



**CEASEFIRE TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS MONITORING AND
VERIFICATION MECHANISM (CTSAMVM)**

**NINTH MEETING
JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN**

March 20 - 21, 2019

DECISIONS		
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The Ninth meeting of the CTSAMVM was held on the 20th - 21st of March 2019 at the Palm Africa Hotel in Juba (D Day + 189/190 Days). All parties were represented as shown above. Meeting was called to order at 1023am.

Item	Issue/Decision/Agreement	Action
	<p><u>Opening Statement.</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 9th meeting of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee at the Palm Africa Hotel in Juba. He thanked the Party representatives who travelled to Juba to attend this meeting and noted that this was the third meeting to take place in Juba.</p> <p>He also thanked all the Board members, Donor countries and partners for attending this meeting as observers.</p> <p>He said the ceasefire continues to hold and that there was a reduction in violence in Yei area although there are still occasional clashes between SSPDF and NAS (TC). He noted that tensions were building up in Wau due to cattle migration adding that Looting, ambushes, and other forms of crime were still rampant yet accountability for violations was not seen.</p> <p>The chairman stated that Cantonment sites had been agreed on and troops had begun to assemble in some areas, but emphasized the need for more coordination. He said IDPs had started to return to some areas and that denial of access was still an ongoing issue.</p> <p>He urged all parties to stay within the limits of the CTC, focus on the implementation of the R-ARCSS, establish the facts and find solutions to all outstanding issues.</p> <p>He thanked all the Board members, Donor countries and partners for attending this meeting as observers and declared the meeting open.</p> <p>The parties were then asked to make their opening statements:</p> <p>The senior representative of TGoNU thanked the leadership of CTSAMVM for the effort made to have the 9th meeting despite the prevailing challenges. He said the concerns highlighted by the chairman were noted and hoped that all the challenges can be discussed and a way forward agreed upon in this meeting.</p> <p>The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) thanked everyone for attending the 9th CTC saying it had been a while since the last meeting. He noted that it was unusual that it had to take 44 days to convene another meeting, challenges notwithstanding. He stated that he was contemplating engaging the media regarding the predicament of CTSAMVM but was glad he received clarification from the TGoNU senior representative. He blamed the leadership for taking pertinent decisions without the involvement of the parties in whose interest the R-ARCSS was being implemented. Regarding the restructuring of CTSAMVM, he said the parties had time and again reminded the leadership of CTSAMVM but instead the option of downsizing had been taken.</p> <p>The representative of the SSOA welcomed everyone to the 9th CTC meeting, stating that although they had their differences, members should bear with them. He noted that they were in the CTC to monitor and verify the implementation of the R-ARCSS, but unfortunately they found themselves amidst several confusing issues</p>	

	<p>created by CTSAMVM and requested that other than reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, the committee should focus on issues affecting the work of the Technical committee.</p> <p>Another SSOA representative expressed concern with the nature of invitation sent to them especially considering the composition of SSOA unlike other parties. He noted that in the event that CTSAMVM considers any deduction in representation, their party leadership ought to be consulted to avoid creating tension among the different parties that make up the SSOA. He added that the same consideration should have been made when deploying the National monitors to the MVTs and sectors.</p> <p>The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO recognized the diplomatic corps and all the observers present at the meeting. He expressed surprise as to why there was no media present at the start of the meeting as it always was. He commended the deployment of the initial 36 national monitors whom he said were expected to carry out their mandate diligently and in accordance with the agreement adding that they would closely monitor them. He also noted that the parties had a lot of issues to discuss and hoped the discussions would be open and candid.</p>	
	<p><u>Approval of Minutes from CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting No. 6</u></p> <p>The minutes of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting No. 8 were deliberated, corrected and then approved.</p>	
1.	<p>Status of Implementation Decisions</p> <p><u>Decisions from previous CTC Meetings which are still open: ongoing issues.</u></p> <p><u>National Monitor Participation (ONGOING)</u></p> <p><i>Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CTSAMVM reports as a matter of urgency to IGAD CoM and RJMEC that it is unable to operate as it should under article 2.4.5, 2.4.6 and 2.4.7 of the R-ARCSS without national monitors and seeks direction and support. ▪ IGAD and RJMEC are urged to find sources of funding for CTSAMVM in order to continue operations. ▪ If the national monitors are not deployed following the decision of IGAD and RJMEC, CTSAMVM might be forced to consider suspending operations. <p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NMs have been deployed to 12 MVTs. 1 each from SPLM/A-IO, SSOA and SSPDF 3 totaling 36. ▪ All NMs are insured. Food security and expenses requirements continue to be discussed with partners. ▪ Guidance will be issued to MVT Leaders concerning employment of NMs. Guiding principles are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NMs report to MVT Leaders for daily tasking. ▪ NMs are required to be impartial and objective. ▪ NMs may contribute to MVT Reports but release authority lies with Team Leaders. 	

The senior representative of TGoNU expressed concern about the guidance to be sent to team leaders regarding the national monitors noting that once the deployment is done, then they shall no longer be referred to as national monitors but as CTSAMVM MVTs with equal status as their international counterparts.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that there should be consistency in the use of terminology in regard to the communication about MVTs in order to avoid the inconsistencies as earlier exhibited by the different team leaders. He added that the Terms of reference of the MVTs should be showed to the party representatives.

The Chairman stated that once the national monitors were deployed, they were MVTs and wondered whether there was need to develop a separate ToR for them.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- Full operationalization of national monitors to continue as CTSAMVM MVTs
- CTSAMVM to continue to work with partners to address resource constraints.
- CTSAMVM shall review the terms of reference of the MVTs

2.

Immediate Freezing of Forces (ONGOING)

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- The Parties continue to make every effort to comply with the agreement in this respect.

Updates:

- The widespread and uncoordinated movement of SPLM/SPLA-IO and SSOA forces into cantonment is a cause of some concern. The Chairman CTSAMVM has written to JDB in order to address the issue.

Authorised and Unauthorised Movement of Forces

- MVT Bentiu reported that there was a CTSAMVM approved administrative movement of SSPDF Div 4 forces together with local Government officials to visit Nhialdiu with the aim to disseminate the R-ARCSS to the civil population. CTSAMVM DSR 20190205
- On 06 Jan 19 while on their way to Atende Boma, in Gimunu Payam along Yei-Juba road MVT Yei observed an unusually large number of soldiers, approximately 200+, wearing red berets (confirmed to be from the Commando Div) assembled at the SSPDF Army Garrison in Gimunu Payam. They seemed to have arrived from Juba. (This based on reports which the MVT received late in the evening 05 Jan 19, of nine Land cruisers and three trucks that had left Juba at around 15530hrs.) Further information indicates that some of the troops were spotted on trucks moving along Yei-

- Lasu road at around 1000hrs on 06 Feb 19 in the morning. CTSAMVM DSR 20190206
- On 08 Feb 19 during a patrol to Kaya MVT Yei observed a company plus of battle ready SSPDF troops at Morobo centre. CTSAMVM DSR 20190208
- MVT Malakal received information from SSPDF Div 2 HQs that 01 SPLM/SPLA-IO Brig Gen, with 18 soldiers armed with 18 rifles and 01 PK went to Lul, an SSPDF controlled area, without prior notification. Their aim was to collect taxes from the locals, but were evacuated to SSPDF Div 2 HQs in Malakal. CTSAMVM DSR 20190225

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that if the movement of forces to the cantonment was not against the agreement, then such movement could not be a cause for uncertainty as stated and therefore the language was misleading. He also asked for clarification about the location of MVT Yei and how they carry out their duties.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that since the chiefs of staff of the different forces are members of the JDB, then there should be no misunderstanding about the movement of forces.

The Chairman clarified that the uncertainty arose because all the parties were not duly informed citing the example of Bentiu between SPLM/A-IO and SSPDF. He assured the parties that this was not an allegation, but emphasized the need for coordination between the JDB, the parties and CTSAMVM to avoid misunderstandings between the forces. Regarding the MVT Yei, he said for the moment they reside in Juba but travel to Yei periodically for 15-25 days at a time because of accommodation challenges. He said arrangements were underway to secure a stable accommodation facility for the team so that they can be stationed in Yei full time.

