



**CEASEFIRE TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS MONITORING AND
VERIFICATION MECHANISM (CTSAMVM)
SEVENTEENTH MEETING
JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN
December 5, 2019**

ATTENDANCE

Chair	Maj Gen Desta Abiche Ageno	CTSAMVM
Deputy Chair	Maj Gen Dafaalla Hamid Mohamed Dafaalla	CTSAMVM
Representatives from the Parties	<p><u>Incumbent TGoNU</u> Maj Gen Rabi Mujung Emmanuel Maj Gen Thomas Gador Kic Wur Maj Gen Bona Panek Biar Maj Gen "ndc" Wuoi Mayom Deng Maj Gen Gatkuoth Duop Kuich</p> <p><u>SSOA</u> Maj Gen David Nyang Kueth Maj Gen James Gai Gatduel Maj Gen Peter Gatkuoth Thot Bakam Brig Gen Amos Amin Elia Lupe</p>	<p><u>SPLM/SPLA-IO</u> Maj Gen Martin Gama Abucha Brig Gen Andrea Mangu Brig Gen William Deng Col Ezekile How Kuol Gatluack</p> <p><u>Former Detainees (FDs)</u> Maj Gen Bior Leek Kuareng</p>
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In Attendance as Observers	Dr Philip Mwanika Mr Robert Lietch Mr Colin Martin Mr Guy Gabriel Ms Grace Kilonzi Mr Amadou Ceesay Col Mohamed Abdelkarim Baiomy Col E W Ndegwa Brig Gen D. Twesigomwe Ms Nourane Houas Capt Karen Stanley Lt Col Soeren Kaergaard Lt Col Gauran Bhatia Mr John Kuzee	IGAD RJMEC RJMEC RJMEC RJMEC African Union Defense Attaché to S.Sudan, Egypt Defense Attaché to S.Sudan, Kenya Defense Attaché to S.Sudan, Uganda ICRC UNMISS UNMISS UNMISS Embassy of Canada
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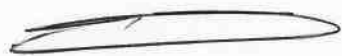
The Seventeenth meeting of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee was held on Thursday 5 December 2019 at the Landmark Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as shown above. The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 0920 hrs/ 0920 a.m.

The CTC reviewed and approved the Agenda for the 17th CTC Meeting and was adopted at 0922.

The CTC then approved the Agenda for the 17th CTC Meeting with no amendments.

<u>Item/Issue/Decision/Agreement</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p><u>Opening Remarks</u></p> <p>CTC Members, Dear Colleagues, Representatives from our Partners and Board Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,</p> <p>I warmly welcome you all to the 17th meeting of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee, and the first to take place in the 100 day extension of the Pre Transitional Period.</p>	

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I thank you all for joining us here today. As you know, CTSAMVM is facing severe logistical challenges and we were unable to hold our meeting on Tuesday as planned due to lack of funding from the NPTC.

CTSAMVM has been very busy in the weeks since we last met. Following the Tripartite Summit on the Revitalized Agreement between His Excellency Salva Kiir and Dr Machar in Kampala on 7 November, CTSAMVM attended the IGAD Ministerial Consultative Meeting with the Parties in Addis on 8 and 9 November. CTSAMVM worked with the IGAD Special Envoy and R-JMEC to facilitate the Joint Security Mechanisms workshop here in Juba on 18 and 19 November, and attended the IGAD Council of Ministers meeting on 28 November and the IGAD Heads of State Summit on 29 November, both in Addis. The CTSAMVM Board met on 1 November, and CTSAMVM attended the R-JMEC Plenary on 27 November. Three very successful Joint Field Visits were conducted: to Renk on 7 November, Mapel on 14 November, and Maiwut on 21 November.

As we meet today, the clock is ticking. Already 3 weeks have passed since the 100 day extension was agreed and many important tasks remain to be completed.

CTSAMVM continues to monitor and verify the cantonment process, but this task remains far from complete and screening has not yet begun. Registration has stalled while the JMCC awaits the printing of additional registration forms.

The lack of sufficient logistical support to cantonment sites - especially food and medicine - has not been addressed. CTSAMVM's MVTs have observed that some cantonment sites have received no food and no supplies including Liang and Torpuot. All cantonment sites within MVT Bor's Area of Responsibility received food or money for food several months ago but have since run out. The provision of tents and medicine is still a challenge.

CTSAMVM urges the NPTC to release sufficient resources for cantonment to continue. Cantonment is the foundation for the security arrangements and without sufficient resources, the cantonment process will fail.

