



SPLA and SSPS clash in Khorflus

Fighting between the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and Southern Sudan Police Service (SSPS) was reported in the village of Khorflus (28 kilometres south of Malakal) on 11 February.

UNMIS Sector Commander Col. Anil Singh Rathore arrived in Khorflus on 12 February to consult with the local Commissioner, political leaders and area villagers. The next day, he met with the SPLA and SSPS.

The situation remained tense, with the total number of the people killed still unconfirmed. UNMIS provided medical treatment to the wounded and assisted with restoration of peace to the area.

Maridi holds emergency security meeting

Following a series of uninvestigated crimes, Maridi's County Commissioner organized an emergency meeting on 12 February. County chiefs and Joint Integrated Unit Commanders as well as representatives of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, police, Attorney General's Office, UNMIS Security and UN Police got together in an effort to strengthen security in the area.

Several cases were reviewed, including that of a 14-year-old Dinka boy who went missing while following his father to feed cattle on 4 February. In another instance, following a JIU report in Malakia on 11 February that a 28-year-old man had shot himself, his remains were handed over to relatives for burial without a police investigation. Neighbours of the deceased, however, said he was shot by an unknown gunman.

In a third case, a woman was found dead in the JIU barracks on 9 February, and again buried by relatives before a police investigation could occur.

The meeting ended with resolutions to conduct immediate investigations of all cases within two weeks; to delay burial of the deceased by relatives unless ordered by police in consultation with the county judge; and to establish unconditional cooperation amongst police, JIU/SPLA and the judiciary.

UNICEF says situation in Southern Sudan "precarious"

On 12 February UNICEF launched its annual Humanitarian Action Report on the agency's funding requirements for emergency work in 2008. It calls on donors to help address 39 specific crises around the world, seeking funds totaling about \$850 million over and above regular programme budgets.

According to the report, Sudan claims the highest share -- \$150 million -- of the agency's emergency funding needs in 2008. Despite measurable

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On the UNMIS audit report of 2006 published by Washington Post which reveals the mission wasting millions of dollars ...

"It's nothing new, it's based on the UN report that was compiled in 2006 ...there was a full investigation that was in line with the diligent system that we have in the UN... the cases cited in the article were fully addressed in the sense that they were corrective or disciplinary measures taken against all these concerned."

Khalid Mansour
Chief of PIO/UNMIS
12 February

On demanding UNAMID to investigate recent attacks on villages in West Darfur launched by SAF ...

"They were unfortunate events that led to the killing of a large number of citizens in West Darfur. These events came as a reaction to the participation of the Darfur movements in N'Djamena incidents, which led the head of the movement – Minnawi - to condemn these incidents and demand an international investigation."

Saif Al-Din Haroun
SLM/Minni Minnawi
Spokesman
12 February

progress, the situation in Southern Sudan remains precarious, with maternal and child morbidity rates ranking among the world's highest, while the ongoing crisis in Darfur has displaced 2.1 million people, the report says.

"From Somalia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Iraq, Zimbabwe and Sudan, children and women continue to bear the brunt of conflict, displacement and deteriorating conditions," UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman states in a foreword to the report.

Audit report contains old information, Spokesperson says

The report of the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) published in the *Washington Post* was compiled in 2006 and contained old information about UNMIS, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Spokesperson, Michele Montas, said on 11 February.

Speaking at a press briefing in New York, Ms. Montas said the report referred to the findings of an inquiry conducted at that time about inconsistencies in contractual and administrative procedures. All cases had since been fully addressed with corrective and disciplinary measures, she said.

The UN had been under immense pressure at the time to rapidly mount its operation in Sudan, Ms. Montas said, adding that the mission had been through 12 audits since then.

"Ask the President" on UNMIS Radio Miraya

The first episode of UNMIS Radio Miraya FM's new monthly programme "Ask the President" was broadcast on 9 February.

During the 40-minute programme, Salva Kiir Mayardit, First Vice-President of Sudan and President of the Government of Southern Sudan answered questions posed by Miraya listeners on food security, Abyei, oil revenues, security threats, tribalism and development.

You can find the full text of Mr. Kiir's interview and pose your own questions at http://www.mirayafm.org/contact/ask_the_president/.

Security Developments

A senior member of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) visiting Tonj (96 kilometres south of Wau) on 12 February for a political campaign was arrested by a Tonj police officer (also a senior SPLM member) and severely beaten in detention. Due to the nature of his injuries, the victim was evacuated from Wau to Khartoum by air.

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Live Debates and Call-ins

HIV/ Aids - Transmission from one person to another: Lt. Martin Taban, SPLA/ HIV Secretariat (6 February).

Complaints & Charges- the implementation Process: Maj. Gen. of Police Machar Akau Machar, Director of Orientation and Service, and Official Spokesman for South Sudan Police Service (SSPS) (12 February).

Features and Interviews

Interview with Deputy Governor of Western Equatoria State, Joseph Ngere, on the political, economic and social developments within the state.

Interview with Egyptian Envoy to Southern Sudan Abdalla Gafar Eldi, discussing the MOU signed between GoSS and the Government of Egypt to establish power stations in a number of Southern Sudan's states.

Interview with the Netherlands' Foreign Minister, Maxime Verhagen, on his recent visit to Juba. He held talks with senior GoSS officials on various issues including implementation of the CPA, and the Darfur Crisis.

Feature on the current situation in Juba Teaching Hospital.

Feature on the returnees in Yambio, Western Equatoria State.

Darfur: The Road to Peace

The programme focused on tuition exemptions for Darfuri University students.

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An interview with Hadi Abdel Fattah, a military observer based in Yambio. The programme also included a report on Eritrean refugees in Sudan, as well as another report on civil service laws.