United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

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NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURITY GUARDS IN UNMISS

The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) is transitioning into new security arrangements and will hand over the security at its premises to a private contractor on July 1st. The new security arrangements, to be implemented this week, are in line with the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly (A/Res/59/289) which the Mission must obey, and reflect budgetary decisions made by member states.

All individual contractors - currently discharged of their duties - will remain paid until the completion of their contract at the end of this month. It will allow them to be employed in the security company which has been contracted to take over security at UNMISS-premises. Individual contractors that have performed satisfactory will, as encouraged by the Mission, be recruited by the new contractor.

Some individual contractors this morning instigated confrontational actions at the gates of the UNMISS premises. With the assistance of UN security and South Sudan National Police Service, the situation is contained and under control.

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