CTSAMVM awaits a comprehensive training program for the Necessary Unified Forces from JTSC. Training of trainers is now complete, with more than 2,200 instructors in Mapel, Luri, Rambur and Malakal waiting to be moved to designated locations. Of the 19 assessed training centres, JTSC advises that 9 can be activated quickly provided the necessary resources are received, allowing the training of the NUF to begin immediately. On a positive note, CTSAMVM yesterday observed a DDR meeting where progress was made toward the establishment of a program.

There also been some positive efforts by both government forces and the SPLM/A-IO in vacating occupied civilian buildings: 10 have been verified as vacated by government forces and 3 by the SPLM/A-IO. This is a commendable effort, however, 25 buildings are still occupied: 1 by the SPLM/A-IO and 24 by government forces - including two buildings newly occupied near Yei. Any occupation of civilian buildings will result in a direct violation report at our next CTC.



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CTSAMVM can report that the ceasefire continues to hold and there have been no clashes between the Parties to the Revitalized Agreement for over a year. CTSAMVM continues to investigate incidents which we will discuss here today.

As already noted, logistical challenges continue to hamper our work and CTSAMVM is grateful to our donors for their important contributions.

Time is moving quickly. With 76 days remaining, CTSAMVM urges all Parties and stakeholders to show wholehearted commitment to the agreed timetable, and for NPTC to release sufficient funds to ensure this process is fully resourced. CTSAMVM also urges the NPTC to release funding to ensure next week's CTSAMVM Board meeting and next month's CTC can take place as scheduled. Without this funding, these critical meetings may not take place.

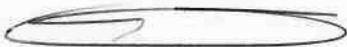
As always, CTSAMVM stands ready to support implementation with neutrality, independence and impartial reporting.

I look forward to a constructive and useful meeting today.

Thank you.

The SPLM/A-IO Senior Representative thanked the Chairperson for conducting the 17th meeting of the CTC and recognized presence of diplomatic corps. He noted that this was the first meeting since the extension of pre-transition period by 100 days. He regretted that no official activities have commenced since the extension. It was expected that training should have started and food and supplies delivered but nothing has happened yet. He added that CTC should accurately report the challenges the mechanisms are facing so that leaders can know what is happening. He hoped that the next CTC is held before 50 days of the extended pre-transition period so that we can accurately report what has happened in the peace process.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) recognized the presence of all Defense attaché's and also appreciated CTSAMVM leadership for conducting the CTC meeting despite the difficulties in reaching consensus to have the meeting held without some CTC members residing outside the country. This was occasioned by lack of funds to facilitate air tickets and accommodation for the diaspora members. He acknowledged the several calls by CTSAMVM to have its activities funded so that it can conduct its work timely and efficiently especially as we enter the crucial time of extended pre-transition with now less than 80 days remaining. He reminded NPTC to take these CTC meetings seriously and fund them accordingly considering that they accepted to hold these meetings in Juba due to financial constraints instead of holding them outside Juba as earlier planned. He added that as for implementation progress, the citizens of South Sudan will judge us, should we fall back to what was witnessed in 2016 and we don't need such history to repeat itself. He urged all security mechanisms to work day and night to implement the peace agreement. He also urged JDB to exercise command and control over all other security mechanisms such as JMCC especially on registration of forces. He appreciated the Government and SPLM/A-IO for vacating occupied civilian buildings and expressed his desire to have zero occupied buildings at the end of 100 days extended period in order to avoid violations as a result of occupied civilian buildings. He reminded the meeting that there are few remaining days and there is a need to work hard to train the National Unified Forces and deploy them.



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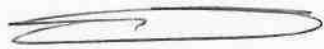
The SSOA Senior Representative welcomed everyone to the 17th CTC meeting. He added that the hundred (100) days are quickly elapsing and as the festive season is approaching many crucial activities are yet to be carried out. He commended TGoNU for releasing funds that everyone was waiting for and further NPTC for disbursing funds which showed commitment of the government as well other parties. He acknowledged that the Ceasefire has been holding for over one and a half years which is a great achievement that people want to hear. He also stated that the holding of the Cease Fire is also as a result of commitment from parties to the agreement and people are tired of war and do not want to go back. He emphasized the importance of JMCC and JTSC being present for the meeting as they perform the biggest task most especially establishing of training centers. He also explained the need for the training centers to be equipped with basic necessities such as food, medicine and water. He requested the SPLM/A-IO to release six (6) detained officers. He said that they did not know what is going on and that the ICRC visited but there is a disparity in the language and what is in the report that was received; people are suffering and even being tortured. He thanked General Thomas (TGoNU) for acting swiftly in releasing two officers in Paloch who had been detained and how well he handled the matter which is commendable. He expressed disappointment regarding some members not being present at the meeting because of lack of funding. He reminded members that CTSAMVM can successfully carry out its activities as stipulated in the agreement if accorded internal and external support such as the NPTC realizing funds promptly. He also pointed out the importance of the CTC report which is used not only by IGAD and Board but also the parties, RJMEC and the public. He reported that the visit to Maiwut was a success having participated and he hoped that in the next meeting a full report would be availed.

