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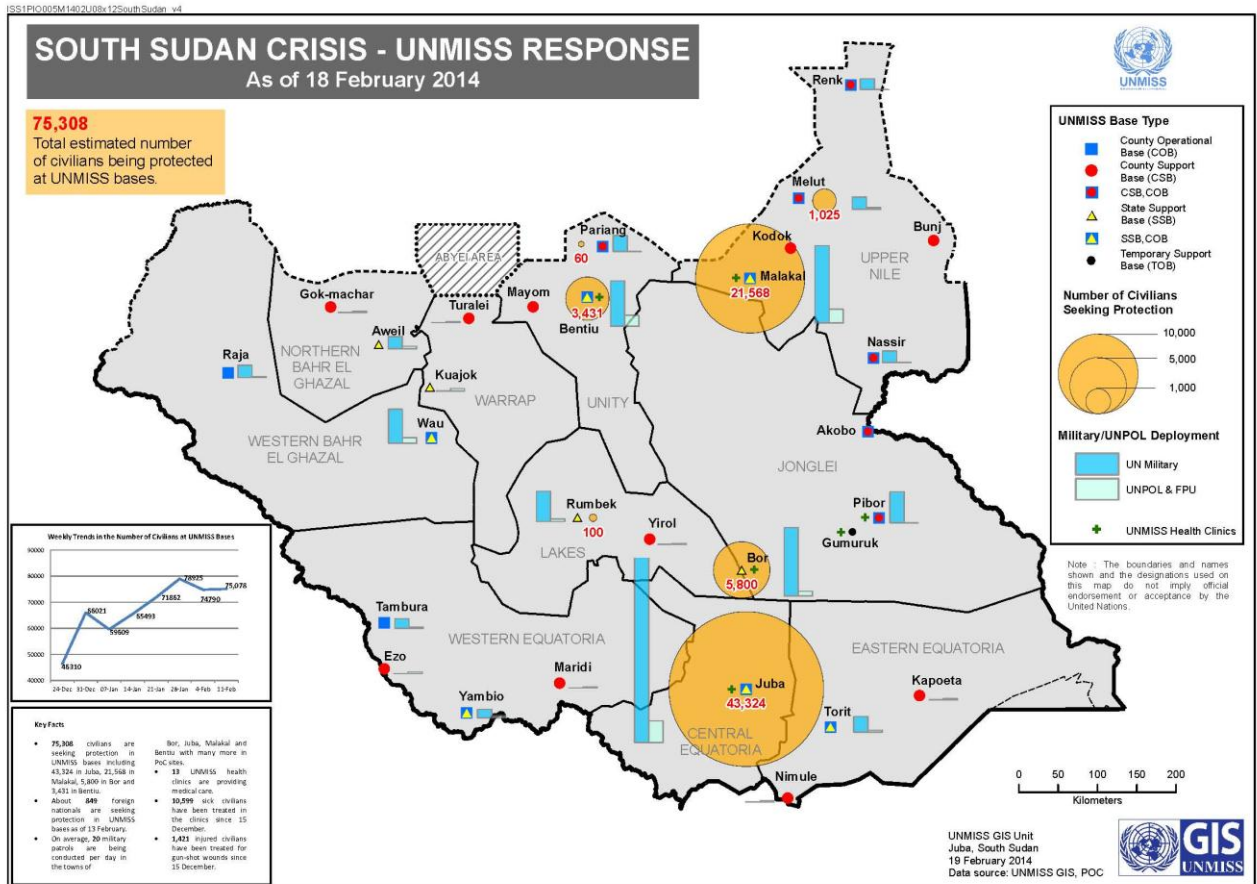
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UPDATE

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UNMISS "PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS" (POC) SITES ¹

- As of 18 February 2014, an estimated 75,308 civilians are seeking protection in 8 bases including: 43,324 in Juba, 21,568 in Malakal, 5,800 in Bor and 3,431 in Bentiu.



