



# United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

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### UNMISS CONDEMNS ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH SUDANESE TROOPS IN JONGLEI STATE

The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) condemns the attack by armed insurgents against South Sudanese troops in Jonglei State reported to have taken place on 23 August and to have claimed the lives of 24 soldiers, with many more missing and injured.

The attack is believed to have been carried out by armed elements loyal to renegade soldier, David Yau Yau, in the Nanaam area of Pibor County in Jonglei.

"I strongly condemn this attack and reiterate UNMISS's call on all communities, institutions and actors engaged in the Jonglei peace process and related security operations to stay the course in making further progress and in consolidating the gains made to date", said Hilde F. Johnson, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for South Sudan.

UNMISS believes the attack was deliberately intended to undermine progress made in improving the security environment and in forging inter-communal reconciliation in Jonglei State.

UNMISS provided support to the South Sudanese armed forces (SPLA) in the evacuation of the wounded, as well as providing aerial transport to local government officials so they may visit communities in the area. UNMISS human rights teams are also investigating the course of events.

In keeping with its priority mandated tasks of protection of civilians and improving the security environment, UNMISS will continue to work with the Government of South Sudan, the SPLA and all relevant national stakeholders, towards the achievement of durable peace, security and stability in Jonglei, and in South Sudan as a whole.

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