The TGoNU Senior Representative expressed his appreciation on the Chairman's opening remarks and welcomed observers to important meeting. He also expressed his gratitude to the CTSAMVM leadership for the efforts made towards convening the meeting today despite the challenges that they were facing. He expressed his solidarity to CTSAMVM as they urged NPTC to support their activities by releasing funds. He also complimented the CTSAMVM for carrying out activities since last meeting including three (3) successful joint field visits. He also reminded members the status of the security arrangements not being fully implemented due to financial constraints (resources). He expressed hope that NPTC having released some funds, the implementation of the remaining tasks will be done and be reported accordingly. He expressed his regret towards occupation of civilian buildings by the government and SPLM/A-IO and he assured members that he will discuss with the command on this issue and report at the next meeting. Lastly, he thanked the parties' signatory to the agreement for permanently holding to the Cease Fire which clearly indicated that they are committed to the implementation of the agreement despite the prevailing challenges and that he is looking forward to finding the solution to the funding issues. He thanked the Chairman for his input and working spirit.

With the opening remarks of the Chairman and the Party Representatives having concluded, the Chairman excused the Media from the 17th CTC meeting at 0950 hrs.

Approval of Minutes from CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting No. 16

The Draft Minutes of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting No. 16 were reviewed, discussed, corrected and then approved as the Final Minutes for the 16th CTC meeting.



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Important Issues and Events

CTSAMVM Reports:

The CTSAMVM Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) briefed the following as the important issues and events since the last CTC meeting to be addressed at this 17th meeting of the CTC:

Important Issues and Events

- 12th CTSAMVM Board Meeting – 1 November 2019
- JFV to Renk - 7 November
- Tripartite Summit on the R-ARCSS, Kampala – 7 November
- IGAD Ministerial Consultative Meeting with the Parties to the R-ARCSS, Addis Ababa 8-9 November
- Start of 100 day extension to the Pre Transitional Period – 12 November.
- JFV to Mapel – 14 November.
- Joint Security Mechanisms workshop, Juba 18-19 November.
- JFV to Maiwut - 21 November.
- R-JMEC Plenary - 27 November.
- IGAD Council of Ministers Meeting, Addis Ababa - 28 November
- IGAD Heads of State Summit, Addis Ababa - 29 November.
- CTSAMVM Gender and Protection of Civilians Awareness Program, Mundri 28-29 November.

FIRST ITEM/TOPIC – Implementation Status of Cantonment

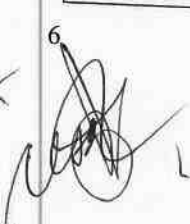
The CTSAMVM Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) provided a brief to the 17th meeting of the CTC on CTSAMVM observations and Update:

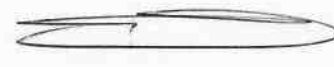
CTC 16 Recommendations:

The lack of logistic support poses a serious risk to the cantonment process. It is recommended that:

- TGoNU and NPTC releases the necessary funds as a matter of urgency in order that resources can be mobilised to maintain Cantonment Sites.
- Parties continue to demonstrate commitment to the cantonment and barracking of all forces.
- All security services (prison, police, NSS, fire, wildlife, border police, etc.), be registered as soon as possible as per the Agreement.
- JDB to ask other security forces to canton.
- Registration is to be completed as soon as possible.
- Screening takes place in order that cantoned troops can either move on to Training Sites or be discharged through a DDR process.
- Needs to be meetings between all security services leadership and CTSAMVM leadership.

CTSAMVM Observations and Update:

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- Provision of food, shelter and medicines not resolved.
 - 3 Sites have no food delivered.
 - 9 sites last received food in the period June-August.
 - Most recent food deliveries were in November to Ashwa, Irube, Nyara and Lowureng and Ngo Halima.
 - Ashwa, Irube, Nyara, Lowureng also received tents and medicine.
- The CTSAMVM Gender Team visited Wunaleit and Pantiit and reported that female soldiers' needs have not been properly addressed during the cantonment process. The lack of adequate medical support and shelter has hit female soldiers particularly hard. The JMCC and JTSC budget submission for the next phase included provision for dignity packs and improved medical support but whether the budget is adequate remains to be seen. Further visits will be conducted to determine the scale of the problem.
- DDR is yet to commence, however the DDRRC has been formed and is already making concrete plans to develop a programme which will begin during the 100 days.
- Registration forms are being printed. Once distributed, registration will recommence.
- Consolidated registration forms are being loaded onto a data base in Bilpham by JMCC, 8000 loaded as of 3 Dec.
- NPTC disbursement of funds was made on 3 Dec, \$15M total.
- JMCC presented cantonment and registration plans at the 100 Day Workshop. Up until now cantonment has been paused due to the lack of logistic support.

