



**OUTCOMES OF CEASEFIRE TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS
MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM (CTSAMVM)
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN
JULY 7, 2020**

ATTENDANCE

Deputy Chairperson	Maj Gen Dafaalla Hamid Mohamed Dafaalla	CTSAMVM
Representatives from the Parties	<p><u>Incumbent</u> <u>TGoNU/SSPDF</u> Maj Gen "ndc" Wuoi Mayom Deng Maj Gen Thomas Gador Kic Wur 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</p>	<p><u>SPLM/SPLA-IO</u> Maj Gen Martin Gama Abucha Brig Gen William Deng Col Ezekile How Kuol Gatluack</p> <p><u>Former Detainees (FDs)</u> Maj Gen Bior Leek Kuaeng</p>
Secretariat	Mr Louis De Leon	CTSAMVM
Recorders	Mr Dan Lizzul Mr John Michael Voss	CTSAMVM Fusion Cell CTSAMVM Legal
CTSAMVM Staff	Mr William Gallagher Mr Zhang Liping Mr Ayman Osman Mr Zhao Gang Mr Gou Wenjun Ms Mary Kazarwa	CTSAMVM COS CTSAMVM Senior Advisor CTSAMVM Chief of Operations CTSAMVM Fusion CTSAMVM Reports CTSAMVM Gender

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	Ms Samantha Minga Ms Margaret Lole Mr Sileshi Dagne Mr Joseph Kosen	CTSAMVM Protocol CTSAMVM Communications CTSAMVM Office of Secretariat CTSAMVM Office of Secretariat
In Attendance as Observers	Col Khalid Shabell Mr Robert Lietch Brig Gen Hassan M. Ahmed Col Peter Kariuki	IGAD RJMEC Defense Attaché to S. Sudan, Embassy of Sudan Defense Attaché to S. Sudan, Embassy of Kenya

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at the Dembesh Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as shown above. The Deputy Chairperson, Maj Gen Dafaalla Hamid Mohamed Dafaalla called the meeting at 1006 hrs/ 10:06 a.m.

The CTC then reviewed the proposed Agenda.

The Senior Representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) asked what the difference between CTSAMVM Report and the JMCO update is. What are Updates by the Parties?

The CTSAMVM Chief of Staff (COS) replied the whole report is the CTSAMVM Report. The JMCO Update is a subset of that. The Parties can give their updates if they wish. This relates to the decisions in the previous CTC. If there is a clearer way to word it, we will do so at the next meeting.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO asked where the Chairperson was as he did not appear on the proposed Agenda.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that the Chairperson was still in quarantine.

The Representative of the SSOA (Liaison Officer or LNO) stated that the agenda item is a summary of decisions and there is no need for an update. The Parties can respond. He suggested taking out the summary of decisions.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO asked is this a new formatting that we are adopting. If you changed the presentation of the Agenda, I am sure that you have changed the internal structure also. He then asked if we could go back to the old agenda.

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The CTSAMVM Legal Advisor then stated “Sir, I assure you, the presentation might be a little different, but the points that you expect are all there.”

The Deputy Chairperson then stated that in the members will not find any changes but that some details have been inserted. The CTSAMVM report is in the same format.

The Agenda was then adopted unchanged at 1015 hrs/10:15 a.m. COS Agenda adopted 1015.

The Deputy Chairperson then proceeded with his opening address:

<u>Item/Issue/Decision/Agreement</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p><u>Opening Remarks by the Chairperson</u></p> <p>Dear CTC members, IGAD Representative, Dear Colleagues, Defense Attachés, Ladies and Gentlemen,</p> <p>Good Morning.</p> <p>Thank you for your attendance at this CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting, it is my pleasure to welcome you. I will be chairing this meeting as Chairman Teshome is currently observing mandatory quarantine following his return from his official visit to Addis Ababa last week.</p> <p>While armed clashes involving the Parties have been reduced for some time, violence in Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria and in Maiwut is a cause for concern. CTSAMVM is also closely monitoring intercommunal clashes in Jonglei, Greater Pibor, and elsewhere.</p> <p>CTSAMVM is concerned to note the continuing prevalence of SGBV, in particular rape, especially in Juba and Yei area. Many incidents are under investigation. It is hoped that in the case of Yei area that there will soon be access to justice for some of the victims following the recent reports of courts being assembled in Yei.</p> <p>There has been little improvement in the logistical supply to cantonment sites and the system remains perilously close to collapse. The cantonment site at Bong has</p>	

