

# CEASEFIRE & TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM (CTSAMVM) TWELTH MEETING JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN July 4 - 5, 2019

DECISIONS				
ATTENDANCE		Gm2.13.57.5		
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<b>Deputy</b> Maj Gen Tarig Abde		CTSAMVM		
Chairman	Ibrahim			
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In Attendance	Maj Gen Gatkhor Gatluak	JMCC, Co-Chairperson
as Observers	Brig Gen Faisal Yahouza	SSPDF, President/Chairman of
		General Courts Martial
	Mr Philip Mwanika	IGAD
	Mr Elijah Osiro	IGAD
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The Twelfth meeting of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee was held on the 4-5 July 2019 at the Palm Africa Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as shown above. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1020/1020 a.m. on Thursday, 4 July.

The CTC reviewed the Agenda for the 12th CTC Meeting at 1035.

The representative of the FDs commented that there are administrative problems and suggested a separate meeting with CTSAMVM leadership to outline some of the issues we have observed during the last 3 months. We also propose a meeting with NPTC, we want to know the direction of CTSAMVM. He proposed a closed meeting to discuss administrative issues and then they will talk with NPTC.

The senior representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated it is good to have team leaders from team sites. He stated it was important to deal with realities. From conception of the Revitalized Agreement and in talks in Addis Ababa and Khartoum we talked about restructuring and how it should operate. We came to Juba although officially should have met outside the country. We violated this but the realities are with us. We do not want to go back and there are many challenges. Since 2014 when IGAD MVM was established it was 100% funded through IGAD and its partners. The realties require us to sit down and discuss how it should be addressed. The meeting is important to address these matters and how we go forward and deal with matters. He also noted on the agenda child soldiers is a component of the agreement and should not be treated separately.

Another representative of the SPLM/A-IO was of the opinion that administration is to be discussed and should precede any other discussion. He stressed that the issue should be ironed out before any other issues discussed.

The senior representative of the TGoNU stated that in light of the administrative meeting on Friday or Saturday with the CTSAMVM leadership there was no need to continue talking of this. What is important he noted is the status of agreement and tomorrow or Saturday they will iron out issues. These are in-house issues with some confidentialities. We need to be opportunistic, we are working for peace despite enormous challenges.

The representative of the SSOA stated that the relationships will come up very clearly with closed door meetings. He expressed that he was not ready to proceed and recommended going with the administrative meeting first and then starting with the agenda.

The CTSAMVM Chairman then requested a small break to meet with the party representatives.

The party representatives and CTSAMVM leadership reconvened at 1114 and noted that there was an agreement to continue with the meeting and tomorrow we will have a meeting on points raised by members - administrative issues. He then noted that the agenda was in front of the representatives. The Chairman then asked for comments regarding the agenda. The agenda was then approved with amendment at 1116.

The CTC then approved the Agenda for the 12th CTC Meeting with no amendments.

<u>Item</u>	Issue/Decision/Agreement	Action
	Opening Remarks	

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 12th meeting of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee at the Palm Africa Hotel in Juba and issued the following remarks to the participants of the 12<sup>th</sup> CTC.

Much has happened since we last met. Our Board met on June 13. I updated both the JMEC Plenary on 18 June and the IGAD Council of Ministers on 19 June on CTSAMVM's work. As you know, AJMC Training took place here in Juba from 10 to 14 June, and the JTSC Training Centre Assessment Committee deployed from 30 June. CTSAMVM very much welcomes the work of the security mechanisms as we move together towards peace for South Sudan.

The ceasefire continues to hold throughout most of the country with no reported incidents of violence between the Parties. There are tensions in several areas but the indications are that these are a result of intercommunal differences. CTSAMVM continues to monitor the overall security situation and reports of tension in order to encourage early mediation to prevent escalation.

CTSAMVM continues to monitor and verify cantonment sites as directed by the JDB. We are now seeing much improvement in our coordination and cooperation with the JMCC who are leading in conducting assessments of the cantonment sites and developing cantonment policy.

However, CTSAMVM has observed numerous logistical challenges in requests to support the provision of food, water, medicine and shelter from those troops who are already cantoned and those who are supposed to be cantoned. CTSAMVM also observed slow progress of cantonment. We urge the Parties and the NPTC to address those issues as a matter of urgency.

CTSAMVM will continue to monitor and verify cantonment sites, and the impact they have on local communities including women and children. Without cantonment, the Peace Agreement cannot be implemented and we must maintain the momentum towards peace.

CTSAMVM has much improved coordination and cooperation with the JTSC who have provided us with the agreed list of 16 training centres to be assessed and verified before the training of necessary unified forces can begin. Wherever possible, CTSAMVM will continue to support the JTSC and its committees with advice, monitoring and verification.

I am pleased to report that we have experienced a steady improvement in the reduction of denials of access since we last met, and I give credit to the Parties' chains of command in enforcing this important element from the Peace Agreement. We very much appreciate the efforts of all the Parties to continue to ensure us access during this critical Extended Pre-Transitional period. I also urge the SSPDF leadership to solve the issues with 3rd Division to allow access of force verification still remains denial the access.

I remind all Parties of their commitment to vacate civilian buildings by June 15. That date has now passed and still we observe a significant number of civilian buildings occupied by the armed forces. Moving forward, CTSAMVM will consider the continuing occupation of civilian buildings as a violation of Chapter II of the R-ARCSS.

Last Friday, a joint field visit was conducted to Pibor. We were encouraged to see that

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the proposed cantonment site in Teneth conducted successfully.

CTSAMVM also successfully conducted a SGBV workshop for our MVT Team Leaders and CTC members just yesterday.

The financial challenges at CTSAMVM remain and continue to negatively impact its activities.

Finally, I remind you all that CTSAMVM is independent, impartial and neutral. Our cooperation with the Parties enables CTSAMVM to fulfil its mission without leading to bias against any party or any of CTSAMVM's partners. Much has happened since we last met. Our Board met on June 13. I updated both the JMEC Plenary on 18 June and the IGAD Council of Ministers on 19 June on CTSAMVM's work. As you know, AJMC Training took place here in Juba from 10 to 14 June, and the JTSC Training Centre Assessment Committee deployed from 30 June. CTSAMVM very much welcomes the work of the security mechanisms as we move together towards peace for South Sudan.

The financial challenges at CTSAMVM remain and continue to negatively impact our activities. CTSAMVM met with donors last month and we are grateful for their continuing contributions to our monitoring and verification work.

