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Deputy SRSR Soumaré Visits Malakal



DSRSG Moustapha Soumaré (third from right) at Malakal PoC Site
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Mr. Soumaré also met with leaders of the estimated 26,000 internally displaced persons sheltered at the UNMISS base.

Before being appointed to UNMISS, Mr. Soumaré served as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) starting in October 2012. He held the posts of the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Prior to this appointment, he served as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Recovery and Governance in the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) from 2009 to 2012.

Mr. Soumaré was UNDP Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director for the Regional Bureau for Africa in New York from 2007 to 2009. He was the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative in Rwanda from 2005 to 2007, and held similar positions in Benin between 2000 and 2005.

Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Soumaré held senior positions in the Government of Mali. Mr. Soumaré has a doctorate degree in soil and water conservation from the University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He is married and has three children.

On 14 April, the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG) Political Moustapha Soumaré visited Malakal on his first trip since he took up his duties with the Mission on 30 March.

Mr. Soumaré met with the Upper Nile State Governor Simon Kun Puoch and visited a number of locations in Malakal Town including the city’s main market, the teaching hospital and the Mission’s recently established forward operating base.

The DSRSG was briefed on the security and humanitarian situation in Upper Nile State by senior UNMISS officials and staff members of UN agencies operating in the state.

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Rwandese battalion remembers 1994 genocide



Rwandese contingent joined by a Kenyan Officer lighting candles to mark the 1994 genocide in Rwanda
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On 7 April, the UNMISS Rwandese Battalion observed the International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda to honor the memories of 800,000 people who were killed during a 100-day period in 1994. During the ceremony, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) and head of the mission Ellen Margrethe Loej said, “as the world commemorates the twenty-first anniversary of one of the past century’s greatest tragedies, let me, on behalf of the entire United Nations family in South Sudan, express our deepest condolences for the senseless slaughter of so many innocents. We stand in unshakable solidarity with the Rwandan people, in their

pursuit of a new chapter in their nation’s history”. The SRSG added, “traditional measures for accountability and justice were taken to allow efforts aimed at national healing and reconciliation to bear fruit, creating a new nation where ethnic hatred would never again be tolerated”.

Currently, 1,871 Rwandan peacekeepers are serving with UNMISS. They consist of two battalions, including 39 females. Another 28 police advisers are working in South Sudan, and they include seven women. Rwanda is the second largest troop contributing country after India, and the first African troop contributor in South Sudan.

Freedom of movement vital during the planting season

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Press statement can be accessed at
<http://bit.ly/1DnDoy4>

The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG) and Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan, Toby Lanzer, highlighted the importance of free movement during this year’s planting season. “As we enter the main planting season in South Sudan, I am deeply concerned that the conflict continues to restrict civilians’ freedom of movement and thereby limit people’s ability to provide

for themselves,” said Mr. Lanzer on 2 April. “It is vital that the people in South Sudan are able to move freely to access their land, plant crops, tend to their livestock and trade without fear of violence”. He added, “a safe and secure environment is also necessary for aid agencies to reach as many people in need as possible with lifesaving aid and livelihood support to alleviate suffering, prevent hunger and enable people to help themselves”.



Toby Lanzer, DSRSG and Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan (first from right) at Bentiu protection site
UNMISS Photo / JC McIlwaine

UNMISS accommodating 4,500 new IDPs in Malakal

Following recent conflict in the north of Malakal (Upper Nile), some 4,500 civilians have made their way to the UNMISS Protection of Civilians (PoC) site in Malakal. The civilians were fleeing clashes between Dinkas and Shilluks in the Fashoda and Akoka counties. “The fighting has created a lot of panic and apprehension among the civilians,” says the UNMISS Acting State Coordinator Hastings Amurani Phiri. “UNMISS has reinforced the security at the PoC site, and is working closely with UN actors to provide humanitarian assistance to the newly arrived civilians, mostly women and children” Mr. Phiri added.



Children at Malakal PoC Site
UNMISS Photo / Nyang Pal Touch

UNMISS is also actively working on extending the current PoC sites, in order to accommodate over 10,000 civilians. The relocation of the new arrivals as well as of other PoC sites’ residents is expected to begin end of April.