The deputy Chairman stated that this was a positive activity and a sign of implementation but said it was becoming increasingly difficult for CTSAMVM to track such movements without coordination with the JDB and JMCC.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM works with JDB/JMCC to establish better communication and co-ordination procedures.
- The Parties continue to make every effort to comply with the agreement by providing advance notification of force movement.

3.

Immediate disengagement of forces in close proximity ((NOT COMPLETE))

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- That the lessons learned from the Bil Payam and Maridi disengagements should be applied elsewhere.

- That the Parties look specifically at the situation in southern Unity State, and work together to disengage in this area.
- CTSAMVM write an official letter to JDB and JMCC recognizing and appreciating the initiative of field commanders to voluntarily disengage and encourage others to do the same.

Updates:

- Chairman's letter of appreciation sent to JDB and JMCC.
- On 06 Feb 19 MVT Wau was able to establish that **SPLM/SPLA-IO** Jur River Field Unit had abandoned their camp in Mabaga Village, Kayango Payam. It was said that they **left the area after being requested to leave the by the local community, their leaders, the government and MVT Wau.** SPLM/SPLA-IO action has helped avert a possible armed confrontation between them and the government. **CTSAMVM DSR 20190210**

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- Parties continue to spread examples of best practice concerning disengagement.

4.

Ceasefire Map (ONGOING)

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- CTSAMVM should prioritize verification of forces by all MVTs and Sectors.
- SSOA Liaison Officer to accompany the Torit MVT to Bur and Loronyo to verify forces.
- The Parties provide feedback to CTSAMVM on all unverified positions in order to facilitate verification.

Updates:

- MVTs directed to verify 3 locations each by CTC 9.
- Several reports of movement by SPLM/SPLA-IO into cantonment areas which will render many verifications obsolete.

Ceasefire Mapping as at 15 March 19

No.	Battalion Level and above	Declared	Confirmed												
			Sector 1			Sector 2			Sector 3			CTSAMVM			
			CTC No.8	CTC No.9	increased	CTC No.8	CTC No.9	increased	CTC No.8	CTC No.9	increased	CTC No.8	CTC No.9	increased	Unverified
1	SSPDF	145	26	35	9	34	39	5	31	44	13	91	118	27	27
2	SPLM/SPLA-IO	282	27	36	9	16	22	6	13	14	1	56	72	16	210
3	SSOA	105	3	3	Nil	1	2	1	1	1	Nil	5	6	1	99
Parties Total		532	56	74	18	51	63	12	45	59	14	152	196	44	196

CTSAMVM Observations on Verification

- Denial of access by parties continues.
- No helicopters, therefore remote locations are unable to be included.
- FP from UNMISS has to be met on a priority basis.
- MVT Yei unable to verify forces due to conflict in YRS.
- The force verification activity is being over-taken by cantonment.

The representative of the SSOA stated that Pibor is an area of NAS (SSOA), but not NDM as stated in the report.

The Chairman stated that CTSAMVM had made serious progress in the verification process as shown in the table, but noted that the areas that had not yet been verified had challenges like insecurity in Yei area, access denial (as showed later in the discussion), lack of helicopters and Force protection. Regarding SSOA however, he said some areas declared had no forces available and others were unreachable.

The senior representative of TGoNU wondered whether denial of access was still ongoing or the reports were reflective of the period before the deployment of national monitors to the MVTs. He added that since the forces were already moving into cantonment before completion of force verification, CTSAMVM should have the capacity to carry out both activities as mandated by the agreement other than abandoning one for the other.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO suggested that ceasefire map be produced depicting the cantonment areas. He said since the order was issued for the forces to move to cantonment, there was a possibility that the earlier declared positions had already changed and therefore CTSAMVM risked not knowing where many of the forces were. He wondered what the GIS experts in CTSAMVM were doing if they were not able to produce the required maps.

The representative of the Former detainees (FDs) asked whether CTSAMVM had been able to verify all the forces within Juba.

The deputy Chairman stated that as earlier requested during the workshop in Khartoum for the parties to declare the location of their forces, CTSAMVM was in the process of verifying these locations and once the exercise was complete, a map would be printed as required.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- The Ceasefire Mapping process should be reviewed to identify priorities and take account of cantonment activity.

5.

Cease recruitment and training (ONGOING)

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- CTSAMVM will continue to investigate and report accordingly.

Updates:

- Reports received that 40 recruits arrived at Panachier training camp in Twic on 7/2/2019 and 30 recruits were expected to arrive on 8/2/2019. Information provided to CTSAMVM in Juba.
- MVT Aweil has been tasked to visit locations of alleged recruitment but patrols have been cancelled (20 Feb) which still need to be conducted.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM will continue to investigate and report accordingly.

6. Parties will vacate all civil buildings (ONGOING)

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- The Parties redouble their efforts to vacate all civilian buildings.

Updates:

- On 08 Feb 19 MVT Bunj met with the Commissioner of Guelguk James Nyal who informed that SSPDF is using remnants of the school and clinic as military barracks. The clinic is used as Radio Communication Station of the Battalion while children are left to do their studies under trees. CTSAMVM DSR 20190208
- MVT Malakal revealed on 08 Feb 19 that **civilian facilities are occupied by SSPDF in Wau Shilluk, Gel Achel, Adong and Lul**. According to the commanders, they will vacate the civilian areas as soon as the cantonment areas are ready for occupation. **CTSAMVM DSR 20190210**
- MVT Wau received a letter from the Paramount Chief of Greater Bagari alleging that **SSPDF are occupying areas such as schools and health facilities and committing looting of civilian properties**. MVT Wau also noticed that **SSPDF soldiers are still occupying Bringi School**. **CTSAMVM DSR 20190213**
- On 07 March 2019, MVT Wau conducted an SDP to Tagu and Ngoku, during the patrol, **the MVT noted that demilitarization of civilian facilities has not accordingly observed**. The SSPDF was still occupying Ngoku Primary School and the Clinic. **CTSAMVM DSR 20190307**

On a positive note however,

- MVT Yei observed on 15 Feb 19 that SSPDF had vacated Gulumbi Primary School. **CTSAMVM DSR 20190215**
- SSPDF Div 2 Intelligence Officer Col Joseph Ohia Orianga informed the team that Div 2 had vacated all public facilities; schools, hospitals etc. **except residences whose owners had not presented themselves**. **CTSAMVM DSR 20190218**