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not received food since October last year, and while there have been deliveries to cantonment sites in Eastern Equatoria in in June the situation for most sites remains dire. Cantonment commanders have informed CTSAMVM that they are still awaiting information regarding when the forces currently in Cantonment Sites will move on to Training Sites or to DDR.

Training Centres have fared better but a great deal of improvement is needed. In June, food deliveries were made to 8 of the 17 Training Centres. At least one of the Centres has already consumed their resupply, and 9 Training Centres are still awaiting delivery. Training Centre commanders continue to report insufficient medical equipment and personnel. Some DDR screening has taken place but has been very limited, and DDR teams are not deployed in Training Centres. CTSAMVM remains unaware of any training syllabii being distributed to Training Centres except for Gorom. The Minister of Defence announced on a visit to Alelo Training Centre on 2 July that graduation for the NUF would take place during July. Plans for the subsequent deployment of the Necessary Unified Forces have not been shared.

The SSPDF has reportedly vacated the clinic it had been occupying at Lelo in Upper Nile state. CTSAMVM notes a reduction of one building in advance of MVT Malakal verifying this information, which leaves us now with a total of 17 civilian buildings, all occupied by the SSPDF.

There is one violation report to discuss at this meeting and it concerns violations against civilians in Central Equatoria. You have already received copies of the report and we welcome your comments on what remedial action and accountability measures need to be taken in order that we, the CTC, can make realistic and helpful recommendations that will facilitate the full implementation of the R-ARCSS.

I look forward to a constructive and useful meeting today and now declare this meeting open.

Thank you.

Upon conclusion of the Deputy Chairperson's opening address, the Deputy Chairperson then invited the Senior Party Representatives to make their opening remarks:



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The SPLM/A-IO Senior Representative thanked the Chairperson, Colleagues and diplomatic representatives. He stated on his behalf and behalf of the SPLM/A-IO he was grateful to attend the CTC to discuss the status of implementation of the PCTSA. Progress has been made, but a number of violations are still ongoing, in particular occupied buildings. This situation has lasted for 20 months, although the Agreement would have had to be implemented immediately. We cannot continue this way. He also noted that it would be interesting to hear what is going on at the Training Centres. The forces are stranded. They are not being graduated. Some places have no food and Cantonment is struggling. I hope the Report will tell us more about what is happening. Also, I am concerned about the situation in the YEI River area. Thank you.

The Senior Representative of TGoNU welcomed the colleagues and defense attaches on his own behalf and as representing the TGoNU. He added there is not much to be said. This is Teamwork, and this is the 20th Meeting of the CTC. We should be consistent. There was a time when we had no meetings. I am asking that we should resume in the spirit in which these meetings have been started. In January, the leadership of CTSAMVM changed. The spirit of cooperation was not there. I am here representing Maj Gen Rabi the TGoNU Team Leader who is not around right now because he is a victim of the formula 1+2 which is actually a violation. The Agreement talks of full representation of the Parties. I am requesting CTSAMVM to restrict itself to the provisions of the Agreement.

The SSOA Senior Representative welcomed colleagues and CTC and with all protocol observed. Although we can report that the Ceasefire continues to hold, we note with great concern the violations in the YEI area. Civilians continue to suffer harassment, intimidation, physical abuse and forced displacement. The new report on the situation in MUKAYA is very disturbing. We want to know what is going on in that area. We have been calling upon authorities to do something about it, our task is to monitor and report. It is also with great concern that we note that the inter-communal conflict in JONGLEI is still going on. Something needs to be done! On the other hand, I appreciate the initiative of the CDF for forming a Committee to review the security structures and make them ready for the Unified Forces, and this is an important step to reforming the security sector. I have emphasized the issues that our forces are facing in the training centres. Food and shelter are basic human requirements. Our forces continue to suffer. Even people in Lologo, not far from Juba, are hungry. What

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will those do who are far from Juba? As the rain intensifies, we urge JTSC and JDB to expedite the arrangements on graduation.