The Chairman opened the floor of the 12<sup>th</sup> CTC to the Parties to offer their opening remarks:

The TGoNU Senior Representative stated that first of all, on behalf of my colleagues at the incumbent TGoNU, we appreciate the CTSAMVM leadership for convening this meeting. We also appreciate and recognize the presence of the Defense Attaches and the media for turning up to hear about the status of implementation of the Agreement. He expressed appreciation to the Chairman's opening remarks and commended those supporting the CTSAMVM in spite of the ongoing challenges. He noted that the government is trying to address these challenges so as to resolve these intercommunal conflicts and have a peaceful South Sudan.

He also appreciated CTSAMVM cooperation with other security mechanisms in order to fulfill the implementation matrix. Since last TGoNU meeting, he took note of the reports of CTSAMVM and they have talked to the Div Commanders and hopefully the issue of denial of access has been resolved. The CDF issued a directive to all Division Commanders to ensure forces vacate civil buildings. He was also happy on the joint field visits to cantonment sites and commended the SGBV workshop and called upon CTSAMVM to continue with these workshops to other mechanisms. He noted the financial challenges and urged partners to continue supporting CTSAMVM.

The Former Detainees (FDs) Senior Representative thanked everyone for attending and commended the Chairman for conducting this 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CTC. He appreciated CTSAMVM leadership for convening the meeting in time since last meeting in June and urged NPTC leadership to directly support CTSAMVM during monitoring and verification of the Agreement. He called upon IGAD countries and the AU to engage diplomatically to those who do not recognize the Agreement to bring them on board and sign it. He urged the government to the intercommunal fights. He urged them to put an end to those fights and called upon other mechanisms to speed up the vacation of civil facilities. He appreciated CTSAMVM for conducting SGBV workshop and recommended it to be extended to other mechanisms. He thanked CTC members for the efforts exhibited so far in attending this meeting despite other

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challenges back home.

The SSOA Senior representative noted that it's important to hold these meetings and he is happy to see that the ceasefire continues to hold and this is what the people of South Sudan want to hear. He called upon the government of TGoNU to release funds to NPTC so as to support CTSAMVM in monitoring progress of the peace agreement. Two months have already elapsed and so many activities are still lagging behind, especially in the cantonment sites that have been established but with no logistics provided. Forces will not report to the cantonment sites unless those aspects are addressed. He noted that the Team Leaders are here and he expected to hear from them and if few nationals would accompany them, they would be happy to hear the challenges they faced.

The SPLM/A-IO Senior Representative thanked the Chairman for conducting this 12th meeting of the CTC and stated that since the extension of the pre-transitional period, he is grateful for the JFV between CTSAMVM and JTSC. It would have been important that our Teams move together with the JTSC so that we have clear information about what is happening. He had a conversation with one of the Staff members of JTSC but had no information about what is happening in the Cantonment Sites. Our teams are in the States and he would be happy to know if the forces are already cantoned. It is unfortunate to hear about denial of access issues in Aweil but there is a very important provision of the Agreement that is not holding in the Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities. I don't know if anybody knows it but it is the Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities signed in Dec 2017. Page 6, Article 4, Sub-Article 2, and the Parties shall not occupy or damage any public facilities including schools, hospitals, business centers, places of worship and any other vital installations. The Parties shall withdraw from any of the above sites that they have occupied. This document was signed on 21 December 2017. Today is close to or more than 18 months. Civilian facilities are still being occupied and this is not good for the Agreement. The civilians need to return home, if this is not observed, they become serious violations. In some areas, there is some good progress but elsewhere, it's the opposite. We are left with only four months, we need to beat timelines vis-à-vis the outstanding activities. It is also important that we meet very frequently, We should meet every 2 weeks like stipulated in our TOR.

With the opening remarks of the Chairman and the Party Representatives having concluded, the Chairman excused the Media from the 12<sup>th</sup> CTC meeting at 1148Hrs.

Approval of Minutes from CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting No. 11
The Draft Minutes of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting No. 11 were reviewed and discussed. The Minutes were then approved with amendment.

# **Important Issues and Events**

The CTSAMVM Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) briefed the following as the important issues and events to be addressed at this 12th meeting of the CTC –

- CTSAMVM Board 13 June 2019
- R-JMEC Plenary 18 June 2019
- IGAD COM Meeting Addis Ababa 19 June 2019
- CTC Joint Field Visit Pibor 28 June 2019
- AJMC Training 10-14 June 2019
- JTSC Training Centre Assessment Committees deploying from 30 June.

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# **Implementation Status: Cantonment**

The CTSAMVM Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) provided a brief to the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CTC on CTSAMVM Observations and Update:

- Target date for commencement of cantonment was 15th June 19.
- Much improved coordination and cooperation with JMCC.
- JMCC have the lead in conducting assessments of sites and developing cantonment policy.
- AJMC assessments are ongoing with 5 proposed sites to be visited by AJMCs.
- Training of AJMCs is ongoing.
- The JDB finalised list of agreed cantonment sites is awaited but JMCC have confirmed that Thenet and Pantit have been proposed as new cantonment sites.
- MVTs Wau, Aweil and Bentiu have participated in AJMC visits.
- CTSAMVM have assessed 29 of 35 Cantonment sites.
- CTSAMVM has observed that forces are present in cantonment sites at Panyume (Central Equatoria), Ashwa (Eastern Equatoria), Pieri, Dor and Teneth (Jonglei), Busseri (Western Bahr Ghazal), Pantit (Northern Bahr Ghazal)
- The provision of logistic support including food, shelter and medicine is not resolved.

# CTSAMVM CANTONMENT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

S/No	State	Verified & Assessed		Remarks	Not Yet	
	Jiace	Suitable	Unsuitable		Assessed	Total
1.	Central Equatoria State	04			01	05
2.	Jonglei State	04	01		01	06
3.	Eastern Equatoria State	04			01	05
4.	Northern Bar El Ghazal/Warrap State	01			01	02
5.	Unity State	03	01	The one named Dhorbor which has been assessed as unsuitable is still under dispute.		04
6.	Upper Nile State	04	01		02	07
7.	Western Bahr Ghazal	03		The one named Busseri has been assessed as suitable, still under dispute.		03
8.	Western Equatoria State	03				03
	TOTAL	26	03		06	35

#### CTC 11 Decisions.

- CTSAMVM continues to conduct monitoring and verification of cantonment sites and the impact of cantonment on women and children.
- Parties inform CTSAMVM of planned movement to cantonment areas.