**Civil Buildings / Areas Occupied by Warring Parties
Contrary to Article 2.2.3 of R-ARCSS**

S/NO	LOCATION	OCCUPIED BUILDING (School, Dispensary etc)	PARTY OCCUPYING BUILDING	PLANS TO VACATE (if any)	REMARKS
MVT Malakal					
1	Tonga	primary school	SPLM/SPLA-10	Vacated	
2	Panyikang	primary and sec school	SPLM/SPLA-10		Occupied
3	Obai	Basic School	SPLM/SPLA-10		Occupied
4	Panyidwai	Health Centre and School	SPLM/SPLA-10		Occupied
5	Anakdiar	Basic School and village	SPLM/SPLA-10		Occupied
6	Dhothim	Basic School and Health Centre	SPLM/SPLA-10	Health Centre vacated	occupied
7	Leio	Village, Clinic and School	SPLM/SPLA-10	Clinic Vacated	occupied
8	Wau	Basic School	SSPDF 2nd Div		Occupied
9	Malakal Town	School, Ayat Company, Market, Bus Station, Anakdiar Station	SSPDF 2nd Div		Occupied
10	Lul	Catholic Church	SSPDF 2nd Div		Occupied
11	Kodok	School, Catholic Church	SSPDF 2nd Div	Catholic Church Vacated	occupied
12	Kaka	School	SSPDF 1st Div		Occupied
13	Detang	School and houses	SSPDF (TD)	School and houses Vacated	
14	Atar	Atar School and Atardep	SPLM/SPLA-10 Agwelek		Occupied
15	Wadakhona	School and Veterinary Services Dept.	SSPDF 1st Div		Occupied
16	Wau Shiluka, Gel Achel and Lul towns	Civilians facilities occupied.	SSPDF		Occupied
MVT Torit					
1	Nimule	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
2	Nimule	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
3	Nimule	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
4	Nimule	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
5	Agali (Mugali)	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
6	Loa	Office buildings at River Aca	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
7	Loa	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
8	Loa	Primary School	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
9	Loa	Privately Owned	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
10	Loa	Loa Trading Centre	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
11	Pageri	Pageri Trading Centre	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
12	Pageri	Residence at Pageri Centre	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
13	Pageri	Pageri Trading Centre	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
14	Pageri	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
15	Kerepi	Shops, stores and private houses	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
16	Kerepi	Kerepi Trading Centre	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
17	Kerepi	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
18	Kerepi	Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
19	Moli Tokuro	Au Eñani Residential Area	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
20	Moli Tokuro	School	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
21	Moli Tokuro	Residential and Trading Centre	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
22	Moli Tokuro	Residential and Trading Centre	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
23	Moli Tokuro	Kir Trading Centre	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
24	Moli Tokuro	Payam Buildings	SSPDF TIGER DIV		Occupied
25	Kiala	Compound of business store	BN123/BDE3/DIV7		Still Occupied
26	PAJOK and FUGEE	Schools and houses	SSPDF 2BDE/7DIV		Still Occupied
MVT Juba					
1	GUELGUK	CLINIC AND SCHOOL	SSPDF Coy OF 18 BRIGADE	by Governor /GAWIN Hassan is negotiating with cmmr	
2	GUDELE	The St Andrew's Church compound	SSPDF: Mobile forces		Occupied
3	NYAMINI	Primary school Coordinate	SSPDF:3COY/2BN/1BDE/ Commando Division.		Occupied
4	KARPELO	Karpeto Shopping Centre	SSPDF (Ground Forces)		Occupied
MVT Wau					
1	Taban	School	SSPDF	Governor directed with waf 23 Nov 2018, SSPDF had to return all civilian occupied institutions.	
2	Mboro	School and clinic	SSPDF		Occupied

3	Wadhalelo	School and clinic	SSPDF		Occupied
4	Bringi	School	SSPDF		Occupied
5	Ngoku	Primary school and UNICEF Clinic	SSPDF		Occupied
MVT Yambio					
1	Saura, Yambio County	Saura Market	SSPDF Special Force Commands Unit		Occupied
2	Nambia, Yambio County	school	SPLM/SPLA-IO 1 Battalion		vacated
3	Yambio Town, Yambio County	INSTITUTE OF DivT. ENVY & AGRIL STUDIES Yambio.	SSPDF 16 BDE	Brig G. Oting is aware but is awaiting orders.	
4	Yambio Town, Yambio County	Health Training centre	SPLM/SPLA-IO	Actual location occupied will be verified	Occupied
MVT Yei					
1	Minyori - Yei	Minyori Primary School	SPLM/SPLA-IO - BN 3 of BDE 1		Occupied
2	Dimo 2 - Mukaya	Yonduro Primary School	SPLM/SPLA-IO - BN 2 of BDE 2		Occupied
3	Gulumbi	Gulumbi Primary School	SSPDF	vacated on 11 Feb 19	
4	Jombu	Jombu Primary School	SSPDF		Occupied
5	Kegulu	Kegulu Primary School	SSPDF		Occupied
6	Goli	Goli Primary School	SSPDF		Occupied
7	Bori Payam	Bori Primary School	SSPDF		Occupied
8	Jalimo Payam	Jalimo Primary School	SSPDF		Occupied
9	Gaderu	Gaderu Primary School	SPLM/SPLA-IO		Occupied
MVT Buzi					
1	GUELGUK	Primary School and Clinic	SSPDF		Occupied
MVT Bentu					
1	Nhialdu	Budang county HQS	L388N/11BDE/4DIV SSPDF	SSPDF commander vacated on 11 Feb 19	
MVT Leer					
1	Thakar	Health and Civilian houses	SSPDF		Occupied
Note	Note: So far 60 positions have been indicated by CTSAMVM as civilian occupied buildings areas contrary to International laws and principles, including SSPDF general order of 14 Aug 13 And R-ARCSS Art 2.2.3.1.				

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO noted the discrepancy in the report particularly in the areas occupied by SPLM/A-IO. He cited the example of the alleged Health center in Yambio town, and an unnamed school saying their forces were not present in these locations. He added that it was important to have specific names of occupied facilities so that they able to hold the commanders to account and ask them to vacate with certainty since it was not a matter to be debated.

Another SPLM/A-IO representative stated that they condemn any occupation of civilian facilities and urged CTSAMVM MVTs to state the exact name of the occupied facility.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that having such a list was positive and said they would take up the matter with the relevant authorities so that action can be taken. He added that the area of Kotobi was actually under the control of SSPDF.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that while clarity was important, the parties ought to know that occupation of civilian facilities is a violation. He urged those still in civilian areas or those mentioned in the report to investigate and advise their forces accordingly.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) advised the CTSAMVM leadership to verify such reports and make sure the occupied areas are specified to avoid being misunderstood by the parties.

The Chairman acknowledged the errors that could have been overlooked while compiling the report and promised a more thorough scrutiny moving forward.

The Deputy Chairman stated that with the presence of national monitors in the MVTs will improve such errors since they have a better understanding of these areas. He however said it was important for the parties to note that the civilian facilities still occupied was unacceptable and urged them to comply with the agreement. He appreciated the TGoNU representative for the pledge to escalate the issue with the SSPDF command.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM will provide an updated list of occupied buildings at the next CTC meeting.
- The Parties make this a priority issue.
- CTSAMVM writes to JDB and JMCC that the vacation of civilian buildings be enforced as an obligation of the parties.

7. **Continuing denial of access to CTSAMVM teams**

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- It is unacceptable that the SSPDF continues to deny CTSAMVM access for verification. There is obviously no clear SSPDF policy on this because some Divisions facilitate access and some do not (3, 5 and 6 Divisions).
- SSPDF HQ should provide clear direction to Divisional Commanders on this issue.
- This continued denial of access is recorded as a clear violation of the R-ARCSS.
- Parties should submit to CTSAMVM updated declaration of equipment in their possession in accordance with the provisions of the R-ARCSS (*secretariat to review and provide the parties a detailed declaration form*).

Updates:

On 06 Feb 19 MVT Aweil requested cooperation from SSPDF Div 3 Operations Officer BG Angelo Yai Wol on verification of the unit. The Operations Officer declined due to no communications from SSPDF HQs. CTSAMVM DSR 20190206

- On 06 Feb 19 MVT Torit requested cooperation from SSPDF Div 7 Cmdr MG Victor Odong to verify his units but the commander declined and politely directed the patrol leader to get all information needed from JMCC in Juba. Torit MVT SDP to 7th Div HQ report & CTSAMVM DSR 20190208
- MVT Yambio was not able to verify SSPDF Div 6, BDE 16 HQs. The Cmdr BG Jordan Oting claimed that he did not receive any prior CTSAMVM access permission from his commander. CTSAMVM DSR 20190211
- MVT Aweil met with SSPDF Div 3 Col. Yai Riing who on the issue of

verification of Div 3 said there was still no information from their HQ's.
CTSAMVM DSR 20190213

- On 26 Feb 19, MVT Bor conducted DAP to New Fangak, SPLA/IO Div 7, under Maj Gen Simon DIANG, to conduct force verification. On arrival, the team was received by Commissioner of GOM and Brig James MAWICH, Log Offr, who refused to commit himself on the issue of verification, as the Division Comd was away in Ayod to visit his forces. CTSAMVM DSR 20190226
- On 27 Feb 2019, MVT Yei conducted an integrated SDP to Kaya. The team requested to verify SSPDF Bn 1 forces under Col Khamis in Kaya, but the Col referred the team to Brig Malong, the YRS SSPDF Comd. Col Khamis said that he would only fill the verification forms if sent to him by his superior, Brig Malong. CTSAMVM DSR 20190227
- On 06 March 2019, MVT Aweil was denial of verification of forces by Maj. Gen. Dau Aturjong, Commander of 3rd Infantry Division SSPDF. MVT Aweil AIR 20190307
- On 12 Mar 19 MVT Yambio contacted SSPDF Div 6 Cmdr MG Simon Yein in order to proceed with verification of Div 6 units in Yambio. He declined to give permission stating that he had not been given directions from his HQs in Juba. CTSAMVM DSR 20190312
- On 13 Mar 19 MVT Aweil met with SSPDF 3 Div BG Angelo Wol who declined the team to verify Div 3 subunits claiming that they have not received any information about verification of force from their HQs. CTSAMVM DSR 20190313
- On 08 March in Yei, UNMISS Military patrol with CTSAMVM was denied access by SPLM/SPLA-IO National Mobile Force Commander Major Ter at Panyume, about 7 kilometers from Yei allegedly for lack of prior notification and absence of CTSAMVM national monitor with the team. MVT Yei flash report submitted on 08 March 2019
- On 11 March 19, MVT Yei conducted an integrated patrol with UNMISS to Mukaya but on reaching Limbe, the patrol was denied access by SSPDF Area Commander, BG Lazarus. CTSAMVM DSR 20190311