Registration Summary

PARTY	REGISTERED AS AT 30 NOV 2019
SSPDF	15,282
SPLM/A-IO	49,256
SSOA	7,272
SPLM/A-IO & SSOA (2 places both in Malakal AoR)	4,350 (3750 in Torpuot, 600 in Gabat cannot be identified SPLM/A-IO or SSOA)
Total	76,160

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Recommendations and observations:

- NPTC is urged to release the necessary resources for cantonment to continue.
- All organised forces (NSS, SSNPS, State Police, Prisons Service, Wildlife Serve and Fire Service) should be registered as per the Agreement.
- Screening, training, unification and DDR should commence as per Agreement.

Discussion:

The Senior representative of the SPLM/A-IO asked who was the beneficiary of the Gender and Protection of Civilians Awareness programs that was conducted in Mundri; was it the forces or civilians?

The CTSAMVM Gender Advisor stated that MVT Yambio where Mundri falls had received a request for Gender and Protection of Civilians Awareness program and CTSAMVM responded to it accordingly by organizing the program. She added that the MVT was asked to ensure that the program satisfied the categories of peace agreement including the disabled, women and youth.

The representative of the FDs asked who owns the database in Bilpham; was it SSPDF? He also wanted to know whose computers are used.

The Deputy Chief of Staff responded that the Bilpham is owned by SSPDF and the computers are owned by JMCC.

DECISIONS:

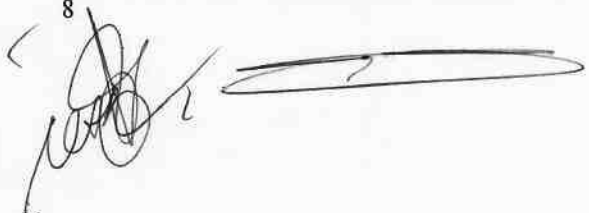
The 17th CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided:

- **NPTC is urged to release the necessary resources for cantonment to continue.**
- **All organised forces (NSS, SSNPS, State Police, Prisons Service, Wildlife Serve and Fire Service) should be registered as per the Agreement.**
- **Screening, training, unification and DDR should commence as per Agreement.**

SECOND ITEM/TOPIC: Training of Unified Forces

CTC 16 Decisions:

The training and deployment of the NUF (Defence Forces, NSS, Police, Wildlife, Fire Service and Prison Service) constitutes a critical milestone in the peace process. Funding of training and training itself must take place as a matter of urgency.



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CTSAMVM Update:

- Joint Security Mechanisms Workshop confirmed that screening of personnel before movement to training centres is essential and will be conducted jointly by JMCC and JTSC.
- Training of trainers complete: there are 2,292 instructors in Mapel, Luri, Rambur and Malakal who will need to move to designated locations.
- Of the 19 assessed training centres 9 can be activated quickly.
 - Luri NSS
 - Muni NSS
 - Rajaf National Police
 - Rambur National Police
 - Wau State Police
 - Mapel Army Officers
 - Gorom Army
 - Pantiit Army
 - Wau State Police
 - Mapel Officers (Army)
 - Owingkibul Army
- Training timeframe is 12 weeks from commencement.
 - 2 weeks preparation of sites and instructors and students.
 - 8 weeks training.
 - 2 weeks redeployment to the NUF.
- Training unlikely to commence unless food is delivered to training centres.
- The movement of instructors and trainees to training centres will require significant resources and coordination. JMCC and JTSC have been working together to develop plans.

Recommendations:

- NPTC to release the funds to enable the training of NUF to proceed.
- The training of all elements of the NUF should commence as per the Agreement.

Discussion:

The Senior representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that the training centers that can be quickly activated are actually eight, not nine and urged the meeting to be clear on numbers

DECISIONS:

The 17th CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided:

- NPTC to release the funds to enable the training of NUF to proceed.
- The training of all elements of the NUF should commence as per the Agreement.

THIRD ITEM/TOPIC: Parties will vacate all civilian buildings

Decisions from CTC 16:

- That CTSAMVM continues to report these violations to the CTSAMVM Board, R-JMEC and IGAD in order that action can be taken at the political level to hold those responsible to account.
- Parties maintain the commitment shown previously to rapidly vacate civilian buildings.

