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UPDATE

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UNMISS “PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS” (POC) SITES

UNMISS will hold a press briefing on 19 June. The briefing which will focus on the Protection of Civilians as per resolution 2155 adopted on May 27 by the UN Security Council, Protection of Civilians sites and relocation in South Sudan. <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2014/sc11414.doc.htm>

The briefing will be attended by:

- Derk Segaar, UNMISS Head of the Peacebuilding Team of Resident Coordinator’s Office and Recovery, Reintegration & Peacebuilding (RRP)
- Jeffrey Buenger, UNMISS Senior Protection of Civilians Adviser and Chief/Protection of Civilians Unit
- Ariane Quentier, UNMISS Spokesperson

- As of 18 June, the estimated number of civilians seeking safety in ten Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is 101,483, including 31,940 in Juba (Tompson and UN House), 18,003 in Malakal, 4,100 in Bor, 38,800 in Bentiu, 555 in Wau, 984 in Melut, 27 in Nasser, and 29 in Rumbek.

STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central Equatoria, Juba	Tompson	14,493
	UN House	17,447
Jonglei	Bor	4,100
Lakes	Rumbek	29
Upper Nile	Malakal	18,003
	Melut	984
	Nasser	27
Unity	Bentiu	38,800
Western Bahr El Ghazal	Wau	555
TOTAL		94,338

ACTIVITIES IN PROTECTION SITES

Juba, UN House and Topping sites

- Relocation from Topping to protection of civilian's site three has started.

Bor

- In Bor, Jonglei State, families living in flooded areas and near damaged drainage facilities were relocated to leveled areas.
- Ongoing work by Korean engineers is ongoing with the new site likely to be ready ahead of schedule in 2 weeks

Malakal

- In Malakal, Upper Nile State, the relocation of displaced families to a new Protection of Civilians (POC) site began, with 544 families moved to 208 tents. There are now over 7,000 persons who have moved to the new protection site

JUBA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL GRADUATION

- On 12 June, UNMISS, through the Ministry of Transport of South Sudan, handed over 22 certificates to the graduate students of the South Sudan Air Traffic Control course. The ceremony was attended by the deputy minister of transport, other South Sudanese officials as well as the Chief of UNMISS Division for Mission Support, Stephani Scheer.



*Juba Air Traffic Control Graduation Ceremony
with UNMISS Director of Mission Support Stephani Scheer*

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Air traffic controllers graduate in Juba with UNMISS support

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UNMAS SNIFFERS DOGS

- Eight sniffer dogs used by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) to detect explosive will be staying in South Sudan until November. The dogs, South African water cocker spaniels and labradors, had been flown from Afghanistan early February and were to stay in South Sudan until the end of June.
- The dogs are used to strengthen security within the protection of civilians' sites of UNMISS bases, and detect contraband and weapons smuggled inside the sites. They also check the vicinity of UN facilities, and vital road arteries to facilitate freedom of movement. Sniffer dogs have been deployed in Juba, Bor, Bentiu and Malakal.

“With the current conflict, many smaller, easily carried explosives devices such as grenades, mortars and infantry type weapons are found in conflict areas. The State of Unity is especially affected; anti-vehicle mines have been used and caused deaths” says Lance Malin, UNMAS program manager.



Sniffers Dog (UNMISS: Shantal Persaud)

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For more on the sniffer dogs arrival in South Sudan:

UNIFEED TV

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2014/02/south-sudan-sniffer-dogs/>

Website

<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3465&ctl=Details&mid=6047&ItemID=3092762&language=en-US>

VISITS

- The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict Ms. Leila Zerrougui is scheduled for an official visit to South Sudan from 22 to 27 June 2014.
- The Director General of United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), Ms Irina Bokova will also be visiting South Sudan on 22 - 24 June 2014.
- UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Mr. Forest Whitaker is also scheduled for a visit from 22 to 27 June 2014.

SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON STATEMENT ON SOUTH SUDAN

Press Conference by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Palais des Nations, Geneva – 17 June 2014

“The situation in South Sudan is also of grave concern. Both the Government of South Sudan and the Opposition force must uphold the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, and begin the process to form the transitional government as agreed by President Kiir and former Vice-President Machar.

The United Nations peacekeeping mission – UNMISS – is protecting some 93,000 people within its sites. Humanitarian agencies are faced with the need to assist up to 1.5 million displaced throughout the country, and some 3.5 million people – a third of the population – who are enduring alarming levels of food insecurity.

It is essential that the pledges made at last month’s donor conference in Oslo are translated into funding to save lives now.”

LINKS

Cholera cases top 1,700, risk still high

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South Sudanese children call on leaders to find peace

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Malakal celebrates Day of African Child

<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3465&ctl=Details&mid=6047&ItemID=4182337&language=en-US>

Children in great risk of death in South Sudan, says Lanzer

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