Denial of Access

S/NO	Date of denial of access	MVT	LOCATION	MVT TASK	Party and Person who denied access	Impact
1.	06 Feb 19	Torit	Torit	Forces Verification	SSPDF 7 th DIV Maj Gen Victor Odong	Verification postponed
2.	11 Feb 19	Yambio	Yambio Bridge	Forces Verification	SSPDF 16 BDE Brig Gen Jordan Oting	Verification postponed
3.	16 Feb 19	Yambio	Maridi	Forces Verification	SSPDF 6 th DIV Maj Gen Simon Yein Makuach	Verification postponed
4.	20 Feb 19	Juba	GOROM	Allegation investigation	SSPDF, Capt David Emmanuel	Allegation Investigation Postponed
5.	20 Feb 19	Yei	Gimunu,	Forces Verification	SSPDF, Brig Gen Malong.	Verification postponed
6.	20 Feb 19	Bor	PANYEGOR,	Forces Verification	SSPDF Brig Gen LUAL LUAL	Verification postponed
7.	22 Feb 19	Torit	Khor English	Forces Verification	SSPDF Capt. Ding Jak	Verification postponed
8.	26 Feb 19	Bor	New FANGAK.	Forces Verification	SPLM/A-IO BG James MAWICH	Verification postponed
9.	27 Feb 19	Yei	Kaya.	Forces Verification	SSPDF Col Khamis	Verification postponed
10.	05 Mar 19	Yei	Mundari barracks	Forces Verification	SSPDF, Col Joh Camilo	Verification postponed
11.	06 Mar 19	Aweil	Wunyilik	Forces Verification	SSPDF 3 rd DIV, person to TBC	Verification postponed
12.	08 Mar 19	Yei	Approximately 7kms from Gulumbi into Panyume.	Cantonment site Verification	SPLM/A-IO, Maj. Ter	Cantonment site Verification postponed
13.	11 Mar 19	Yei	Limbe	Security Assessment Patrol	SSPDF, Brig Gen Lazarus	Security Assessment Patrol Postponed
14.	12 Mar 19	Yambio	Maridi	Forces Verification	SSPDF 6 th DIV Maj Gen Simon Yein Makuach	Verification postponed
15.	12 Mar 19	Aweil	Wunyilik	Forces Verification	SSPDF 6 th DIV Maj Gen Simon Yein Makuach	Verification postponed
16.	13 Mar 19	Aweil	Wunyilik	Forces Verification	SSPDF 6 th DIV Maj Gen Simon Yein Makuach	Verification postponed
17.	15 Mar 19	Yei	700 Metres from Yei UNMISS Base.	Security Assessment Patrol to Umbasi.	NSS, NSS soldiers Identity Not Given.	Verification postponed
18.	15 Mar 19	Yei	Morsak	Security Assessment Patrol to Umbasi.	SSPDF, SSPDF Soldiers Identity Not Given.	Verification postponed
19.	15 Mar 19	Yei	Kejiko	Security Assessment Patrol to Umbasi.	SSPDF, Capt Arop	Verification postponed

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO wondered why the Yei MVT went on patrol without the national monitors and asked CTSAMVM to provide an explanation as to why this happened. He stated that the terms of reference should be reviewed and sent to the MVTs. He also suggested that the CTC interfaces with the team leaders so that they understand the decisions reached regarding operationalization of the MVTs.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that the work of the national monitors was clear to all but said he had observed the indifference within the team team leaders. He said for the team leaders to choose particular national monitors leaving others was wrong and should be stopped. He cited examples of MVT Yei that constantly preferred to operate without the national monitors.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that the reports presented were inconsistent, citing the example of the 3 Div commander David Aturjong who was long transferred yet he was mentioned to have violated in March 2019.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that regarding the Yei MVT, the national monitors were available in Juba but were not utilized, adding that in other instances the national monitors were told that the transportation was not sufficient to take the entire team.

Another SSOA representative stated that the actions of the team leaders to exclude national monitors should not be used as an excuse to violate the agreement. He urged all the parties to take lessons from such actions but focus more on the implementation of the R-ARCSS for the benefit of the people of South Sudan.

The SSOA representative raised concern about the incidence at Kajo keji. He refocused the meeting to the report of Juba team regarding their visit which stated that the visit was successful yet in the report a denial of access was reported.

The Chairman noted the concerns of the parties regarding the errors and said caution would be taken in future to make sure the names were correct. He noted that CTSAMVM had earlier focused on entirely on deployment of the national monitors and said focus would be shifted to full operationalization of the MVTs. He urged parties to take action against those officers that continuously deny CTSAMVM access to carry out their mandate.

The Deputy Chairman reiterated the importance of having the terms of reference to ensure the full participation of national monitors. He assured the parties that CTSAMVM would support the teams in their work and that any shortcomings would be rectified.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided:

- Parties to enforce compliance
- Parties to take action against those commanders who continue to deny access for force verification.
- Team leaders must ensure that the national monitors participate in verification.

- CTSAMVM to arrange a workshop for the team leaders before the next CTC meeting to sensitise them on the work of CTSAMVM and its sub structures.

8. **Dissemination of the agreement (ONGOING)**

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- It is recommended that the Parties continue to focus on this issue, and where possible work together to facilitate dissemination.

Updates:

- Nothing significant to report.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM continue to monitor dissemination.

9. **The issue of Detainees**

- CTSAMVM reported 3 NAS POW's being held by the SPLM/SPLA-IO in Mudubai near Maridi.
- On 30 Jan 19 when visiting SPLM/SPLA-IO HQ at Diel it was reported that there were 14 POW's who had been captured in Ayod in 2014. They are waiting for coordination with the ICRC.

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- The specific cases mentioned be addressed by the SPLM/SPLA-IO.
- The parties provide updates on all other detainees.

Updates:

- Incident concerning the arrest of 18 SPLM/A-IO soldiers in Wau Shilluk by SSPDF (Since CTC 8) resolved between parties,
- SPLM/SPLA-IO to update on Diel situation.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that the 17 SSPDF soldiers captured in Diel had been identified and that their commander was in contact with ICRC to have them released immediately.

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

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- SSOA address the issue of Child Soldiers in NDM.
- That all Parties should actively support programmes for the demobilisation of all Child Soldiers in their ranks.
- That the SPLM/SPLA-IO make enquiries about the child soldiers in Mudubai and in Division 9B, and that the SSPDF do the same about those seen at Karpeto and report back to the next meeting.
- SSPDF child protection unit is requested to brief CTSAMVM.

Updates:

- MVT Yambio was informed during UNMISS SMM that **SPLM/A-IO had released 400 children in Mambia in what is known as Tambura State to the community without informing any organization for support.** It was decided to conduct a joint patrol on 19-20 Feb 19 to Mambia to verify the release. **CTSAMVM DSR 20190213**
- On 28 Feb 2019, MVT Yambio participated in the integrated DAP to NAMUTINA, an area of sector 6 9B DIV one BN of SPLM/SPLA-IO, to monitor and assess the security and humanitarian situation. During the patrol, the MVT physically observed child soldiers in their rank, and the **BN Commander Col Lewis admitted to having 10 child boy soldiers in the range of 16-17 yrs. Yambio MVT DAP to Namutina report**

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that the SPLM/A-IO had no record of such a high number of children within their formations and therefore refuted such a claim of any children with them or being released. He urged their Liaison officer to follow up with the mentioned Col. Lewis regarding the 10 child soldiers mentioned. He suggested that CTSAMVM organize a meeting between the party liaison officers and UNICEF to resolve any outstanding issues regarding child soldiers.