## Parties Update:

#### Recommendations

NPTC to provide resources foe cantonment as a matter of urgency.

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- CTSAMVM to continue to assess remaining sites and monitor the movement of forces into cantonment.
- That parties occupy the cantonment areas as a matter of urgency.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative wanted to know why it's indicated as impact of cantonments on women and children and why is CTSAMVM being notified of planned movements of goods and services. CTSAMVM is to notify the other Parties that, "We have received notification from this other Party that we have received goods and are moving them from Point A to Point B." CTSAMVM is to receive that information and inform the other Parties.

The Deputy Chairman noted that the movement of forces is discussed and reflected every morning in the Joint Monitoring and Coordination Office (JMCO) and it's therefore appropriate through the Liaison Officers to relay and coordinate these activities accordingly. The suitable and the appropriate chain to submit this information is through the Liaison Officers and on a timely basis before the activities and that's the main purpose of the JMCO – coordination – we call it the Coordination Office. We discuss it with the other Party and refer it back to the other Parties.

The Senior SSOA Representative stated that as all parties to the Agreement are committed, up to now, forces have not yet reported to cantonments. He wants to know the cause of delay of the logistics items to the respective cantonment sites.

The TGONU Liaison Officer noted that there is a problem in coordination. There was an issue regarding coordination in Yambio where government blocked shipments for the SPLM/A-IO and the same in Torit, we failed to handle that issue but our work is clear, we are 3 Liaison Officers and if we are all informed, these gaps would be ironed out. If Team Leaders don't know their roles, we can use the National Monitors.

The representative of the JMCC noted that so far JMCC has verified 10 Barracks and 19 cantonment sites making a total of 29 cantonment sites and wondered if it's by coincidence. However, they are looking into cantonment sites along the River Nile and the Sobat so they can be assessed. Additionally, why forces are not going to these sites is because of lack of logistics that's when forces will move. Food has been offloaded in four locations e.g. in Malakal. Other pledges like Chinese food, we don't have any information on this.

The FDs representative stated that all party leadership is in Juba, i.e., the JDB, JMCC, and therefore he sees no reason notifying CTSAMVM especially if there is any movement of logistics items, you need to notify other mechanisms.

The Chairman stated that it's a big challenge and there is a need for these matters to be engaged by the respective bodies to urgently put them into implementation. In order for forces to be cantoned, several issues need to be in place including accommodation, tents, food water and medical care. So implementers need to address these issues urgently. As all of you mentioned, we now have only 4 months left. If you can see the working days, we are left with less than 80 days taking account of the weekends and holidays. We are hence left with less than 3 months. This therefore needs urgent and effective implementation.

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The above notwithstanding, it's important for pre notification in order to ensure implementation of the Revitalized Agreement. Those working in the MVTs, we have to inform the Team Leaders on what is going on and we are doing that because we are monitors therefore this is required to the end users. In any case, is CTAMVM Chairman responsible for writing to the Customs in Torit to release food items being held up there? It's JDB that's responsible since it's a body that can enforce the law and they can address this issue and notification is important for CTSAMVM. On one of the criteria mentioned on cantonment, we took note but if there is anything that can be taken in form of decision, we can look up to it. But the Liaison Officers should follow up based on daily meetings through the JMCO and at these meetings they can coordinate on any issues. Am happy 12 MVT Team Leaders are here i.e. 3 from Kenya, 3 from Ethiopia, 3 from Sudan and 3 from Uganda.

# Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- Urges NPTC to provide resources for cantonment as a matter of urgency.
- CTSAMVM to continue to assess remaining cantonment sites and barracks designated by JDB and monitor the movement of forces into cantonment.
- That parties occupy the cantonment sites and barracks as a matter of urgency.

# **IMPLEMENTATION STATUS: TRAINING OF UNIFIED FORCES**

# CTSAMVM Update.

- o There is much improved coordination and cooperation with JTSC.
- JTSC have the responsibility for conducting assessments of proposed training sites and developing training policy.
- JTSC have provided the agreed list of 16 training centres to be assessed and the assigned verification committees.
- CTSAMVM will, if possible, assist the JTSC verification committees in providing transport, conducting assessments.
- o Assessment committees deployed from 30 June to:
  - Upper Nile Region
  - Bahr El Ghazal Region
  - Equatoria Region

# **Parties Updates**

## Recommendations

- CTSAMVM continues to support training site assessments.
- CTSAMVM is prepared to monitor and verify the training of unified forces after cantonment.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative wanted to know if there are 16 Training sites since he does not have that figure within his records. Also, he suggested that CTSAMVM may assist on provision of transport as stated but not training advice.

The Senior SSOA Representative stated that people in cantonments need to be screened before training.

Another SSOA representative stated that NPTC was given money to implement the

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pre-transitional period tasks but if NPTC can get some funds and see how it can come in and give a hand to CTSAMVM.

The representative of the FDs stated that CTSAMVM will if possible provide transport but the government has transport. He wondered as to where did CTSAMVM get these regions. South Sudan is now organized into States, not Regions of Upper Nile, Equatorial region, Bahr El Ghazal regions. Where did CTSAMVM get all this? Also on training, the mandate of CTSAMVM is clear to monitor, verify and report. As of training, it's the responsibility of the JTSC. The issue of training is outside the mandate of CTSAMVM.

The Chairman stated we get these regions from the JTSC. They wrote officially to us and we took them verbatim otherwise there is no problem on that. Currently, NPTC has allocated to CTSAMVM a certain amount which has not yet been received. We wrote to NPTC officially and it's appropriate that they release a certain amount of money to assist in the underlying activities.

#### Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM continues to support training site assessments.
- CTSAMVM is prepared to monitor and verify the training of unified forces after cantonment.

# DECISIONS FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> CTC MEETING – ACTION AND UPDATES

# NPTC Funding to CTSAMVM

Decision.

 Request NPTC to provide funding as promised to CTSAMVM as soon as possible.

## **Update from CTSAMVM:**

NPTC funding still awaited.

# Recommendations:

• NPTC to ensure funding provided on a timely basis.

A representative of the SPLM/A-IO noted that CTSAMVM is independent and NPTC will last for only four months now, what will be the fate of CTSAMVM after that period.

The representative of the FDs disagreed with request do not request with someone not under you some complications nothing in agreement it is just an understanding if they can assist wording urge but not request.