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<i>STATE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>Number of civilians seeking protection</i>
<i>Central Equatoria, Juba</i>	<i>Tomping</i>	27,580
	<i>UN House</i>	15,744
<i>Jonglei</i>	<i>Bor</i>	5,800
<i>Lakes</i>	<i>Rumbek</i>	101
<i>Upper Nile</i>	<i>Malakal</i>	21,568
	<i>Melut</i>	1,025
<i>Unity</i>	<i>Pariang</i>	60
	<i>Bentiu</i>	3,431
TOTAL		75,308

NEW POC SITE OPENS IN BENTIU, UNITY STATE

- Civilians sheltering in Bentiu are currently moving into a new PoC site with improved facilities and more space. UNMISS has provided assistance in preparing the ground, ditch, and barrier wall. Security measures are in place, with Mongolian soldiers (MONBATT) manning the watchtowers and Nepalese force protection units patrolling the new site.
- The new PoC area was constructed using the operational international standards adopted under the Sphere project, a Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response.



IDPs began moving into new PoC site in Bentiu.

Photo: UNMISS/Anna Adhikari

SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS CONTINUE AT POC SITES

- In an effort to improve security measures in the PoC sites, UNPOL conducted its second search of the PoC site located at UN House. The team comprised of UNPOL and sniffer dogs confiscated a machete, army knife, military uniform, military hats, iron sticks, and a military map. The ongoing searches will enhance the safety of the civilians in UNMISS compounds.

NEW ADDITIONS TO UNMISS REINFORCEMENTS

- Ghana and Rwanda have sent advance parties of 20 and 18 officers respectively to Juba, to plan and manage the reception of a 280 Ghanbatt and 340 Rwanbatt units due to arrive in South Sudan in the coming weeks
- The above reinforcements will help bolster the already 320 Nepalese force providing protection in South Sudan.



UNMISS Reinforcements land in Juba. Photo: UNMISS/Shantal Persaud

MINE ACTION/ UXO CLEARANCE

- The UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS) has deployed five mine action teams in Bentiu to survey and clear areas of unexploded ordnance explosive (UXO) remnants. The teams include 1 road survey and clearance unit; two UXO clearance units; and two risk education units from the non-governmental organization (NGO) MAG.
- The teams are responding to reports of explosive remnants where fighting occurred including Bentiu and Mayom.

UNMISS MEDI-VACS IOM PLANE CRASH VICTIMS

- On 17 February a cargo plane chartered by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) crashed on landing at the Rubkona air strip in Unity State. The wing of the plane collided with two vehicles parked on the runway, causing a fire to break out IOM stated in a press release. One crew member of the charter company was killed and three were injured.
- UNMISS sent a medi-vac to the scene immediately where they were able to evacuate the three injured flight crew.
- The cargo plane was carrying relief supplies including shelter and NFI materials, medical supplies, vaccines, registration materials, and other supplies to assist with displaced persons in Malakal, Bor and Bentiu.

KOREAN ENGINEER COMPANY ONGOING ENHANCEMENTS TO PoC SITES IN JONGLEI

- The Republic of Korea- Horizontal Military Engineering Company (ROK-HMEC) in Jonglei, have provided ongoing assistance since the onset of the crisis to the PoC area in Bor. The engineering team expanded the current PoC site from 15,000 meters to 72,000 meters and established a new PoC site of 18,000 meters.
- In the early weeks of the crisis to accommodate thousands of IDPs taking refuge, the team erected a main gate and entrance area to control the flow of IDPs, and reinforced the protective perimeter around the PoC area.
- ROK-HMEC also assisted in the Medevac of over 100 patients from Bor to the Level II hospital in Juba, and are also assisting with water distribution efforts as well as establishing water lines, and latrines in PoC sites.



UNMISS Korean Engineer Company cleans up the PoC site in Bor

Photo: UNMISS/Yeondu Jung

VISIT OF PoC SITES BY UN WOMEN USG/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- On February 17 The Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, Ms. Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka visited Juba to assess the situation currently being faced by women and children in the country. The USG visited Juba PoC areas, and met with IDPs to talk to women and children severely affected by the recent crisis.
- During her two visit the UN Executive Director also met with President Kiir and government officials to discuss issues and challenges facing women during the crisis.
- On February 19, at an end of visit press the UN Women USG, informed, modifications would be made to UN Women South Sudan programming allowing for projects to be bought to women in the PoC areas; these will include literacy programs

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ⁱ UNMISS will be providing and update on figures and the Mission's activities on its PoC sites twice a week