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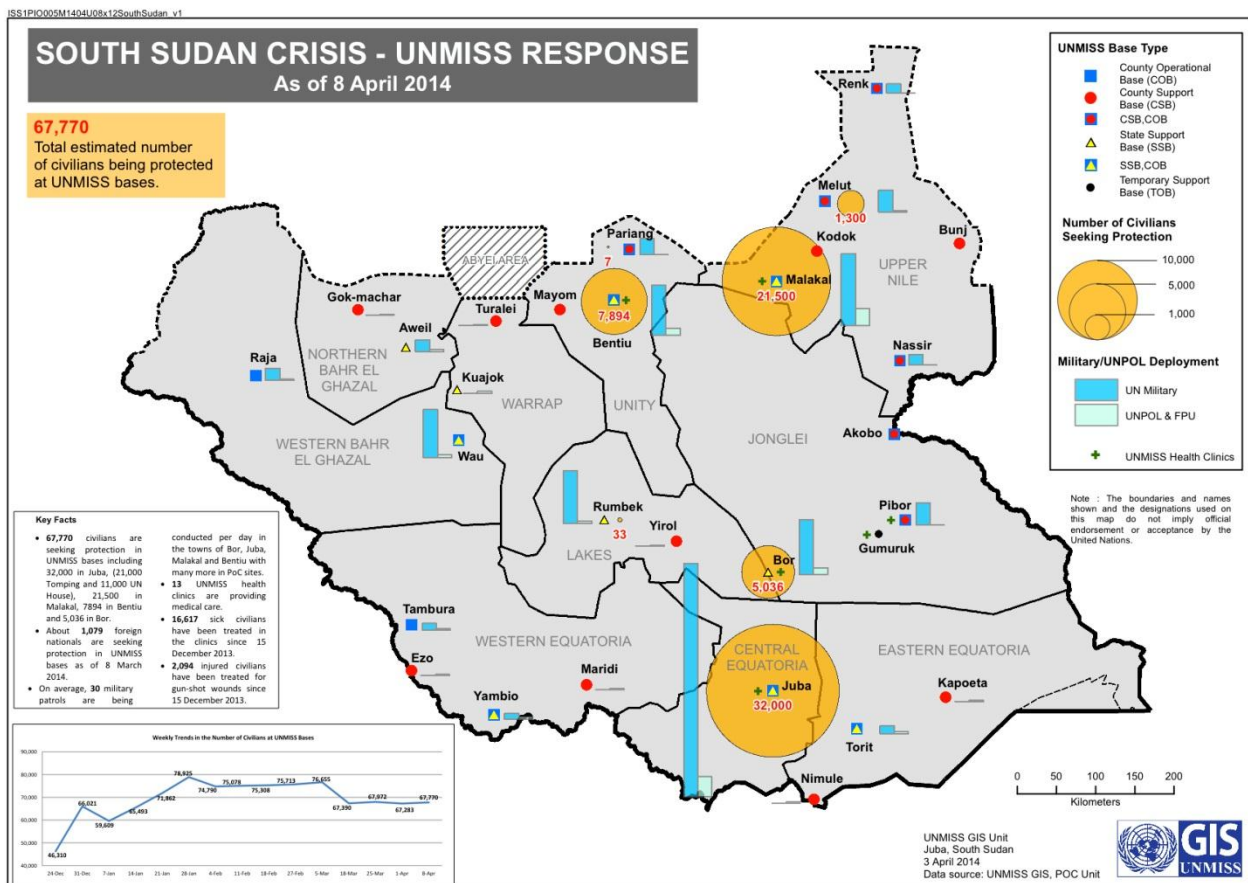
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UPDATE

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UNMISS "PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS" (PoC) SITES ¹

- As of 8 April, the number of civilians seeking safety in 8 Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is **67,770** with 32,000 in Juba (Tompson and UN House), 21,500 in Malakal, 7,894 in Bentiu and 5,036 in Bor.



STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central Equatoria, Juba	Tomping	21,000
	UN House	11,000
Jonglei	Bor	5,036
Lakes	Rumbek	33
Upper Nile	Malakal	21,500
	Melut	1,300
Unity	Pariang	7
	Bentiu	7,894
TOTAL		67,770

RELOCATION GAINING MOMENTUM IN JUBA

1,433 civilians relocated from Tomping to UN House protection site **since 12 March 2014**

With the closure in May of the UNMISS protection of civilians' site of Tomping, operations to relocate some 21,000 civilians to the UN House protection site have gained momentum. Following heavy rainfalls during the week-end, over 1,000 persons volunteered to move.

Monday 7 April marked the biggest move since relocation started on March 12, with 413 civilians traveling from Tomping to UN house in a convoy of 12 buses and 10 trucks escorted by UNMISS peace-keepers.

All civilians moved voluntarily, spontaneously dismantling their shelters before boarding the buses. Civilians who relocated to UN House PoC site had been living along the main drainage system running across Tomping protection site. With the heavy rains and congestion of the site, the area had become flooded with stagnant waters, and highly unhealthy.