Female Rwandese pilots deployed with UNMISS

The number of women in ‘non-traditional’ roles, such as pilots and engineers, exposes a profound imbalance of men and women in the workplace. However, Second Lieutenants Chantal Mucyo Karerangabo and Meron Mutesi Rugazora are among the first qualified female pilots to be deployed with UNMISS. Over the past five years, the Government of Rwanda has taken steps to increase the number of female personnel and promote gender mainstreaming in the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF). As pioneers in the field of aviation, Ms. Karerangabo and Ms. Rugazora

are doing their part to overcome the low representation of women in the aviation sector. While the pace of change has been slow, new education policies and the arrival of more visible role models like the RDF second lieutenants are helping to blaze new trails for female peacekeepers.

The Rwanda Aviation Unit has six Mi-17 helicopters that provide air support ranging from administrative and logistic support flights to cargo re-supply, medical evacuations, and search and rescue operations. Three of the helicopters are based in Juba while the other three helicopters operate out of Bor.



Second Lieutenants Chantal Mucyo Karerangabo (left) and Meron Mutesi Rugazora at Juba International Airport
UNMISS Photo / Capt. Jean De Dieu Nsanabaganwa



Arrival of the final group of Chinese peacekeepers
UNMISS Photo / Sun Jiangchao

Final group of Chinese peacekeepers arrive

The final group of 130 Chinese peacekeepers assigned to an infantry battalion serving with UNMISS arrived in Juba on 8 April, and their ranks include 13 females. The peacekeepers will join 570 Chinese troops who arrived earlier this year and are already based in Juba.

The infantry battalion will provide support for the protection of civilians and the delivery of humanitarian relief supplies and also carry out patrols in and around Juba. China has deployed a total of 700 peacekeepers and they represent the first infantry battalion from that country to participate in a UN peacekeeping mission.

Sri Lankan-run hospital provides free medical services in Bor

Since June 2014, the Sri Lanka Level 2 hospital at the Mission’s base in Bor has provided free medical services to 1,589 patients ranging from UNMISS staff to Internally Displaced Persons in the Protection of Civilians Site and local residents of the Jonglei State capital and environs.

The Sri Lanka Level 2 hospital provides 24-hour medical service seven days a week. The hospital has the capacity to accommodate 24 patients in its ward and operates a fully

equipped laboratory.

The hospital has performed 40 surgeries including 17 major surgeries, provided dental services to 316 patients, delivered five babies and participated in three medical evacuations.

The hospital is staffed by 42 medical personnel who include four Doctors, 20 Nurses, a Dentist, a Surgeon, an Orthopedic surgeon, a Physician, an Anesthesiologist, five technicians and other medical assistants.



Treating patient with burn injuries at Sri Lankan-run hospital in Bor
UNMISS Photo / Lt. P.H. Gayarphna

UNMISS Troop Contributing Countries (TCC)
*Figures cited below as of April 10, 2015

TCC	TCC Acronym	Troop Strength
India	INDBATT1/2	2239
Nepal	NEPBATT1/2	1547
Rwanda	RWANBATT1/2	1812
Ethiopia	ETHBATT1/2	1245
Kenya	KENBATT	711
Mongolia	MONBATT	849
Ghana	GHANBATT	300
China	CHINBATT	700
Bangladesh	BANBATT	274
Cambodia	CANBATT	140
Japan	JAPBATT	268
Korea	KORBATT	268
Sri Lanka	SRIBATT	66
Total		10419
Military Liaison Officers		187
Staff Officers		312
GRAND TOTAL		10918

Currently there are 1108 UN Police deployed with UNMISS

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Chinese Battalion continues construction on its facilities at UN House

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VIDEO

A British Royal Air Force C-130 Hercules deployed to South Sudan to assist with transportation of critical supplies to UN camps. The aircraft conducted over 20 flights between Entebbe, Juba and Malakal in Upper Nile State moving on average 25 tons of cargo per day over the last two weeks.

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Photo of the week



Medal Parade for Bangladesh UN Police Contingent

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The head of UNMISS Ellen Margrethe Loej said that South Sudan and the international community have learned lessons from the Rwanda conflict and continue to take steps to avert a similar tragedy. UNMISS

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