The senior representative of the SSOA expressed concern about the credibility of the report on child soldiers and urged CTSAMVM to reinvestigate the report before it is included in the CTC report. SSOA urged CTSAMVM to always document any such events where child soldiers are involved for purposes of clarity.

The Chairman stated that during the JFV to Yambio, there was mention of child soldiers being released but said CTSAMVM would verify the numbers mentioned.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- UNICEF are requested to provide a comprehensive list of all known child soldiers and the status of demobilisation to CTSAMVM secretariat.
- Parties to honour their commitments in full by ceasing completely the recruitment and retention of child soldiers.

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Outstanding issues concerning old allegations still open

1. Kpongo Killing 23 November 2018 – 2 SSPDF soldiers killed whilst hunting 100 Km west of Wau. This was an allegation made by the Commander of 5th Division SSPDF and originally reported during CTC 5.

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- CTSAMVM will provide an update on this incident so that it can be closed at the next meeting.
- CTSAMVM will give feedback to Div 5 SSPDF who made the allegation.

Update:

- CTSAMVM has spoken to both 5 Division SSPDF and also the SPLM/SPLA-IO in the area. There is no further information.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- Close this incident.

2. Abduction at Rupchak – the alleged abduction of 2 SSPDF soldiers near Leer.
Original allegation from SSPDF MI Officer in LEER, that 2 SSPDF soldiers had been abducted by the SPLM/SPLA-IO.

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- CTSAMVM will provide an update on this incident so that it can be closed at the next meeting.
- CTSAMVM will give feedback to Div 4 SSPDF who made the allegation.

Update:

- There is no further information from the SSPDF in Leer or the Civil Authorities or the SPLM/SPLA-IO. The SSPDF in Leer – Brigadier Peter Goal – appears to have no further interest in the case.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- Close this incident.

3. Killing of civilians and SSPDF soldiers at Tisharo (Gorom) 3 January 2019.
The 8th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided that:

- CTSAMVM tasks sector 1 to continue investigating this issue and report back at the next meeting.

Updates:

- 5 Jan MVT interviews witnesses in Juba Teaching Hospital
- 8 Jan MVT Denied Access at NSS Checkpoint at Luri/Rokon Junction
- 11 Jan MVT reached Gorom 10km from Tisharo. Met Gorom chief and some eyewitnesses.
- 20 Feb MVT Denied access by NSS/SSPDF at Luri/Rokon Junction
- 2 March MVT reached Tisharo

Findings:

Based upon interviews and witness statements it is confirmed that a large number, probably 18 civilians were killed, and a number abducted in Tisharo on or about 3- 4 Jan 2019.

The investigations were conducted based upon the interviews with the wounded, consultation with Administrative Officer of Juba Teaching Hospital, the Police Commissioner of Jubek State, Gorom Chief, the Military Intelligence officer and some survivors at scene of the incident at Tisharo.

CTSAMVM cannot conclusively attribute the Gorom killing to any particular party due to lack of credible evidence. Much of the evidence presented was inconsistent.

Repeated denial of access prevented timely investigation of the incident.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM Continues to investigate the circumstances killing of civilians and SSPDF soldiers at Tisharo.
- Parties recognize that their own allegations cannot be investigated if they subsequently deny access to CTSAMVM.

4. Movement of SPLM/SPLA-IO Forces in Atar and subsequent displacement of civilians.

The 8th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided that:

- The SPLM/SPLA-IO evacuate from the facility immediately and report back at the next meeting.

Updates:

- According to CTSAMVM information the school at Atar is still occupied by SPLM/SPLA-IO.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that he had no new information regarding any new incidents in Atar and could therefore not comment further.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- This issue has been incorporated into the overall occupation of civilian buildings issue and be closed as a separate issue.

5. Alleged recruitment and training (including Child Soldiers) by SPLM/A-IO in Khor-Wai Payam

The 8th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided that:

- CTSAMVM will follow up and report accordingly.

Updates:

- Allegation received from paramount Chief during MVT Patrol to Korway Payam. Subsequent investigation and monitoring has found no evidence of such activity.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- Issue to be closed.

6. Allegations of military build-up and offensive movement in the Yei Area.

The 8th CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting decided that:

- CTSAMVM requests the SSPDF to explain why no prior notification was given about the convoy observed on 29 Jan 19.
- CTSAMVM will not consider or discuss any allegations from non-signatories that cannot be corroborated.

Updates:

- Situation in Yei Area is covered in detail later.

7. LURI INCIDENT – DETENTION AND ABUSE OF CTSAMVM MVT 18 DEC 18

The 8th CTC Meeting decided that:

- CTSAMVM will continue to investigate the allegations of training at Luri.
- CTSAMVM urges TGoNU (SSPDF and NSS) to expedite their investigation into the incident and ensure measures are put in place to stop similar violations being committed again.

Updates:

The RJMEC representative stated that they had received a response from the Minister of Cabinet Affairs regarding the Luri incident but that they found it insufficient. He noted that RJMEC had asked for more detailed clarification on the matter.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM will continue to investigate the allegations of training at Luri.
- CTSAMVM urges TGoNU (SSPDF and NSS) to expedite their investigation into the incident and ensure measures are put in place to stop similar violations being committed again.

8. UPDF forces in Central Equatoria.

Decisions from the 8th CTC Meeting:

- CTSAMVM requests SSPDF to clarify the presence and role of UPDF troops in the South Sudan territory and report at the next meeting.
- TGoNU explains why CTSAMVM was given no prior notification of this movement by the UPDF.

The senior representative of TGoNU denied any presence of UPDF soldiers in the Yei area.

The Chairman stated that at the time of the report MVT Yei had observed six vehicles and about 60 UPDF soldiers in Yei without the notification of CTSAMVM adding that at the explanation given was that they were there to protect an engineering brigade that was repairing the Kya –Yei road. He acknowledged that it was probable that they were no longer within the territory of South Sudan.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- The matter be closed

Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Status

1. Ceasefire

CTSAMVM can report that in general the situation remains similar to the last meeting – the ceasefire is holding, and there continue to be encouraging signs of communications and cooperation between the Parties on the ground.

However, in Central Equatoria the clashes involving the SSPDF against NAS (TC) have continued. It is becoming increasingly important to resolve the issue of NAS (TC) and other armed groups operating in Greater Equatoria.

The movement of forces to cantonment areas presents a risk to security unless improved communication channels between CTSAMVM, Parties, JDB, JMCC and forces in the field are established.

Recent reports have highlighted tensions in Pibor but further investigation is required to determine whether this related to R-ARCSS.

There are reports of tensions in Wau area concerning movement of cattle to grazing areas. The presence of armed herdsman presents a risk of escalation. Reports indicate serious fighting in Kwajena which have resulted in the death of civilians, looting and displacement. CTSAMVM is conducting a patrol, with UNMISS 20-21 March.

2. Cantonment

Update.

- JDB 3 Feb 2019 identified assigned cantonment areas to parties. SSPDF (10 Barracks), SPLM/A-IO and SSOA 25 Cantonment sites.
- CDF SSPDF has instructed his forces to assist by allowing movement of SPLM/A-IO and SSOA forces to the cantonment areas.
- MVTs have been tasked to monitor cantonment activity.
- CTSAMVM commends the parties for readily sharing information and orders.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) expressed concern about the plans set for cantonment saying it had the potential to create problems. He urged CTSAMVM to verify all the security forces within Juba before the creation of the R-TGoNU.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- **Improve passage of information between JDB, JMCC, Parties, CTSAMVM and field commanders.**
- **CTSAMVM should continue monitoring and verifying the cantonment areas as given by JDB.**

3. Training and Unification of Forces

The JDB at its extra ordinary meeting held on 11 Mar 19 at the GHQ SSPDF announced the formation of a 700 strong VIP protection force. The composition is planned to be 350 TGonu and 350 from SPLM/A-IO and SSOA.

CTSAMVM will monitor and verify this activity.

4. New Allegations/Reports

CTSAMVM has received 7 allegations/reports of incidents since the 7th CTC meeting. As agreed at the 8th CTC meeting those allegations and incidents that were to have been presented would go back to the JMCO for discussion before being presented again at this meeting.