The senior representative of the TGoNU stated that since the representatives of the international community are here, we would like to state it clearly that CTSAMVM is structurally under IGAD, there are some of the administrative issues which will be ironed out in our scheduled administrative meeting.

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The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO asked is it really appropriate to request NPTC as it makes no sense not something we can enforce.

Another representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that NPTC as it stands is established by the government and it is also seeking funds, maybe the right institution is the government.

A representative of the SSOA stated NPTC can either reject or accept.

Another representative of the SSOA (LNO) stated that it was good for NPTC good to get out outcomes — we do have something to do with NPTC as CTSAMVM noting that the Special Envoy had given money to NPTC with one of the donors we fall under that tickets and accommodations being paid from — advised these are administrative and must be discussed clearly.

**The Chairman** stated let's keep as is and any additions we can discuss at closed meeting. He noted that NPTC has promised money to be released, we wrote and official letter to them on how they can assist us – budgeting details –urged NPTC to provide available funds when received from the government.

The representative of the Deputy Chairman stated that NPTC provides ticket and accommodation and stated that CTSAMVM does not have a right for the ticket – provide the list and now in Juba. Let us discuss tomorrow and relation between us and you - we accept for implementation of peace agreement. If you have coordination it is wrong procedure - some of them surrendered in airport, no coordination with NPTC expect protocol.

The Senior representative of the TGoNU stated that per the agreement, CTSAMVM is accountable to IGAD Council of Ministers and RJMEC, one of the principles is neutrality and impartiality in making decisions. He then stated to the donors, you are refusing to fund CTSAMVM and making pressure to CTC and conditions, what will happened if government funds CTSAMVM, who will account on expenses, is it in the agreement or will CTSAMVM indirectly become accountable to the government? He urged the donors to think about this critically and the conditions imposing on CTSAMVM.

The Deputy Chairman stated that we wrote together a joint letter to NPTC to provide a certain level of support – You know story in this regard, please decide now just help us in wording the decision you want in.

The Chairman stated let's keep as it is and move on

The Senior Representative of the TGoNU agreed with the Chairman and stated no harm at end of day NPTC to support CTSAMVM.

## **Decisions:**

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

Urges NPTC to provide funding as promised to CTSAMVM as soon as possible.

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# Cease recruitment and training of new recruitment

#### Decision

CTSAMVM will continue to monitor and report accordingly.

Update from CTSAMVM: CTSAMVM has observed training of police recruits at Gadiang Military Barracks.

**DSR 26 June 2019** MVT BOR received by Maj Gen Yusif Abdallah Garang the director of the Police State, he stated that there is no security issue in the AOR, He explained as an issue their new police members which had been training in Gadiang County have still not graduated, and they are awaiting the decision from the State for the facilities of graduation, uniform and salary.

# Update from parties:

The Senior Representative of TGoNU stated that to our knowledge and the MVTs the Agreement talks of recruitment of child soldiers and late recruits. You can also realize the purpose of the training. When you are reporting you need to specify the purpose of the training. In the last meeting and during my opening remarks, I stated it clearly and in the triangle of Bor, there is continuous cattle rustling and the local government leaders came up with their resolutions on how to usher peace in their community. The purpose therefore is people can't wait until peace returns because security is a basic concern. We want peace to be restored. That's the role of the police to enforce law and order.

**Another TGONU Representative** remarked that the 4 or 5 States that came together and want to settle the issue of cattle rustling and it should be put in a center. It's two weeks or so, it's in Gadiang Military Barracks:

**Another** SPLM/A-IO Representative stated that the question is people are in the process to implement the peace. If the peace is not yet implemented, then there will be a problem. So peace is underway.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative recommended that MVT Bor should go ahead and verify if training is ongoing for new recruits.

The Senior SSOA Representative stated that what is written in the agreement is clear. Since the signing of the Revitalized agreement, it was stated clearly that late training was prohibited.

The Team Leader from MVT Bor stated that upon asking the Commissioner stated that this is refresher training therefore requires further investigation.

**The Chairman** observed that let's look further into it and ask MVT Bor to conduct investigations to establish the authenticity of this matter. The MVT should bring us further information on this matter.

Senior representative of TGoNU proposed that CTSAMVM can alternatively check with the office of the Inspector General of Police in Juba for further details.

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## **Decisions:**

# The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

• MVT Bor to conduct further investigation.

# Parties will vacate all civil buildings

• As a matter of urgency, the civilian facilities must be vacated immediately and that the parties report to MVTs so they can verify.

#### **Decisions**

- Parties to continue to cooperate and where required accelerate the vacation of civilian buildings.
- Parties are urged to vacate buildings immediately.
- CTSAMVM will continue to monitor.

# Update from the Parties.

Update from CTSAMVM. Revised hard copy of list issued.

#### Recommendation

- Parties continue to cooperate and where required accelerate the vacation of civilian facilities especially since the deadline for vacation (15<sup>th</sup> June) has passed.
- That parties acknowledge that each incident of the occupation of civil buildings is a violation.

# OCCUPIED CIVILIAN BUILDING SINCE LAST CTC MEETING

# NEW REPORTS OF OCCUPIED CIVILIAN BUILDINGS

MV	T WAU		
1	Abushaka Payam Bisellia County	PHCC(Primary Health Care Center)/clinic	SSPDF
2	Akuoyo Payam Kawajiena County	Akuoyo Primary School	NSS (National Security Services)

2 (2)	MVT	REPORTED OCCUPIED VACATED SINCE CTC 11				
S/No		SSPDF	SPLA IO	SSPDF	SPLA IO	
1	MALAKAL	5				
2.	WAU	7 (2 NEW, 1 by NSS, 1 by SSPDF)		2		
3.	YAMBIO	3				
4.	BUNJ	1				
5.	BENTIU					
6.	LEER	1				
7.	JUBA	2				
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The Senior TGoNU Representative stated in my opening remarks, I highlighted on vacation of civilian buildings. The CDF directed the ground force commander to direct the Division commanders to ensure forces vacate civil buildings. There is information that they have vacated a number of civilian buildings. In Central Equatoria, in Nyamini, they have also vacated other buildings. At the request of the church, the SSPDF Military Police (MPs) is protecting a church building. In Eastern Equatoria, there is a request of forces moving to the Ambassador's house to protect his home. In Malakal along Gueologuk in Maban area, civil buildings were also vacated. So, from the side of the SSPDF, they have moved from some civil buildings and I call upon the MVTs to crosscheck and see these areas. He also mentioned in Wau. Therefore, before we end this CTC, I will share a document on this development.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative stated we need to hear from Team Leader Yambio should tell us the locality of this facility being occupied by the SPLM/A-IO.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative continued stating I am yet to learn that the National Army can be requested to be occupied by the Ambassador. This is unfortunate and should not be allowed. If there is need for any civilian protection, it's the role of the police. He does not have this mandate and we should take note of this. Even the church, the clergy should go and ask for this security from the police. The Torit MVT needs to verify this matter urgently. We however commend progress made on vacated areas.

