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UN is reinforcing its presence in South Sudan

UNMISS is reinforcing its presence in the Republic of South Sudan. This includes police, military, logistics support and selected numbers of civilian staff who are needed at this time. Reinforcements will be prioritised to the areas affected by the current fighting. This is critical to enable the Mission to deliver on its mandate to protect civilians. More resources will particularly be allocated to Bor, Malakal, Bentiu and Juba.

Some reinforcements have already arrived. This coming week, additional aircraft are arriving to assist with transport of essential supplies to troops and civilians. Following this, additional police from Nepal are scheduled to arrive, and later also troop reinforcements.

The UN's humanitarian wing has significantly reinforced its ability in Juba and other key areas of the country, such as the Lakes State county of Awerial, in order to meet the needs of civilians. In the past 72 hours, we have raised close to \$100 million and are using this money to bring in additional supplies and staff to respond to the evolving situation.

The Mission continues to monitor the situation on the ground. Currently, the situation is fluid, in particular in the area south of Bor, where fighting has continued.

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UNMISS has noted with concern reports in the news media which alleged that the United Nations said that “the rebels are advancing on Juba”. No UN official has made such a statement to the press.

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