While the relocation of civilians is ongoing, emergency work will continue on the main drainage system to clear it and allow water to flow. This will improve hygiene conditions and prevent potential outbreak of water-borne diseases. Work on sanitation and latrines is also ongoing.

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“With the rainy season starting, conditions are becoming worse, with the sites in Tomping and Malakal, in particular, at imminent risk of turning into death traps” the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in South Sudan and Head of UNMISS, Hilde F. Johnson said.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN PROTECTION SITES

Juba, UN House

- A medical operation theatre has been set up while the second phase of cholera vaccination is completed
- Latrines with solar lights have been installed, and grinding machines delivered to the PoC site to be distributed to family households.

Bor

- Charcoal, food, and sanitation distribution was carried out while food grinding mills are scheduled to arrive in the coming weeks. Sanitation and hygiene promotion continue with regular daily water supply brought to the site.
- The UN Mine Action agency (UNMAS) has sent teams to conduct mine clearance at the new protection site. With operations completed, UNMISS Korean engineers are now undertaking levelling and drainage work on the site.
- 1,996 children are registered to attend schools set up on the protection site, with 49 teachers providing unpaid tuition. A hundred additional chairs have just been donated for the pupils

Bentiu

- To increase water supply for the displaced civilians, 4 boreholes are currently being drilled within the protection of civilians’ site. In addition, troops from the Mongolian battalion are constructing a slab to install an additional water bladder with a capacity of 20,000 litres of water.
- To improve hygiene and sanitation, pumps have been provided to clear accumulated and stagnant water from shelter areas. Anti-mosquito bed nets have also been distributed in support of the ongoing malaria awareness campaign conducted in the site

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Malakal

- 7 barges are expected to depart Juba for Malakal. The barges, 3 with fuel, 2 with dried food rations and an additional 3 with food assistance are expected to take 7 days to reach Malakal.
- The UN Mine Action agency (UNMAS) recently sent teams to Malakal to assist in clearing a new location for the protection of civilians.

For more, on the website:

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2014/04/south-sudan-mine-action-advancer-malakal-mines/>

UN POLICE

- Thanks to continuous patrolling, anti-crime awareness campaigns and the establishment of a police station “tent” manned by 10 UN police personnel in Juba/ Tomping protection site, the United Nations Police (UNPOL) has registered a decrease in crime in the site. In addition, in line with very strict procedures, the UN and UNPOL have now put in place processes whereby criminal elements having committed serious offenses can be expelled from the site. The procedure has proven a useful deterring measure which has highly contributed to curbing crime in Tomping.

For more, on the website:

“Education vital in controlling crime among displaced”, UN Police Commissioner says

<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3465&ctl=Details&mid=6047&ItemID=3496097&language=en-US>

- UNPOL continues to support the South Sudan National Police Service (SSNPS) “Confidence and Trust Building Policing Strategy”. In this context, SSNPS has identified 3 police posts in Juba where South Sudanese police officers will be deployed after being trained by UNPOL in bringing back confidence, and establishing a safe and secure environment for displaced persons to return to surrounding areas. This initiative will also help the South Sudanese police to establish itself, despite the crisis, as a legally mandated law enforcement institution.
- From 2 to 7 April, UNPOL conducted 331 patrols country-wide and operated 68 check-points at the entrance and exit gates of PoC sites. UNPOL also provides security coverage in the protection sites during food distributions or relocation operations within the sites.

ADDITIONAL LINKS

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VIDEO FOOTAGE

South Sudan / Mine Action Advancer Sniffer Dogs

Hero is among eight Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD) who arrived in South Sudan to help assist in securing Protection of Civilian sites in various UN locations which opened their gates to tens of thousands civilians seeking protection in South Sudan. The dogs, mostly spaniels, are trained to detect explosives, and they also search for ammunition. Mine Action Awareness Day is 4 April.

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2014/04/south-sudan-mine-action-advancer-sniffer-dogs/>

South Sudan / SRSG Hilde F. Johnson: press conference excerpts

The chief of the mission in South Sudan said that the situation in Juba "seems calm now, but it is far from normal in the world's youngest nation," adding that, "although significantly improved, we have yet to see normal relations between the government of South Sudan and the United Nations. And not least, we are also far from a sustainable solution for the people seeking protection in the UN compounds

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2014/04/south-sudan-hilde-johnson-4/>

WEBSITE

UNMISS Building New Protection Site In Malakal

<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3465&ctl=Details&mid=6047&ItemID=3533365&language=en-US>

Situation In South Sudan Far From Normal, SRSG Hilde F. Johnson Says

<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3465&ctl=Details&mid=6047&ItemID=3507795&language=en-US>

Displaced learn to live together in Bentiu

<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3465&ctl=Details&mid=6047&ItemID=3507633&language=en-US>

ⁱ Update on UNMISS figures in PoC sites are produced once a week