Update by CTSAMVM:

- Details of occupied buildings are in the handout.

Summary of Occupied Buildings as at 1 Dec 2019

S/No	MVT	OCCUPIED		VACATED since CTC 16		Occupied buildings CTC 16	Occupied buildings CTC 17
		SSPDF	SPLA-IO	SSPDF	SPLA-IO		
1	MALAKAL	2				2	2
2	WAU	0		4		4	0
3	YAMBIO	4				4	4
4	JUBA	2				2	2
5	TORIT	8		3		11	8
6	YEI	8	1	3	3	13	9
SUB TOTAL		24	1	10	3		
TOTAL		25		13		36	25

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Update from Parties:

A representative of the SPLM/A-IO asked the reason as to why the TGoNU had not yet vacated the civilian buildings. He also expressed his disagreement regarding the establishment of new checkpoints in Bussari along the road to Paggeri and collection of revenues being combined with occupation of civilian building.

Another representative of SPLM/A-IO noted that there was still one building reported as being occupied by their party. He clarified that they were not occupying any building and therefore it should be updated as vacated.

The Senior Representative of SPLM/A-IO cited that there were no details on the building being occupied and wanted to know the last time the MVT visited that area. He explained that the definition of civilian areas in the agreement is broad hence any allegation ought to be taken seriously and further verified.

The DCoS explained that the reason as to why the establishment of new checkpoints was combined with occupation of civilian buildings was in reference to Art. 2.2.3.1 of the R-ARCSS. He explained that civilian areas included schools, villages, churches, mosques, ritual centers, service centers as well as livelihood areas hence the justification for combining the two.

The FDs representative asked if the buildings were recently occupied or were occupied before. He added that occupation of civilian buildings should be alleged as violations and sent to JMCO for discussion and order MVTs to cross check before being brought here.

The Senior Representative of SSOA recognized the presence of international community and noted the stance of Dr Machar and Lam Akol on formation of TGoNU on 12th November 2019 which reflected the voice of suffering people of South Sudan. He noted that there were two newly occupied locations under the names Ronyi Payam was reported as having been occupied since 18th November 2019 and a health center since 13th August 2019 being newly verified by MVT. He said that he concurred with the primary school but there was nothing like Ronyi Payam in Yei which must have been newly created which is not in line with R-ARCSS. He asked for more explanation on the same.

The TGoNU Senior Representative expressed his appreciation regarding the updates on the important issues and events on the implementation status and acknowledged the report by his colleague on training of the Unified Forces with the recommendations with no further comments. He further expressed his concern on the occupation of civilian buildings and promised that discussions will be made with the command and the feedback brought forward in the coming meeting.

The Chairperson thanked TGoNU and SPLM/A-IO for showing commitment to vacate civilian occupied buildings. He observed some good progress from both parties. Regarding the SPLM/A-IO claim that they have vacated the remaining one building, the Chairperson stated that MVTs will verify and update the meeting during the next CTC. He also noted that TGoNU vacated 12 civilian buildings but 2 more buildings were occupied bringing the total number of



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TGoNU occupied buildings to 24. The Chairperson took note of a school in Malakal that was occupied by TGoNU and which had been agreed by JTSC to be used as a training centre. On that note, the building shall cease being an occupied building. Overall therefore, there were 24 occupied buildings which the Chairperson hoped that they will all be vacated during the next CTC meeting. He urged parties to continue with their commitment to vacate all remaining civilian buildings.

Recommendations:

That any further occupation of civilian buildings will result in a direct violation report at CTC 18.

The 17th CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided:

- **That any further occupation of civilian buildings will result in a direct violation report at CTC 18.**

FOURTH ITEM: Use of and Demobilisation of Child Soldiers

Decision from the CTC 16:

- That the Parties continue to identify and demobilise Child Soldiers in all their formations.

Update from CTSAMVM:

- No update from CTSAMVM on this issue.

Recommendation:

- **That the Parties continue to identify and demobilise Child Soldiers in all their formations.**

Discussion:

The Senior Representative of SSOA sought clarification on demobilization of child soldiers concerning their welfare and asked who was handling them and where they will be taken to.

DECISIONS:

The 17th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- **That the Parties continue to identify and demobilize Child Soldiers in all their formations.**



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FIFTH ITEM/TOPIC: JMCO Update/Violations

- Violation Reports.
- Incidents under investigation with updates
- New Allegations and Incidents with updates

All discussed at JMCO meetings.

Violations:

- 1. Attack by NAS (TC) at Mukaya.**
- 2. Abduction of personnel from Bazumbura Boma by SPLM/A-IO.**

Violation Report 1.