The Senior SSOA Representative stated on civilian buildings, there is progress now and we should commend them on this. In some places, there is insecurity because of the non-signatory parties.

The Senior TGoNU Representative stated that the LOBONOK Vocational Training center has been vacated this morning. And this should be confirmed by MVT Juba. We are just passing on this information to the rest to show progress being achieved in the spirit of the peace agreement. Let us see the information that will come from the MVTs but in my view, so far so good.

The Senior representative to SPLM/A-IO, the agreement clearly states that civilian buildings must be vacated and there is no exception. When forces settle in a particular area, it does not affect only that person but the entire community. The size of the force varies. Let's hope it's a temporary settlement in move to another area. The MVTs should be tasked to move to this area.

Another representative of the SPLM/A-IO noted that the CTC Member should communicate to the forces to vacate the occupied buildings and it should be a task that these forces vacate because they are out of bounds.

The Former Detainees Representative stated that on vacation, there is a need for clear orders to ensure that forces vacate these buildings and I am urging the government because even CTSAMVM itself is confused. You can see some of the reports coming to you from your staff, let us speed up the process of vacation of these facilities.

The Chairman stated progress is there but very slow. That's the concern we have observed. We urge forces to fully comply with the agreement to zero occupation.

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#### Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

• Urged the forces to fully comply with the agreement and have zero occupation of civilian facilities.

# Continuing denial of access to CTSAMVM teams

#### Decisions

 CTSAMVM will seek clarification / interpretation from IGAD and JMEC lawyers on the term 'unconditional access' in the ACOH and R-ARCSS

# Update from CTSAMVM:

- Chairman's letter sent to IGAD and JMEC concerning clarification.
- 26 June 2019 MVT Aweil visited HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> Division SSPDF to conduct verification of forces but were informed that the division had not received orders from Juba to permit verification.
- MVT Bentiu now have access to conduct verification of the Special Forces Unit at Mankien.
- Apart from 3<sup>rd</sup> Division SSPDF denial of access is much reduced, a positive development

#### Recommendation.

 Parties are encouraged to build upon the overall positive developments by maintaining full access for verification and investigation by CTSAMVM.

The Senior TGoNU Representative stated that according to the briefing from Gen Juac, a member of CTSAMVM Board, the MVT used to contact Brig Angello, who is not the commander of the Division. This Brig talked to the Division Commander who gave a no objection and welcomed the MVT to go and conduct the verifications. He however requests the MVT to carry out the verification and update the members in next meeting.

The CTSAMVM Chief of Operations stated that they went to Maj Gen Dominic and he stated that he has 5 Divisions and that was all. The Deputy Division commander required him to fulfill the requirement under pressure and ideally, he would show the locations of the Brigades that fall under the Division which would facilitate next step.

The Senior SSOA Representative remarked that it's now a problem in every meeting and the ground Commanders are not implementing this. Why doesn't CTSAMVM organize a workshop for the commanders so that they can understand it easily?

The Chairman urged 3 Div leadership to respond to this issue as soon as possible. He also notified members that he wrote to the SSPDF Leadership to allow CTSAMVM to conduct a workshop but no response has been received yet. He then noted that the Chief of Staff's information however shows some progress.

The Senior Representative to TGoNU remarked that we are here not to argue the information produced by your staff but rather giving you information at hand. The serious observation for you to check is the one in charge of the area. The MVT used to meet the person who is not responsible called Brig Angello. This is what we are emphasizing that there is need for pre-notification so as to allow them access.

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The Deputy Chairman stated that there was no contradiction but they were talking about full access should be allowed by Div 3. When the Chief of Operations was in charge that information received was not in full cooperation yet. He urged the Div 3 Commander to fully cooperate with our staff in the interest of peace.

#### Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

 Noted much progress and urged SSPDF Div 3 to fully comply and cooperate with CTSAMVM.

# The issue of Detainees

#### Decision

That the Parties continue to share information about detainees, and take all necessary action to resolve individual cases.

# Update from CTSAMVM

15 detainees of the SSPDF were released on the 27th of June by the SPLA/IO in Diel area in Jonglei and transported by ICRC

# Update from the Parties.

#### Recommendation.

Parties continue to cooperate with ICRC and accelerate the release of any detainees.

The Senior TGoNU Representative stated that the presence of MVT Team leaders would necessitate provision of this information to the members. ICRC can augment with what is available.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative requested to know who was updating on detainees despite the presence of the ICRC. It would be appropriate that the updates on detainees should emanate from the ICRC since CTSAMVM reports are sent to the international community.

The ICRC representative stated that they have facilitated 15 SSPDF detainees in SPLM/A-IO custody on 27 June in Fangak and handed over to SSPDF in Juba. The party should confirm to us if they received them.

A SPLM/A-IO representative suggested that the heading should change -if CTSAMVM witnessed the release of detainees, it should be reported that CTSAMVM received this figure from ICRC and wondered as to why he has not been updated on how many were released hence will have to get back to that.

The TGoNU senior representative appreciated the role played by the ICRC in facilitation and coordination but wanted to know from the ICRC the number of prisoners to be released were 17 but only 15 were released. They needed to know why?

The ICRC representative responded that they only implement agreement between parties who originally agreed to release 17 but later released 15 detainees only.

A SSOA representative stated that although there is progress being made between

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themselves and the SSPDF, the ICRC may keep the meeting informed if they had been released or not.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO representative highlighted that they released Brig Gabriel Pitia yesterday through bilateral arrangements. He informed the meeting that the Brig was wandering in the SPLM/A-IO territory but has been released in good faith.

The Chairman commended the efforts so far exhibited and called upon the parties to continue to act in good faith. Let the parties accelerate cooperation in the release of detainees.