The Senior Representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) thanked the Deputy Chairperson and appreciated those who came to attend the meeting, the Defense Attachés and the IGAD representative. In my opening remark actually I will talk about all violations in Central Equatoria State. I asked high-level delegation to go and investigate the violations in CES. We want to know what is going on. The report will indicate if there are those who committed crimes. The criminals have to be brought to account. But we shall not act on rumours from the street. I also urge the Representative of TGoNU and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the IGAD Representative who is here with us today to reactivate the SOMA regarding the operation of the IGAD Monitoring Body. They work as if they are not accountable. CTSAMVM have requested to use Air Reconnaissance in South Sudan Airspace which is controlled by the SSPDF. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs should take this seriously. Regarding occupied buildings, I think that this has been reduced. I am addressing the Guarantors who made this Agreement. The Forces are ready for graduation, but are lacking uniforms and other resources. We are urging the Guarantors to help so that the process can be finished. We have no weapons; we have to give our forces a stick instead of a gun. We cannot graduate these forces with a stick. This is not satisfactory. Without armament, you cannot build a new unified Army. Guarantors, please help!

With the opening remarks of the Deputy Chairperson and the Senior Party Representatives having concluded, the Deputy Chairperson excused the Media from the CTC meeting at 1050.

Approval of Minutes from CTC Meeting of 9 June 2020

The Draft Minutes of the CTC Meeting of 9 June 2020 were reviewed, discussed, corrected, and then approved as the Final Minutes.

Important Issues and Events

The Chief of Staff (COS) briefed the following as the important issues and events to be addressed at this Meeting of the CTC:

- 12 June 2020 CTSAMVM Board

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- 20 June 2020 Visit to Gorom by JDB, CDF, RJMEC, JTSC and SSM
- 27 June 2020 Visit of Defense Minister Hon. Angelina Teny & Co-Chair of JDB to Owinykibul Training Centre (TC)
- 02 July 2020 Visit of Defense Minister Hon. Angelina Teny & Co-Chair of JDB to Alelo TC
- 04 July 2020 Visit of Defense Minister Hon. Angelina Teny & Co-Chair of JDB to Twofogia TC
- 06 July 2020 Joint Field Visit Yei (postponed because of weather conditions)

Implementation Status – the Ceasefire

- There have been no recorded clashes between signatories to the ceasefire over the last period. However, tensions remain in the Maiwut area between SPLM/A-IO and SSPDF on and around the Sobat River.
- There are ongoing clashes between forces of NAS (TC) and both SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO forces. The most significant incidents have been in Central Equatoria but there are also increasing reports of violence in Western Equatoria.
- Large-scale fighting has been taking place in JONGLEI between Murle and Lou-Nuer/Dinka youths in particular in the GUMURUK area. CTSAMVM has received reports of involvement of Warring Parties in the fighting and continues to monitor the situation.
- Operations were conducted in TAMBURA area involving NSS, SSPDF and the Arrow Boys against Brigadier Santo Ali, and these have resulted in large scale displacement of civilians.
- COVID-19 restrictions on the movement of UNMISS Force Protection continue to constrain CTSAMVM's ability to visit the sites of alleged incidents. CTSAMVM continues to make every effort to investigate.

DISCUSSION

The Representative of IGAD asked about the reported inter-communal violence in JONGLEI and whether there are any particular details about the INVOLVEMENT OF PARTIES in the INTER-COMMUNAL FIGHTING?

The Deputy Chairperson replied that CTSAMVM's investigation is still underway. As soon as we have the information, we will update you.

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The Senior Representative of the FDs wanted to talk about Tambura, how do you determine operations? Was it a physical fight? Did UNMISS have reports of IDPs?