Attack by NAS(TC) at Mukaya

Allegations

- The Mukaya County Commissioner alleged that on 5 September 2019 a force of 30 NAS (TC) soldiers attacked Lorega Barracks Mukaya and County Headquarters, Mukaya resulting in abductions, death injury and looting. It was further alleged that on 27 September 2019, four elders of the community were abducted.

Investigation

- The allegation was investigated by MVT Yei and witnesses from SSPDF and members of the community were interviewed in Mukaya. The interviews were conducted by International Observers and the SSOA National Monitor. MVT Yei has no point of contact with NAS (TC) forces.

Findings

- There was an attack at Mukaya Barracks on 5 September 2019.
- During the attack 4 people were killed including a Major from the prison service and 3 SSPDF soldiers. A woman, her 9 month old baby and a 15 year old boy were abducted during the same incident.
- On 27 September 2019, 4 people were abducted from their houses in Mukaya Boma 2 and property and livestock were looted. Two of those abducted were able to escape and are now in Mukaya.
- Witnesses all reported that the perpetrators of both attacks were from NAS (TC), who operated from Kidi forest near Mukaya.



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- One of the elders who escaped recognised a Brig Gen Laso Loyang while the elder was being held. Brig Gen Laso Loyang was stated to be a member of NAS (TC) forces under the command of Lt Gen John Kanyi.

Conclusion

- CTSAMVM concludes that there is compelling evidence that the attacks at Mukaya on 5th and 27th September were conducted by NAS (TC) forces.
- The NAS (TC) is a non-signatory of the R-ARCSS. However, the ACOH of December 2017 envisages the cessation of hostilities by all armed groups in South Sudan. CTSAMVM concludes that the attacks by NAS (TC) against the SSPDF and civilian community at Mukaya constitutes a violation of the ACOH of December 2017.

Recommendations

- It is recommended that efforts are made at the political level to persuade the NAS (TC) to cease all military activity and join the peace process.

Discussion:

The Senior Representative of the SSOA expressed concern about the continued holding of the abductees and that the CTC should urge their release.

DECISIONS:

The 17th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- That efforts are made at the political level to persuade the NAS (TC) to cease all military activity and join the peace process.
- Urged IGAD to also pressure NAS (TC) to release the civilian abductees.

Violation Report 2.

Abduction of personnel from Bazumbura Boma by SPLM/A-IO

Allegations

- An allegations was received from Gbudue State authorities that at 1530 on 27 October 2019, 10 people were abducted from Jupuku market, Bazumbura, by SPLM/A-IO soldiers. Further allegations concerning the same event were made by the County Commissioner of Bangasu County.

Investigation

- MVT Yambio investigated the allegations between 30 October -14 November. Witnesses were interviewed at Rimenze IDP camp, Makpandu and James Diko camp.

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Findings

- 5 men and 2 women were abducted by SPLM/A-IO forces. Of the 7 abducted, 3 were former soldiers. The abducted were taken to James Diko camp, two were subsequently released the whereabouts of the other two is not known.
- Witnesses state there to have been 45-50 other personnel in James Diko who had been abducted from different areas of the county. Amongst the abducted was a 17 year old female who was subsequently released following the intervention of the Senior Chief of James Diko.
- The Deputy Base Commander of James Diko denied abduction allegations and said that they were 'only collecting their former soldiers'. He also stated that he had been ordered by his Division Commander (Maj Gen James Nando) to collect community police who had been posted by community chiefs without the knowledge of SPLM/A-IO.

Conclusion

- The direct evidence, with supporting corroborative evidence, establishes reasonable grounds to believe that the SPLM/A-IO have abducted civilians and former soldiers against their will and taken them to James Diko camp. In doing so, SPLM/A-IO are in violation of Article 2.1.10 of the R-ARCSS 12 September 2018.

Recommendations

- It is recommended that the SPLM/SPLA-IO ensure that all its soldiers understand the provisions of the R-ARCSS concerning the protection of civilians.
- It is recommended that SPLM/A-IO conduct an investigation at James Diko Camp to ensure that any other abducted civilians are released as a matter of urgency.

Discussion:

The representative of the FDs stated that the area is controlled by SPLM/A-IO and administered by SPLM/A-IO. He found it contradicting that SPLM/A-IO was abducting its own people. He mentioned that one must exert control over area he/she exercise jurisdiction hence expected SPLM/A-IO to take charge of the situation.

The Senior representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that one cannot abduct forces under their control. We control the areas under our responsibility and this includes the civilians and the armed. He urged that abduction is a misplaced word. He gave an example of NSS which is full of civilians yet it arrests people every night but it is not treated as a violation.