A SSOA representative stated that he wanted to add to what his colleagues said. We are worried about the two people that have been detained in Pochalla. We have talked about it but there is no progress – whether they are there or not there. We need an update from the SSPDF side. There is no sign or their release or whether progress has been made on this issue. . . . so that we take this issue to our leadership. Thank you.

The Deputy Chairman noted that in the section "Incidents Under Investigation" Item No. 2, 31 May, at Pochalla, SSPDF Comd 188 Bn Col Elijah Mabior confirmed that he had detained two persons he referred to as 'rebels' from the NAS TC. They were identified as Maj Gen Omut Hassan and Brig Gen Omut Aromi, both of SSOA of Maj Gen Adoch Agul Loke based in Pibor. (MVT Pibor).

The TGoNU senior representative applauded the release of Brig Gabriel who disappeared and he learned about this from SSOA A/Cdr Ywodo is his father in law. They heard information of missing father in law and were trying to find out and thanked the SPLM/A-IO for confirming his release. This is good and will crosscheck with Operations. His family has been worried, you can pass good news which will subsequently be followed up.

A TGoNU representative (LNO) noted that Pochella is a remote area with no transport except CTSAMVM flight or the ICRC.

**Another** TGoNU **representative** stated that the Brig was loitering in the IO area but there are many officers in their AOR as well but they can't arrest them because they are many especially in Juba.

The SSOA Liaison Officer noted that there are no means of transport but the two generals are there therefore, let them involve the ICRC for their release. He further stated that there are no signs of their release, yet the TGoNU LNO has been saying that they will be transported to Juba but in vein. This is very unfortunate.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO representative stated that this issue was raised in Pibor but what is important is facilitation to be picked up in Pochalla. He urged his colleagues to go and join their colleagues.

The representative for the FDs noted that being all these generals arresting government or SPLM/A-IO, others also act like that but the period we are here, let's advice ourselves on how best we can share on our safety issues. Let's advice our officers under our command not to move anyhow.

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The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- Parties continue to cooperate with ICRC and accelerate the release of any
- The SPLM/A-IO will update at the next CTC about the two remaining SSPDF PoWs.
- CTSAMM urges SSPDF to release those two officers in Pochella and request ICRC to facilitate their release.

# Use of and Demobilisation of Child Soldiers, Concerning observations in Bentiu and Yambio areas.

# Decisions

- UNICEF is invited to the next CTC to address forensic techniques to determine the age of soldiers.
- Parties to honour their R-ARCSS commitments.

# Update from the Parties:

# Update from CTSAMVM:

Forensic presentation from Roméo Dallaire Foundation in AOB.

Recommendation: Parties to honour their R-ARCSS commitments.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative stated that the heading of the subject is use of child soldiers, do we need forensic methods, or is this the right institution to address forensics because when you allocate time it requires resources. But we are not disagreeing therefore, why we require forensic techniques.

The Chairman stated the last CTC recommended that the ICRC would be invited to address forensic techniques and the idea was how we would identify the child soldiers and interviews thus where he has been working and so on but we requested to seek clarification on experts on this matter on this issue and we have taken a decision and I request UNICEF to educate: can we allow UNICEF?

The representative from the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative (RD-CSI) then started her briefing stating that we are Canadian but work with UNICEF and we are here to provide supplementary information to how fulfilling the recruitment and use of child soldiers. Our organization works to prevent the use of child soldiers. Traditionally, training focuses on a child being any person below the age of 18 years. In order to determine the age of the child, you can ask the birth certificate, have you attended school, dates of immunization, how old are your parents, and are your sisters and brothers older or younger than you? The Vancouver principles focuses on or in summary, our approach is a collaborative approach and we don't point fingers.

The FDs representative stated that at the end, she identified that South Sudan for not using child soldiers. In my tradition, are you using South Sudan as a weapon to incriminate others? We accepted to demobilize child soldiers but not to bring someone to speak fluent English and confuse others.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO representative noted that he personally, joined the force in 1991, in my group I was one of the best performers and the issue of age is very complex because it may conflict with what others may call international standards and we have ascended to those standards. I would like to know in which countries you operate.

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The Senior SSOA representative stated that the difference in involving or becoming child soldiers is may be during the conflict, some were separated from the conflict. These are the factors we need to know that drive children into the forces. It means that these children have missed education and when we are discussing these issues, we missed education but am not seeing additional material to prevent others from falling prey to this. When the CPA was signed, 600 children were released to my organization that I was leading hence I know what it means.

A representative from the SSOA stated that can you tell us which party is using these as human shields?

A TGoNU representative remarked that someone has mentioned the presence of child soldiers and we are not allowed to have soldiers and the IO might be having them. Why should we support this presentation? What's the connection between the presentation and this meeting? I find nothing wrong with the presentation.

The Senior TGoNU representative noted that the presentation is very relevant and the government is trying to convince Geneva that we don't have child soldiers. What is lacking here is the impact of child soldiers. If they are aware of the impact, they will note. It's better for CTSAMVM to recognize this and if CTSAMVM would share this presentation with the other security mechanisms.

The FDs representative stated that all of us decided to leave our education to go and struggle for our country. Other counties closed the schools to liberate our country. Others went outside the country while others had to stay outside the school to save this country. Also, in order to see in Dinka to identify the big person, we would see the big marks in the face or the teeth would be removed. We fought for this country that's why we are here.

The SSOA liaison officer stated that world over, we can collect data but we can't state on how many people we supported. Therefore, we South Sudanese need to know the figures you give to support children through to universities for the sake of informing the government.

The representative of Roméo Dallaire Child Soldier Initiative stated that most of our work has been in the African continent and particularly in Rwanda and these data will be integrated into the international data. In response to human shields, we use the slides world over not only in South Sudan. We do simulations so participants can do practical exercises. You can't judge a child's age unless if you have other documents. Otherwise the process is very complex. Canada and the United States have not yet integrated this package into their curriculum but Sierra Leone has done so already. Our supreme law stipulates that a child is anyone below 18 years. No one is blaming anyone and it's not a license for you to go wrong.

#### Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- The Parties continue to honour their R-ARCSS commitments.
- The presentation be shared with other security mechanisms.

<u>Killing of civilians and SSPDF soldiers at Tisharo (Gorom) 3 January 2019.</u>
Decision

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- CTSAMVM keeps the case open, and continues to collect any evidence that becomes available.
- The Parties provide any information they have which could further the investigation.