The Deputy Chairperson stated that this information will be fully investigated and reported later. Look carefully. This slide is about the CEASEFIRE. The actions happening affect the ceasefire. That is why this point is mentioned. The Ceasefire has been affected by the incident. This is what we say here.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO then stated there are no separate forces of General Santo. He is a Brigadier with the SPLM/A-IO.

The Deputy Chairperson thanked the representative and stated we will rephrase this.

Implementation Status – Cantonment

CTC 9 June 2020 Decisions:

- Urgent action must be taken in order to prevent the Cantonment Site system from collapse, and to avoid the subsequent return of approximately 35,000 combatants to their communities who have not been through the training or DDR process.
- CTSAMVM recommends that the National Transitional Committee:
 - Provide the necessary resources to support the Cantonment Sites
 - Give clear direction to Cantonment Site and Barracks commanders about the way forward with Phase 2 Training.

CTSAMVM Observations and Update:

- Since the last CTC there has been no substantial change to the conditions in Cantonment Sites and Barracks previously reported. The Cantonment Summary is on a separate handout.
- Since the beginning of June, telephone contact has been made or visits conducted to the following sites:

Dulu	Visit	1 June
Ashwa	Visit	8 June
Torpuot	Visit	9 June
Wunyiik	Visit	10 June
Lobojo	Visit	11 June
Lieng/Keweji	Visit	16 June
Nyara	Telephone	18 June
Irube	Telephone	1 July
Lowureng	Telephone	1 July

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- Cantonment Sites remain logistically challenged. The last reported deliveries of food items were made in June this year to the sites in Eastern Equatoria.
- It was reported in the media that 5 soldiers had died in the Ashwa Cantonment Site due to lack of food. CTSAMVM followed up with the Commander who stated that the deaths spanned the period November 2019 - June 2020 and were likely a result of a combination of poor nutrition and lack of medicine.
- Cantonment commanders have still been given no information about when those in Cantonment Sites/Barracks will move on to Training Sites or DDR.
- On 18 June, MVT Juba had planned a visit to Wunaliet Cantonment Site but SPLM/A-IO Site Commander Maj Gen Goro Lojeng denied the MVT access to the site by withholding Flight Safety Assurance (FSA), for the stated reason of COVID-19.
- CTSAMVM holds clearance from HLTF to continue working under COVID-19 conditions, observing of course all applicable security precautions.
- COVID-19 is not a valid reason to deny Flight Safety Assurance.

Registration:

- The last figures available to CTSAMVM were that about 75,000 personnel had been registered at Cantonment Sites/Barracks and 3,500 registered outside Cantonment Sites. (No change since the last CTC)
- There remain unverified numbers of unregistered personnel at Cantonment Sites. This is because either there were insufficient registration forms during the registration process, or personnel arrived after the process was completed.
- CTSAMVM understands from JMCC that registration had been taking place as forces moved to Training Sites. 18,732 Other Organised Forces are reported to have been registered, but this figure has not been verified by CTSAMVM.
- Given the numbers that reportedly have arrived at Training Sites, and allowing for those at Training Sites not registered in Cantonment Sites, it can be estimated there are at least about 35,000 personnel still in Cantonment Sites.

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Recommendations:

CTSAMVM recommends that:

- NTC provide the necessary resources to support the Cantonment Sites.
- JDB give clear direction to Cantonment Site commanders about the way forward with Phase 2 Training.
- JMCC finalise Screening and designate personnel to DDR.
- DDR give clear direction and inform about the numbers of personnel going to the DDR process.
- JMCC ensure that CTSAMVM has unrestricted access to Cantonment Sites and Barracks.

DISCUSSION

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated regarding the media report that 5 soldiers had died in the Ashwa Cantonment Site, I met with the Div Commander yesterday and I asked him WHERE ARE THE TOMBS? The presentation says that these 5 soldiers died IN the cantonment site, but in fact they died OUTSIDE. Please review this.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that we have the details and we can discuss this.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO then remarked about the denial of flight safety assurance by the SPLM/A-IO Wunaliet Cantonment Site Commander. Commanders in the field have a mandate to protect their forces – each commander if anyone should enter or leave space depending on conditions. They have a mandate to protect their forces. Any movement can risk their forces. For example, can I reorganize before the visit? Please investigate this thoroughly. There are 4 denials being investigated. Let's wait until the investigations are complete.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that protection can be done by other means, such as masks, that is acceptable. There was denial of access through denial of flight clearance. Not a matter of stopping anyone – we will wear masks and stay 2 meters. But stopping clearance given by HQ is impossible. We are military commanders at end of day. If have some procedures, ask me from outside TC. Stopping permission of flight to land is something else.