Another Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that deserters were disturbing the people and this can be confirmed by interviewing the people or even the commissioner. He reiterated that the matter was not a violation as it only involved recovering the deserters so that they stop disturbing the citizens whose security is SPLM/A-IO responsibility.

The SSOA Representative stated that there is no problem with taking back deserters but collecting women and children in the name recalling deserters constitute a violation.



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The Senior SPLM/A-IO Representative observed that the MVTs interviewed people on the side of the government in an area controlled by SPLM/A-IO. He urged MVTs to go and interview the ordinary people in the area and not government people adding that that was the best way to obtain the truth.

The DCoS explained that the report was signed by the National Monitors, Members of parliament and County Commission. He further explained that the MVT spoke to the command, those making allegations and the Commander James Diko. He also said that of the seven (7) who were abducted only three (3) were confirmed to be former soldiers. He explained that they were abducted against their will and some of them who were women were taken to James Diko as reported during the 12th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting. Further stating that it was not the first time that such an incident had happened.

The Chairman mentioned that 7 people out of 10 of those interviewed were civilians from James Diko POC centre and the other 3 were former soldiers declared under Protection Of Civilians. CTSAMVM received the allegation, investigated and verified. The chairman added that he did not miss any information from the investigative report and was convinced that this was a violation attributable to SPLM/A-IO. He urged SPLM/A-IO to investigate their internal issues and avoid illegal activities going contrary to the peace agreement. He asked if the incident was not treated as violation, was it legal to arrest someone without a reason? He went ahead to remind the meeting that R-ARCSS does not allow arbitrary arrests. And urged SPLM/A-IO to conduct investigation to regarding the conduct of their soldiers.

The Senior representative of the FDs stated that the report seemed to favor one side and that he was in agreement with Gen Gador. He further stated that the area of incident should be investigated and ask the commissioner from the government as to who appointed him and not to blame the other side. He stated that the document was already signed. He then asked that the area be visited and find out the number of people there who are civilians.

DECISIONS:

The 17th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- **The SPLM/SPLA-IO ensure that all its soldiers understand the provisions of the R-ARCSS concerning the protection of civilians.**
- **The SPLM/A-IO conduct an investigation at James Diko Camp to ensure that any other abducted civilians are released as a matter of urgency.**

SIXTH ITEM/TOPIC: Incidents Under Investigation

1. Ongoing allegations of harassment by SSPDF soldiers along the 4 Miles Area on the Yei-Kaya Road from August until October.

Update: MVT Yei is continuing to investigate these allegations.

2. Reports of fighting between SPLM/A-IO and Ciee Waw in Maiwut and clashes at Turow on 1 August 2019. Allegations received from a civil society organisation through R-JMEC, and an allegation received from the Commander of SPLM/A-IO Division 5B.

Update: MVT Malakal has conducted investigations at Maiwut, Jokau and Turow. Jokau was visited on 27-28 November. The final investigation report is being compiled and will be presented at CTC 18.

3. MVT Yei reported an alleged ambush by NAS (TC) against the SSPDF at Loka on 21 August.

Update: The MVT is continuing to investigate.

4. MVT Yambio. 12 September ambush and abductions in Kerika and Mambe area.

Update: On 9 October, the MVT reported that several of the abductees are still missing. The MVT is still trying to find out whether this is related to the R-ARCSS or a criminal act.

5. Allegation received on 23 September that 4 SSOA Officers were abducted at Akobo by SPLM/A-IO and subsequently 'deported' to Gambella. A further allegation that 6 SSOA officers were detained by SPLM/A-IO at Akobo was made on 3 November.

Update: MVT Bor conducted an investigation on 15 November and the detention was confirmed. ICRC have undertaken to facilitate their return.

CTC Party representatives engaged in significant discussion concerning the allegation, with SSOA representatives asserting this to be a "serious violation and not just a simple incident." Photos reveal that the SSOA officers are being held in horrific conditions, that they were tortured and not provided with good sources of food, all of which was adversely affecting their health. They were being detained in a container, and one could imagine how unbearably hot such conditions might be.

The SSOA Representatives concluded the incident "was a clear violation of the R-ARCSS and emphasized that, moreover, the SPLM/A-IO had yet to officially release the abductees. The Senior SSOA Representative wondered why it would take so long to release these detainees, noting that the situation was unacceptable and underscoring its characterization as "a serious violation." He concluded by addressing the Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO and requesting him to contact his people to tell them that the SSOA officers must be immediately released.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO emphasized that this situation was still under investigation and that, therefore, he did not want to discuss it in detail. Secondly, the SPLM/A-IO itself has persons that are missing even to this day. Again, he underscored, there are persons being arrested in Juba every day.