# **Update from CTSAMVM**

 MVT Juba has been tasked to conduct a patrol to Tisharo (Gorom) to collect any new evidence.

# Update from parties:

Recommendation: Issue to be monitored by CTSAMVM and Parties.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative suggested that this subject be closed to put proper use of resources other than putting the MVTs to task.

The Chairman stated that the MVTs on the ground didn't get any evidence on the matter in question. On that note, he suggested to task MVT Juba to go to the ground and establish any further findings on the matter:

#### Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

 Juba MVT tasked to go to area to collect more information and to turn over whatever information they have to the JMCO and issue should be concluded at next CTC.

# <u>LURI INCIDENT – DETENTION AND ABUSE OF CTSAMVM MVT 18 DEC</u> 18

## Decision

TGONU to provide an update on the actions being undertaken against the perpetrators of the detention and abuse incident.

## Update from the TGoNU:

Recommendation: The incident remains open until fully resolved.

The Senior TGoNU Representative stated that he updated the CTC members that he met the SSPDF CDF on the issue and he also suggested that the Chairman pays a courtesy call to the CDF so as to get a satisfactory answer. He therefore suggested that Chairman pay a courtesy to the CDF and also gave an update that the Brigadier is still in custody.

The Chairman stated he will visit the CDF but it should be clarified not on personal grounds since it requires detailed clarification.

## Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

• The CTSAMVM Chairman will meet with SSPDF CDF on the matter.

# Alleged forced recruitment by the SSPDF in Twic, Warrap State.

#### Decision.

CTSAMVM MVT to conduct a third visit and report

Update from CTSAMVM: Aweil MVT tasked to conduct follow up investigation.

Recommendation MVT investigation report to be discussed at CTC 13.

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The Senior SPLM/A-IO representative requested to know what the MVT is doing about this task.

**Team Leader MVT Aweil** responded that they visited Twic and met the governor but never got enough information to substantiate the findings.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO representative observed that the response of the Team leader is not sufficient and he still questions the team in Aweil about its capability and something needs to be done about it. He further stated that one of the reasons CTSAMVM was restructured was to phase out these delays. An investigation of this nature should not take this long and there is need to remove them from there. There is no point in having a team that does not deliver. He suggested that next trip, he will be travelling to Aweil and they should be ready to receive him.

The Chairman recommended that Aweil MVT should take serious consideration and come up with a conclusive report.

# Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

Aweil MVT to look further into this matter.

Violations involving sexual violence including rape by SSPDF in Karpeto, Lobonok, Central Equatoria. 18 Jan 19.

Decisions

- Agencies invited to report on SGBV investigation process. (Covered on workshop)
- TGoNU to report on the status of the ongoing judicial proceedings.

Update from TGoNU

The Senior TGoNU Representative stated that Lobonok is in Central Equatoria in Jubek state. He promised to invite the Chairman of the General Court Martial who is handling the judicial proceedings of the cases of the allegations of sexual violence and that's why the Brig Gen Fisal Yahosa Samuel is attending the CTC.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative stated affirmed that Karpeto is a boma in Lobonok county in Central Equatoria State. He also thanked the president of the court martial and proposed that MVT Juba should avail the details of the case to the president to verify if the case in Karpeto is the same case in Kubi that he is prosecuting.

The Former Detainees Representative stated that he wanted to know what assistance is being accorded to the victim to the advocate and CTSAMVM should provide the details of the victim:

The President of the General Court-Martial (SSPDF) stated that the case the SSPDF is prosecuting happened in Kubi, Lokiliri County and is the one that attracted a delegation from Geneva. Before we would start with the trial, we would begin with investigations and we require the victims to be brought to the court to record their statements.

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The Deputy Chairman suggested that detailed information be provided to the general court martial president to make a follow up of the Karpeto.

The Senior Representative of the TGoNU recommended that the Chairman, the MVT Team Leader and TGoNU senior representative seek an appointment with the governor of Jubek State and we can ask what exactly happened within the county because the case is very important to us.

#### Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM leadership, the MVT Juba Team Leader and Senior TGoNU Representative to seek an appointment with the governor of Jubek State to discuss the matter and report at the next CTC.
- The detailed information to be provided to the President of the General Court Martial to make a follow up of the Karpeto case.

# Community Engagement

#### Decisions:

- CTSAMVM Teams visiting POCs need to include representatives from all parties.
- Reports from community engagement need to include details of questions raised and responses provided.
- Reports to go to NPTC for their planning consideration and use.
- · Community Engagement to continue.

# Update from CTSAMVM

- Report submitted to NPTC
- CTSAMVM is visiting IDPs and POC camps in areas occupied by different ethnic groups as agreed.
- Update on the CTSAMVM's last IDPs/POCs visits will be shared at next CTC, including questions raised and responses provided.
- CTSAMVM checked with UNMAS about the presence of landmines reported by the POCs in Bentiu area.
- Report was submitted to NPTC and we are waiting for NPTC feedback.
- In May, IOM reported a total of 210,000 returnees while UNHCR reported a
  total of 163,157 returnees; to avoid future discrepancy the organizations are
  discussing harmonization of returnees counting systems.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative stated that as a follow up on the questions raised and the letter to the NPTC and the reports of the number of returns does not help us in any way. I don't see the logic of having these figures, especially the contradiction.

The Senior TGoNU Representative stated observed that chapter II of the R-ARCSS requires that this is the progress indicating that the refugees are returning which is not bad. I have no problem with the figures.

**The Chairman** stated that the Civil Affairs advisor stated that the UNHCR shared a figure of 163, 157 returnees while the IOM quotes 210,000 returnees.

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#### Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

 Noted that as a result of maintenance of Ceasefire the returnees coming back home.

# JMCO Update:

During the extended Pre-Transitional Period CTSAMVM's tasks include:

- Verification of forces and their activities at cantonment sites including the registration of personnel, weapons and equipment accountability, screening.
- Verification of the Necessary Unified Forces, their training and deployment.
- Continued monitoring of the permanent ceasefire, including allegations of SGBV, allegations of the use of child soldiers and their recruitment, allegations of denial of humanitarian access and other violations of the Peace Agreement.
- Producing reports about the status of implementation of Chapter 2 and the promotion of CTSAMVM monitoring and verification activities at a broader level.

MVT Tasking. The JMCO meets on a daily basis with a major tasking meeting on Friday. Tasks are reviewed and issued based upon information gathered from MVT reports, specific allegations and other sources. Ongoing monitoring and investigation tasks are reported and managed by the JMCO.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative stated that if you want to have additional tasks, then you would involve disengagement and movement of forces since this will be an additional tasks.