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The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO then stated that one of first situation of COVID is a lock down before masks. Lockdown is a restriction of movement.

The CTSAMVM Fusion Cell member stated that we have the liaison officer Col Mandela with SPLM/A-IO. The Wunaliet commander denied flight but stated we can come by vehicle but there is not much difference. The last time MVT Juba drove and then received call that the Commander was not available. The MVT asked if they could talk to Deputy Commander and were told no.

The Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated he wanted to go back to the issue of Wunaliet. I assure you it is COVID-19 not FSA put as denial of access. COVID-19 restricts everything. It is a reason not a denial if COVID-19.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that the Government's High Level Task Force have given permission to CTSAMVM to get access and continue to work through COVID-19. The Commander of Training Site cannot deny CTSAMVM the right to FLY. This is not his right. He cannot deny the Flight Safety Assurance. The Site commander has no right to stop something from HQ.

The Senior Representative of the TGoNU asked regarding Wunaliet whether the problem was the withholding of the Flight Safety Assurance.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that according to CTSAMVM Operations the withholding of the Flight Safety Assurance was done by the ground commander.

The Representative of the TGoNU (LNO) stated that the withholding of FSA has been affecting our operations at CTSAMVM and has been discussed several times. Now even by land do not allow MVT. Since 2018 people complained about Wunaliet. There is a need to come up clearly as to why the visit was not allowed.

The Representative of the SSOA (LNO) stated that WUNALEIT has been discussed in JMCO. There was denial 4 times. This is not just about COVID 19. There is an investigation that CTSAMVM wants to conduct. They were not allowed in, using COVID as an excuse. We need to put an end on this situation.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that the issue of WUNALIET is being investigated and do not remedy without investigation. Regarding LURI: I thought this chapter had been closed. Now it has been reopened. The perpetrators are still roaming freely in town. Is this how we solve problems? I am glad that you are here. For WUNALEIT we will discuss it with

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our commanders to see what the challenge is. We do not deny access. He then went on to the vacation of occupied civilian buildings: Is there another reason behind this?

The Representative of the SPLM/A-IO (LNO) stated that I just want to comment on WUNALEIT. This is an issue between the Parties. This is just a normal visit that CTSAMVM is using. COVID 19 is a threat to lives.

The Senior Representative of the SSOA stated that if you remember, CTSAMVM used COVID as an excuse not to hold this CTC. We at the time rejected that excuse. So likewise, today, we also have to reject that excuse for the visits to Training Centres.

DECISIONS:

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided to adopt the recommendations as written.

Implementation Status – Training of Necessary Unified Forces

CTC 9 June 2020 Decisions:

- As a matter of urgency, the Security Mechanisms decide upon and promulgate the plan for deployment of trainees once they graduate.
- The Security Mechanisms ensure that soldiers receive outstanding salaries.
- The Security Mechanisms provide graduating trainees with the equipment and logistics they need, uniforms, boots etc.
- Urges JTSC to devise plans to ensure that all NUF (Necessary Unified Forces) graduates receive the appropriate follow-on training once deployed to units.
- Urges JTSC to provide clear direction to Training Centre and Cantonment Site commanders about what is planned for Phase 2 Training.

CTSAMVM Update:

- Since the last CTC there have been 14 visits or engagements with training centres. Following a visit to Muni all 17 centres have now been revisited at least once since February 2020.