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The SSOA Representative added that there had even been requests for money and cows in exchange for release of the detainees and again emphasized the serious nature of this violation.

Party Representatives concluded that JDB and ICRC should be taking care of these people.

6. Attack by NAS (TC) on 27 October 2019 on SSPDF positions at Esebi, Lojulo County. 3 staff from the International Organisation of Migration were reportedly killed.

Update: MVT Yei to investigate.

7. MVT Yambio received information that on 4 October 2019, a WFP convoy was stopped at Lui by 40 armed men, reportedly wearing uniforms of the wildlife services. Personal effects were stolen. MVT Yambio is investigating.

Update: No new developments.

8. On 24 October 2019, MVT Wau investigated the alleged detention of an AJMCC team by the SPLM/A-IO at Ngo Halima Cantonment Site on 27-30 September 2019.

Update: The abduction was confirmed. However, since the incident the tense situation which led to the detention has been defused and the AJMCC is now operating safely and securely in the cantonment site. CTSAMVM will discuss this further with JMCC to prevent any recurrence.

9. Arrest and detention of 3 SSOA personnel at Jaac County by the County Commissioner TGoNU at Aweil on 8 October 2019.

Update This was discussed at CTC 16 and a follow up was requested. The issue was discussed at JMCO at the time and the TGoNU SNLO and SSOA SNLO intervened. The issue was resolved amicably and the officers were subsequently released therefore no violation was declared.

10. SGBV Incident at Gumbo Area in Juba on 17 September 2019. Follow up to CTC 16 Violation Report 2.

Update Investigation complete, report to be presented at CTC 18.

SEVENTH ITEM/TOPIC: New Incidents and Allegations

1. **15 November:** allegation from NSS that NAS (TC) forces commanded by MG Wore Lege abducted 7 civilians. (MVT Juba)

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2. **12 November:** allegation that in Mugo, Langamere Payam, SPLM/A-IO soldiers harassed civilians and stole cattle. (MVT Yei)
3. **8 November:** allegation of an attack at Lora on SSPDF positions by NAS (TC) forces and an ambush on SSPDF vehicles. (MVT Yei)
4. **14 November:** allegations of SSPDF soldiers harassing civilians at Tokor area on the Yei-Maridi road, incidents include theft of goods and illegal checkpoints. (MVT Yei)

There was some discussion by the senior representatives of the SSOA and SPLM/A-IO about the situation in Maiwut and their concerns about potential violence there.

The Chairperson then stated we do not expect additional attacks in Maiwut we expect peace and security and a good situation for the people of Maiwut. CTSAMVM will continue to monitor.

EIGHTH ITEM/TOPIC Joint Field Visits

- **7 November. Renk, SSPDF Barracks, 1st Infantry Division**
 - Met with Acting Division Commander and senior staff
 - Observations: Allegation against Sudanese Armed Forces attack into the Division area end of October, first week of November
 - No soldiers visible however Acting Commander said they were working the fields for harvest.
- **14 November. Mapel Training Center**
 - Spoke to about 600 training instructors
 - Accommodations and classrooms are in good shape
 - Instructors not deploying to other centers due to lack of food.
- **21 November. Maiwut**
 - Met with the County Commissioner and Commanding General
 - Village in control of SSPDF with SPLM/A-IO positioned in Jekau, 25 km south
 - Village has no food; only 1 bore hole; no medicine; no schools.

Recommended Joint Field Visits for December 2019:

After much discussion it was agreed to coordinate with JTSC and JMCC on the 3 priority sites for training and cantonment and the JFVs to those sites will be announced and planned accordingly.

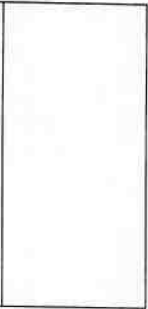
TENTH ITEM/TOPIC: Next Meeting Date



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The venue of the next CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting shall be in Juba. The dates of the meeting will 8-9 January 2020.



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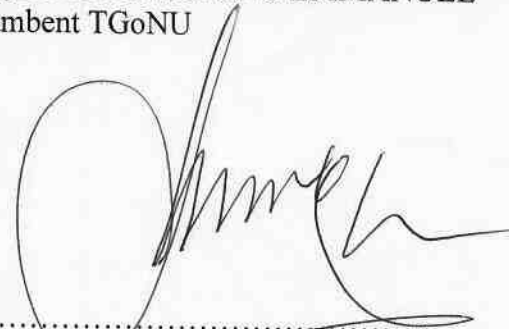
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