Allegations & Incidents:

- Killing of SSPDF Officer in Unity State 20 Jan 19.
- Clashes between SSPDF and NAS (TC) in Yei River State Jan-Feb 19.
- Alleged recruitment and training by the SPLM/SPLA-IO in Kangi County (in what is known as Wau State).
- Alleged forced recruitment by the SSPDF in Twic, Warrap State.
- Alleged sexual violence including rape by SSPDF in Lobonok, Central Equatoria. 18 Jan.
- Alleged attack on SPLM/SPLA-IO forces by NAS (TC) forces at Kediba on 2 Feb 2019.
- Obstruction to a Humanitarian Assessment Mission in Lainya.

1. Ambush and killing of SSPDF Officer in Unity State 20 Jan 19.

- On 21st Jan 19 the SSPDF Military Intelligence officer in Leer reported to CTSAMVM that a military truck which had delivered supplies to Leer from Bentiu under the command of a Major had been intercepted by SPLM/SPLA-IO in Ngony, (approximately 22 Km north west of Leer), and that the major had been killed and six soldiers disarmed and detained.
- CTSAMVM called SPLM/SPLA-IO Division 4B commander in Padeah, Maj Gen Samuel Dok, informed the MVT that he had received information from his Bde 3 commander in Koch that the SSPDF truck had been attacked by armed youth from Thaker, who looted the truck after killing the Major. He added that the truck and the Major's body were at Ngony SPLM/SPLA-IO detachment and the deceased awaiting to be handed over to SSPDF. CTSAMVM received information that the Major might have been subject to a revenge attack having changed sides.
- The MVT further met with Southern Liech State Governor, Hon Stephen Taker Riak who said that both he and the Commander of 4th Division SSPDF were in contact with the SPLM/SPLA-IO Division 4 B Commander, Maj Gen Samuel Dok over the issue and it had been agreed that the SPLM/SPLA-IO would investigate the matter, apprehend the perpetrators and report back to the SSPDF. The Governor stated that this agreement was possible due to the implementation of the R-ARCSS and the current peaceful relations between the Parties.

CTSAMVM Comment:

- This is a tragic incident. CTSAMVM has found no evidence to suggest this was a deliberate act by one Party against another.
- CTSAMVM commends the Parties for working together on this issue.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- The matter is resolved between the SPLM/SPLA-IO and SSPDF.
- CTSAMVM continue to monitor this incident, but will only report if there are any issues or problems that arise.

2. Clashes between SSPDF and NAS (TC) in Yei River State Jan –Feb 19, Alleged offensive military movement and displacement of civilians.

Background

- The area known as Yei River State (YRS) in the southern part of Central Equatoria has been a hotspot for a number of months due to fighting between SSPDF and NAS (TC) or NAS (TC)-affiliated forces.
- The clashes date back to 7 Dec 18 with a verified attack by NAS (TC) on the Goli Bridge and a subsequent operation by SSPDF on 16 Dec. The clashes continued throughout January with ambushes conducted by NAS (TC) and attacks on NAS (TC) positions by SSPDF.
- Allegations have been made by SSPDF, SPLM/A-IO, NAS (TC) and other stakeholders of fighting, ambushes and the displacement of civilians.
- Investigations have been constrained by inaccessibility to areas, access denial, lack of a permanent Yei operating base, and lack of NAS (TC) contacts.

Significant Events in Yei River State Since Dec 2018

Date	Event	Source
08 Dec	NAS (TC) forces damage the Tore Bridge along Yei-Maridi road and abduct one SSPDF soldier.	MVT
08 Dec	NAS (TC) attempt to damage the Kembe bridge, 25 km south on Yei-Morobo road. Governor YRS asks UN / CTSAMVM to investigate otherwise will use "own means to calm the situation"	MVT
15 Dec	SSPDF troops from Juba arrive in Yei at 1830 and commence ops on the Yei-Maridi road around midnight.	MVT
15 Dec	SSPDF move out of Yei and attack NAS (TC) positions at Mile 13 and Mile 20 on Yei-Maridi road.	MVT
16 Dec	SSPDF clash with NAS (TC) forces early hours of 16 Dec at Yembe, 9 km west of Yei. SSPDF reached Goli establish a defensive position.	MVT
17 Dec	Clashes reported to have taken place at around 0800 hrs at 20 km west of Yei – same location as MVT patrol denied access on 14 Dec 2018.	MVT

23 Dec	Several civilian vehicles ambushed on Yei-Morobo road near to Umbasi.	Other
24 Dec	Reports of Kobgo Bridge damaged on Yei-Maridi road.	MVT
26 Dec	NAS (TC) ambush two vehicles and abducted 07 people approximately 30km up the Yei-Morobo road.	MVT
15 Jan	SSPDF Land Cruisers observed moving from Yei towards Lasu with approx 60 - 70 armed soldiers.	MVT
16 Jan	NAS (TC) forces attack SSPDF positions just west of Yei. Both sides used small arms, machine guns, RPGs and anti-aircraft 22 mm.	SSPDF Commander
16 Jan	UPDF team of 03 Land Cruisers and 04 APCs arrive in Yei town on 16 Jan 19 to escort engineering team working with YRS government in the construction of Yei / Kaya road up to Uganda. UPDF team returned to Uganda on 17 Jan 2019.	MoFA YRS
18 Jan	SSPDF Forces occupy Dimo-1 and Dimo-2, Mukaya County without resistance from NAS (TC).	MVT
24 Jan	IDPs continue to arrive in Yei as a result of the insecurity in Mukaya County arising from the clashes between SSPDF and NAS (TC) forces.	MVT
24 Jan	Seven persons "abducted" by NAS (TC) at Alero (approx. 8km south) on Yei-Morobo road. Later released.	MVT
29 Jan	Observed movement of about 70 SSPDF troops and vehicles (7 x LCs and 5 x APCs) heading towards Morobo from Yei.	MVT
29 Jan	IDPs arrive in Yei from Mukaya County as a result of the clashes between the SSPDF and NAS (TC).	OCHA
30 Jan	SSPDF / NAS (TC) fighting reported in Goja (approx. 10km south of Yei), between Umbassi and Kegulu. IDPs state when SSPDF entered Mukaya, they engaged in looting of their properties, killing their animals and burning their houses. As a result people fled to the bushes for their safety.	MVT
1 Feb	Continued fighting between SSPDF and NAS (TC) in the areas of Morsak, Umbassi in Otego. Four SSPDF wounded brought to Yei hospital.	MVT
4 Feb	MVT / UNMISS patrol to Mukaya unable to continue from Limbe due to insecurity. BG Lazarus SSPDF confirms operations ongoing in Mukaya area.	MVT
5 Feb	Security situation in Mukaya still unstable. SSPDF still trying to establish control, but threat remains of NAS (TC) in the surrounding bush. Civilians feel unsafe and many fleeing to Yei.	Mukaya County Commissioner
6 Feb	Approx 200+ troops from Cdo Div observed in Gimunu Payam. Some of the troops moved along Yei-Lasu road IDPs in Gimunu Payam (15 km northeast along Yei-Lainya road) alleged SSPDF in Dimo 2 Mukaya, looted property, burnt houses, harassed civilians and killed a sub-chief of Girim Boma of Kili Payam.	MVT
19 Feb	Fighting between SSPDF and what is alleged to be NAS (TC) has stopped as NAS (TC) forces have been pushed to the border with DRC.	MVT
09 Mar	SSPDF search operations against NAS (TC) caused civilian displacement in Umbasi, Senema and along Yei-Maridi road. Reportedly civilian properties have been looted and houses burnt.	MVT
09-10 Mar	Authorities in Amadi State reported that SPLM/A-IO, based in Kediba, simultaneously assaulted NAS (TC) positions in Wiro, Mollo, Garanya and Minga of Witto County, East of Mundri. Several houses were reportedly burnt, resulting in displacement of residents; no report of casualties. NAS(TC) reported to have left Mundri East, to unknown locations.	UNMISS/ MVT

CTSAMVM Observations

- NAS (TC) attacks are a violation of the ACOH 21 Dec 2017.
- SSPDF are in violation of ACOH in failing to notify CTSAMVM of intention to move forces.
- Widespread reports of displacement, SGBV, destruction of property and looting indicate that all parties engaged in operations in YRS are failing to ensure their forces observe their commitments to protect civilians.

