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UNMISS statement about the bombing in Unity and Warrap States

Juba-The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) is concerned about the continued aerial bombing in areas populated by civilians in Unity and Warrap States. Security Council resolution 1996 (2011) calls on UNMISS to protect civilians under imminent threat of physical violence.

"The loss of civilian lives as a result of indiscriminate bombings in Bentiu and Mayom is unacceptable," said Hilde F. Johnson, UNMISS Special Representative to the Secretary-General. "It is the responsibility of the parties to hostilities to respect the physical integrity of civilians and their right to live without fear of displacement," she added.

Over the weekend, UNMISS confirmed several bombings, including five bombs that dropped in Mayom town yesterday evening, where a UN Mission's County Support Base was hit. As a result of these bombings, 8 civilians were killed and 22 were injured.

"I call on both parties to abide by international human rights and humanitarian law, protect civilians and guarantee the safety of international aid organizations and United Nations personnel and assets," said SRSG Johnson.

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