMISS Facebook page: United Nations Mission in South Sudan]

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