The senior representative of TGoNU thanked CTSAMVM for the update regarding the incidents in Yei River state but expressed concern about the presentation of matters concerning Thomas Cirilo especially since a decision had been made during CTC No.9 to disregard any allegations or incidents from forces affiliated to him.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that the elements that ambush people in this area were "Gum Barau" (a group of armed bandits) not affiliated to any group let alone Thomas Cirillo. He wondered why CTSAMVM continuously reports questionable violations from this area.

The senior representative of the SSOA agreed with the presentation of the representatives of TGoNU and FDs regarding Thomas Cirillo. He noted that all the incidents reported date back to the time before the deployment of national monitors and highlighted the fact that it was clear that in the March there were no incidents which was a positive gesture.

Another SSOA representative stated that it was important to check the impact of the activities on the implementation of the agreement so as to decide on how to best handle him and his forces.

The Chairman stated that while the SSPDF has the responsibility to protect the country, the agreement demands that CTSAMVM should be notified of any troop movements. He clarified that the CTC had earlier agreed that there would be no allegations received from the TC faction but would only report incidents in the areas in which they operate.

The senior representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that since the Liaison officers are available as well as that national monitors, they should be used to filter information before being included in the reports.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- All parties should exercise restraint over their forces in Yei River State.
- CTSAMVM continues to conduct more detailed investigations.
- IGAD should take appropriate action against Thomas Cirillo and the forces allied to him in order to bring peace to the country.

3. Alleged recruitment and training by the SPLM/SPLA-IO in Kangi County (in what is known as Wau State).

- On 21 Jan 19 CTSAMVM received an allegation from the Governor in Wau of SPLM/SPLA-IO forcibly recruiting in Kangi County, and has occupied the school at a village called Mabaga near Barurud.

Update

- MVT Wau visited the school on 14 Feb and found it to be deserted with no evidence to support the allegation.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- The matter is closed

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

- On 29 Jan 19 CTSAMVM received a letter dated 26 Jan 19 from a committee of concerned intellectuals from Twic alleging forced recruitment by the SSPDF of youth in the area. An SSPDF officer – Col. Maruon Ngor – was named as being responsible.

Update

- Sector 3 has been unable to conduct patrols to the area, a scheduled patrol on 20-21 Feb was postponed due to the President's visit to the area. Investigations will continue.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM will investigate and report when this proves logistically possible and the required security is available.

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

- MVT Juba received information dated 18 Jan 19 that 6 women had been gang raped by SSPDF in Lobonok.
- Corroborating allegations from IDPs in Kit Four were made during MVT Juba Patrol 5 Feb 19.

Updates:

- CTSAMVM investigated the allegation on 28/29 January and 5 Feb. They visited Karpeto where the rapes had allegedly taken place, and were able to meet with a range of witnesses including traditional leaders, the County

Commissioner, the officer commanding SSPDF force in the area and a NSS officer.

- The SSPDF unit at Karpeto is from SSPDF Ground Forces and commanded by Major Justine Daniel Daskuku.

Findings:

- CTSAMVM found that one woman and one female minor were raped by SSPDF soldiers.
- The victims had been sent to Juba for treatment, and it was reported by the County Commissioner, Hon Col Severino Gwerit Kose, the Paramount Chief Mr Pierenzo Lado Solomon and Major Justine Daniel Daskuku that the soldiers responsible had been arrested and were in detention in Juba.
- Local people reported that the SSPDF soldiers in the area had been responsible for harassment of women and stealing of goods, but that the situation had improved since a new Commanding Officer, Major Justine Daniel Daskuku, had been deployed on 18 Dec 18.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- The sexual harassment and rape of the women in Lobonok constitutes a clear violation of the R-ARCSS Article 2.1.10.2. SSPDF must apply law and order to discipline its soldiers in cases related to sexual violence.
- The SSPDF are asked to provide an update at the next meeting about the legal outcomes of these cases.
- The Parties should publicise such disciplinary cases, in order to give citizens confidence that they will receive justice when soldiers break the law. The Parties should demonstrate that the survivors and impartial witnesses are involved in the legal process.
- The recently launched SSPDF Action Plan to counter SGBV is very welcome and should be duplicated in all parties.

6. Attack on SPLM/A-IO forces by NAS (TC) on 2 Feb 2019 at Kediba.

On 2 Feb 2019 SPLM/A-IO forces were attacked in Kediba by NAS (TC) forces.

Update:

- CTSAMVM conducted investigations in February 19.
- Interviews were conducted with multiple witnesses from SPLM/A-IO, villages and traditional leaders. The attacks occurred at Kediba and Wandu which is 18 miles away. Both are SPLM/A-IO positions. Civilians were harassed, dwellings and markets looted and burned.
- No interviews or contact has been made with NAS (TC).

Findings:

- It is confirmed that attacks were carried out in Kediba on or about 2 Feb 2019.
- It is very likely that NAS (TC) forces are in violation of ACOH however without corroborating evidence the violation cannot at this stage be directly attributed to NAS (TC).

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that since an allegation was made and preliminary investigations proved the attack took place but could not conclusively name NAS (TC), there was no need to continue investigating.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO agreed with the previous speakers, adding that they know who attacked them because they know all the fighting forces in the area, they engaged them for over two days and defeated them. He suggested the matter be closed.

The Chairman stated that since the attack was carried out by NAS(TC) it would be proper to clearly state that NAS (TC) was in violation of the ACOH.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM to close the matter

7. Obstruction to Humanitarian Assessment Mission in Lainya.

Incident:

Denial of access by SSPDF to UN OCHA led assessment mission to Koyoki and Birigo in Lainya County on 06 March 2019.

Update:

- CTSAMVM was made aware on 10 March and MVT Yei has been tasked to investigate.

Violation report

Attack by NAS (TC) at Rokon

Background

- CTSAMVM received allegations from TGoNU that on 18 January 2019, unidentified gunmen ambushed two civilian vehicles along the Juba-Rokon road. This was followed by the abduction of ten Prison Officers and Policemen. It was alleged that the attackers killed one female passenger and injured the driver of the land cruiser, and both driver and the assistant of the truck vehicle.
- On 21 January 2019 the NAS spokesman published a list of allegations including that NAS forces encountered an "enemy force advancing to attack NAS positions in Rokon area", and that "The enemy force was totally overwhelmed leading to the capture of ten (10) NCOs prison service men".
- Locations: The ambush took place on 2 Km west of Sirimon near Sirimon Payam HQ on the Juba – Rokon road at around 13.00 Hrs on 18 January 2019. The abductions took place at the Sirimon Payam HQ at around 17.00 Hrs on the same day.

Findings:

- On 18 January 2019 a Land Cruiser driving from Rokon to Juba was ambushed by a large group of armed men about 3 Km west of Sirimon. During the ambush a girl of 14 – the sister of the driver – was killed. CTSAMVM received reliable information that on the same day a truck driving from Mundri to Juba was also ambushed, and the driver and passenger wounded.
- On 18 January 2019 a large group of armed men (some witnesses said about 100) surrounded the Sirimon Payam HQ and ordered the police and prison officers stationed there to surrender and hand over their weapons, which they did. The police and prison officers were abducted, but two (one police officer and one clerk) were able to escape and make their way to Kuda West.
- Witnesses described the attackers as Bari-speakers in a variety of uniforms and civilian clothes. They did not open fire, and told the civilian population they would not be harmed. One payam official claimed they were a NAS (TC) force commanded by Brigadier Zacharia Abdalla from the area of Kuda West.
- Civilian impact: The ambush and abductions resulted in the death of a 14-year-old girl, and the displacement of a large number of civilians from Sirimon who fled following the incidents.