**Another** SPLM/A-IO representative responded wanted to know if there are any distinctive activities by the MVTs which are outside the ones indicated above?

The Chairman stated that these are the priority tasks by the MVT during the pretransitional period. We are taking priority of the cantonment areas where force verifications, screening, DDR, weapon accountability and training will take place. Issues of vacation of the civil buildings will be carried out.

# Incidents Under Investigation

- 1. Violence against civilians in Yei River State (YRS) by SSPDF in March 2019. Initial investigation took place before the deployment of NMs, MVT Yei is tasked to conduct a new investigation.
- 2. (Removed and placed under section regarding detainees).
- 3. 14 May. Allegation that on 14 May a SSOA boat was ambushed by SPLM/A-IO at Mandeng with items seized by attackers. Initial investigation conducted but SSOA NM was on leave therefore second investigation required.

The Former Detainees Representative wanted to know regarding the reported incident on 14 May, the ambush in the areas of SSOA on a boat ambushed by the SPLM/A-IO at Mandeng, requests to know if there were casualties injured during this ambush.

The SSOA LNO stated that it was actually reported that one of the survivors of the

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attack on boat is here in Juba and that food was taken and CTSAMVM needs to investigate. Two people were also reportedly captured. Food is the subject food was captured

# New Allegations

# Attack on SSOA by SSPDF at Namama, Gbudue State.

On 24 June, 2019 the MVT received information from Maj Gen John Ome (SSOA) that SSPDF forces from Sakure and Nzara are moving towards him around Namama stream to attack SSOA/SSNMC.

On 24 June, 2019 the MVT conducted an SDP to Nzara but there were no reports of incidents.

On 25 June 2019 the MVT received further information from SSOA NM Friday that the SSPDF forces on the way to chase the Ome forces in Namama reached the village Mogoroko, they killed two of his brothers and burned three thatched homes.

CTSAMVM Update: MVT Yambio is investigating the circumstances.

# Northern Leich State cattle raids on Three Counties of Twic State

CSO allegation that on 28 May, 2019 the three counties of Ajak Kuac, Aweng and Turalei of Twic State came under attack. Eight (8) people were killed and wounded. In a related incident on 26 May it is alleged that nineteen (19) people were killed. The attackers were reported to be elements of a force under Mathew Puljang stated to be an independent military force from Division 4 Headquarters Bentiu.

# CTSAMVM Update.

MVT Bentiu conducted a preliminary investigation and met with Comd 4 Division. An 8 day peace workshop was convened in Mayom County involving the three states that were affected by the cattle raids which were Twic, Gogrial and North Liech State. It was stated that it was a criminal act with no forces involved. The three Governors resolved to settle the matter through returning of all stolen cattle and blood compensation for lives lost.

MVT Bentiu is to follow up and produce a report on the workshop and the result.

The Senior SSOA Representative stated that two people were recently murdered in Malakal but I don't see anything being reported here. The intention of killing people at such a time when we are waiting for peace to return. So that problem should be addressed by CTSAMVM because they are here in the POC yet we are there in the interest of peace. I talked about it but I don't see anything being updated. If this Team leader is not acting upon, I recommend that he is replaced by another one.

The Former Detainees Representative wanted to know the findings of the investigations. We request to know the outcomes.

The Chairman stated the investigations have not yet been concluded and the people who conducted the investigations never signed the report. Before the former Team leader rotated out, the report was not signed and that was the time while national monitors had not been deployed yet. I therefore tasked the new team leader to conduct further investigations. When an issue is put under investigation, it will be allotted adequate time until adequate findings are gotten.

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At CTC 12, three (3) violation reports were discussed and copies of CTSAMVM Investigation Reports were distributed. During the discussion a number of concerns were raised by parties concerning the quality of the reports and whether the reports had been endorsed by JMCO.

#### Decisions:

The 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

 The reports could not be accepted as violation reports in their current form and CTSAMVM would resubmit reports at CTC 13.

Joint Field Visit Pibor 28 June 2019

- Joint team deployed by helicopter. Visited Teneth Cantonment Site.
- Observed that the site was occupied by SPLM/A-IO and SSOA forces in separate parts of the site.
- · In excess of 100 soldiers present.
- Significant challenges are lack of shelter, food and medical support.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO noted that you could not tell who was there.

A representative of the SSOA noted that he observed more than 100.

Another representative from the SSOA stated that the SPLM/A-IO and SSOA forces are very close and that a parade was never requested. They saw General Adoch (SSOA) who also met with the MVT Pibor Team Leader. The general provided the team leader with some details on paper.

**The Pibor MVT Team Leader** commented that on the visit to Thenet, they met General Adoch and that he told them that 70 soldiers (SSOA) had moved in. They also met with the SPLM/A-IO General Luka Rachy who stated that the SPLM/A-IO had 50 soldiers there.

The SSOA LNO stated that we saw as a team parade of SSOA which was given to JMCC as there was a member of JMCC with us. There are two camps in one cantonment but they are separate and met with both commanders separately.

The Chairman stated that the team leader confirmed about 100 which may give us some understanding that both forces are there.

The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative stated that it is one cantonment site -the area is one. These forces are from the same area. He noted for them they are together and not separate and there some confidence building – it would be welcome.

# Joint Field Visit July 2019

 Initially there was some discussion about Bunj as the first preference. However, because of the distance to the cantonment area about 18km away and it is rainy

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season with muddy road conditions, it was decided that Bentiu would be the site of the next JFV. Also discussed was the possibility of helicopter landing zones at the cantonment sites. Any Other Business. Issues discussed included: The SSOA representatives asked about the issue of community liaison officers (CLOs), their roles and logistical support and their relationship to Chapter II of the R-ARCSS: The Chairman stated that there are 36 CLOs and they have been provided to CTSAMVM as part of the in-kind support from the US Government through PAE since 2014. Their logistical support is provided by PAE and the CLOs do not receive any allowances from CTSAMVM. The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated during the visit to Pibor that the person he believed was the CLO was rejected by Governor Luka because he is the advisor to the Governor David Yau Yau. The MVT Pibor Team Leader stated that he thought the person who was rejected was a staff member of the governor not a CLO. The venue of the next CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting shall be in Juba.

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The dates of the meeting will be in August 2019.

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