Conclusion

- It is the conclusion of CTSAMVM that NAS (TC) carried out the ambush and abductions on 18 January 2019, and that these were provocative and hostile actions in clear violation of the ACOH.
- CTSAMVM strongly condemns the actions of NAS (TC) in Rokon.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that having condemned NAS (TC) for the attack in Rokon that claimed the lives, it would be necessary to advocate punitive measures to be taken on Thomas Cirillo and his forces.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) suggested that the leadership of CTSAMVM should compile a list of all the violations committed by TC and present to IGAD CoM. He noted that there were more incidents of fighting in the cattle corridor as well as ambushes on the road to Bor claiming more lives and wondered why they do not appear in the reports instead of focusing on Thomas Cirillo.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM calls upon R-JMEC and IGAD Council of Ministers to continue efforts to engage with NAS (TC) to comply with the ACOH
- CTSAMVM calls upon R-JMEC and IGAD to compel NAS(TC) to release all the abductees in that incident
- CTSAMVM shall compile a list of violations by Thomas Cirillo and his affiliate forces and present it to the IGAD council of ministers.
- CTSAMVM calls upon IGAD CoM to take appropriate action against Thomas Cirillo.

Community Engagement

Decisions from CTC 8:

- CTSAMVM should develop a strategy for distributing the agreement in areas which cannot be reached by the parties.
- CTSAMVM urge the signatory parties of R-ARCSS and all stakeholders to engage more in dissemination activities.
- CTSAMVM shall continue to monitor and verify the parties' activities regarding the dissemination of the agreement.

Strategy on monitoring repatriation and dissemination of the Agreement, article 2.1.1

Phase I: To organize a pilot CTSAMVM joint visit, including the Parties, SSOA, SPLA/IO and SSPDF, in the POCs and IDPs in Juba to monitor the operationalization of voluntary repatriation of Internal Displaced People and dissemination of the Agreement by end of March.

Phase II: To organize a CTSAMVM team joint visit to the main PoCs and IDPs camps in other states to monitor the operationalization of voluntary repatriation of Internal Displaced People and Dissemination of the Agreement in April and May 2019.

Phase III: To organize a CTSAMVM joint visit, monitor the operationalization of voluntary repatriation of Returnees and Dissemination of the Agreement by end of June.

Successes on dissemination and repatriation (articles 21./2.1.11)

- **Repatriation:**
- UNHCR informed that at present, t 2.3 million South Sudanese refugees are in neighbouring countries.
- In Feb 2019 CTSAMVM reports IDPs in POC AA were 14,913 and the figure has dropped to 13,630 people; constituting 8.3% of decrease due to improvement of the security situation in most parts of South Sudan
- Reported by MVT Leer, Free movement of civilians/returnees on large scale has been witnessed with Humanitarian activities in AOR ongoing.
- **Dissemination:**
- The Women Peace Coalition visiting the PoCs in Juba, mobilizing on dissemination of the Peace Agreement.
- ICRC is sensitizing/training Signatory Parties on International Humanitarian Law and T-ARCSS in various states
- UNMISS informed about their training on Peace Agreement of Civil Society happening in Wau region (Raja)
- (I) NGOs planning Peace Agreement dissemination in PoC, IDPs in RSS and Refugees camps in Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda
- JMEC hosting dissemination events and supporting CSOs with copies of the Peace Agreement in local languages.
- Great Bahr Ghazal Regional Conference on *National Dialogue*, 25th February to 2nd March, 2019.

- The President of South Sudan conducting a Rally for Peace Dissemination Campaign in various States of South Sudan since February '19.
- The 19th of March the arrival of the SPLA/IO Governor in Former Unity State back from Sudan is a welcome move and his plan to hold peace rally in Mimir.
- RSS Media Authority- "*Strengthening Media in South Sudan towards Professional Vibrant and Free Media for all*", 19/21 of March.
- Yambio, March 30th 19 the Governor Tambura planned a peace celebrations and extended invitation to the SPLA-IO leaders.

Challenges on Protection of Civilians (articles 2.1. /2.1.11)

Humanitarian violation allegations:

CTSAMVM notes that relevant information from the communities and other international organizations regarding humanitarian violation was hard to come by because the people fear retribution.

Demilitarization of civilians and vacating of Public Facilities:

CTSAMVM and other organizations reports many civilians are still armed and occupation of public spaces is still taking place.

Protection of Civilians:

Killing of Civilians: incidents are still reported in Yei where more than 1300 displaced people find safe shelter camping at the Episcopal Church in Yei Civil Society Organization also denounced the killing of civilian in their Yei report in February 2019

PoWs and Detainees (article 2.1.6): UN Human Rights denounce lack of basic information on numbers and names of PoWs in the hands of the Parties; also CTSAMVM reports difficulties to monitor this articles due to lack of reliable and accurate information.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO thanked the Civil affairs advisor and hoped the report would keep getting better. He however, stated that CTSAMVM should stick to their mandate and not be seen to play politics in the process of speaking to people in the POCs. He urged the government to build trust in the people so that they can be encouraged to return to their communities.

The representative of the TGoNU stated that there were restrictions regarding the parties visit to POCs and IDPs and instead suggested that the visit be conducted by the MVTs. He said many of the people in the POCs were there voluntarily for many different reasons ranging from the free facilities as well as politics of interest from their hosts.

Another TGoNU representative stated that the people in POCs should be educated about the peaceful environment outside those centers so they are encouraged to return to their communities.

The representative of the FDs stated that the people living in the POCs had many reasons that keep them from returning to their communities including fear, the security situation and the tough economic situation. He said some have their homes still occupied, others had all their properties looted yet others fear they could meet their former tormentors. He urged the government to show clear political will to have these people reintegrated in the community.

The Chairman urged the government to come up with good strategies that would encourage people leave the POCs and return to their communities and engage in productive activities.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- CTSAMVM MVTs to conduct first visit in POCs and IDPs and report at the next meeting.
- Signatories Parties keep on increasing and reporting the efforts for the accomplishment and respect of articles 2.1. to 2.1.11.6 on the Permanent Ceasefire
- Signatories Parties to seek for collaboration with other institutions to support with the implementation and accomplishment of articles 2.1 (2.1.2. to 2.1.11.6

Joint Field Visit to Pageri and Nimule Feb 14 2019

Composition of the Delegation

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Conclusion

- The CTSAMVM Joint Field Visit to Pageri / Nimule was a successful event particularly in building the confidence and trust between the field commanders on the ground (SSPDF and SPLM/SPLA-IO).
- The initiative and willingness showed by both sides should be encouraged, further follow up is needed particularly monitoring and verifying SPLM/SPLA-IO movement to it is designated cantonment site in Achwa.
- All the speakers committed to grant unhindered access to CTSAMVM, UNMISS and other Humanitarian agencies to move freely in the area without any restrictions.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that the JFV was fruitful and there is a great improvement in the situation on the ground. He suggested that the next JFV should be arranged to Pibor because there is tension in the area that needs urgent attention.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- **The next JFV should be arranged to Pibor. The date to be confirmed.**

CTSAMVM Restructure plan

The chairman stated that there would be a temporary closure of the sectors due to the constraints in finance but said they would be reinstated once funds were available. He noted that some International monitors had already left and would not be replaced until more funds were made available. He clarified that the downsizing would not affect the operational capability since the twelve teams would be maintained and the operations department expanded at the headquarters. He noted that these measures were not desirable considering the difficulties it poses to CTSAMVM however, the conditions are dictated by the dire financial constraints.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that now that the sectors were closed, there was need to review the ToRs of the MVTs in order to fill the gap created by the freezing of the sectors. He also suggested that the ToRs for the sectors also be reviewed in the event that it is later reconstituted as required by the agreement. In conclusion he emphasized that the restructure was only a temporary but the agreed changes should be communicated to IGAD and with a definite timeframe within which it can be reviewed. He further suggested that the ToRs for the MVTs, the sectors as well as the JMCO be discussed and reviewed.

The senior representative of TGoNU asked whether the downsizing only affected the monitors or it included the secretariat and wanted to know whether this exercise would not affect the operational capability of CTSAMVM. In conclusion, he stated that it was important to note that the suggestions to restructure was not to amend the structure prescribed by the agreement but only as a temporary measure to operate within the prevailing conditions.

Decisions:

The 9th CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting decided:

- **CTSAMVM writes to the Board, RJMEC and IGAD CoM to inform them of the temporary measures taken.**
- **CTSAMVM undertakes to review the terms of reference of the MVTs, sector and the JMCO.**

The venue of the next CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting shall be in Juba. The date shall be determined.

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