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Name of TC	Date	Name of TC	Date
Kaljak	Visit 1 June	Panyier	Visit 17 June
Maridi	Phone 2 June	Lologo	Visit 23 June
Rambur	Visit 2 June	Moroto	Visit 25 June
Muom	Visit 4 June	Mapel	Visit 26 June
Rajaf	Visit 4 June	Owinykibul	Visit 27 June
Pantiit	Visit 9 June	Alelo	Visit 2 July
Muni	Visit 17 June	Twofogia	Visit 4 July

CTSAMVM UPDATE:

- COVID-19 has impacted on CTSAMVM visits, but coordination with JTSC has on the whole been good and MVTs are usually able to visit Training Centres, or at least get updated information by telephone. The summary of information concerning training by site is on a separate hand-out.
- During June, food deliveries were made to 8 of 16 Training centres although one location has already consumed the last delivery.
- MOROTO and YOMDING have only SPLM/A-IO personnel, PANTIIT and PANYIER are predominantly SSPDF with only small numbers of SSOA or SPLM/A-IO soldiers. As a result these centres are unable to deliver the required unified training during Phase 1 of the NUF training.
- The lack of food and medicine at Training Centres is a serious cause of concern. The Commander of Lologo Training Centre no longer wishes CTSAMVM to visit and has informed the MVT that “something bad will happen if the centre runs out of food”.



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- On 1 June 2020 the SSPDF announced the VIP Protection Unit would graduate “within the coming week” and that all other NUF trainees would be graduated during June. This has not occurred.
- Most of the Training Centres have not received an official syllabus.
- To date there is no promulgated plan for the deployment of trainees from training sites to units or how the NUF will be organised.
- On 2 July at Alelo Training Centre, the Minister of Defense Hon. Angelina Teny addressed the trainees and:
 - encouraged them to do more training to maintain and defend the cohesion of the Republic of South Sudan.
 - explained that this required the renunciation of tribalism, regionalism and militancy, in order for the people of South Sudan to enjoy peace, security and stability;
 - recommended the implementation of the R-ARCSS with a focus on Chapter II and
 - informed that the date of graduation of the trainees will be before the end of this month.

Shortcomings

- The Training Site Commanders informed the teams that the instructors have not received their incentives yet.
- Uniforms and Boots.
- To date there is no promulgated plan for the deployment of trainees from training sites to units or how the NUF will be organised. As an aside MVTs may not be at best location to monitor. Sooner we find out those bases sooner we can adjust our monitoring.

Recommendations

- NTC provide graduating trainees with the equipment and logistics they require.
- JDB ensure that instructors receive their incentives.
- JDB ensure that trainees shall be distributed evenly and maintain a balance of forces in the Training Centres in accordance with the agreement.
- JTSC make a uniform training syllabus available.
- JTSC improve the training quality to ensure that all trained NUF will follow up with the requirement of Minister of Defense, to implement Chapter II of R-ARCSS and to maintain and defend the cohesion of the Republic of South Sudan.

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DISCUSSION

The Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated regarding engagements with Training Centres, I believe that a visit by Telephone is not possible! This is not the Mandate of CTSAMVM.

The Deputy Chairperson replied that we did this just in three locations, as a consequence of unavailability of Security Escort. I assure you that we can have access. As far as telephone, we have our specific sources that give us good information. But we strive every time to physically go there.

The CTSAMVM Chief of Operations commented that we use telephone mainly for updating of our information.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO then stated that this is the first time that I have seen updates by Telephone. Please note specifically in each case the reasons why it was necessary to use telephone instead of visiting. Some of these locations are not even 1 hour away from the MVT locations. Why do the MVTs not go there physically?

The CTSAMVM Fusion Cell member then stated let me explain the procedure and the reasons. We actually use both methods. But whenever possible, we go to locations physically.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO repeated his request. I want to know the reasons why no physical visit was conducted in every case. We should not assume but know in detail.

The Deputy Chairperson commented on the difficulties of accessing each location timely and in person. He also informed that it is sometimes just a matter of updates. He also stated that we can note why there was no physical visit.



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The Representative of the SSOA (LNO) spoke regarding the statement that MOROTO and YOMDING Training Centres and that they only have SPLM/A-IO. YOMDING has in fact SSOA forces, not just SPLM/A-IO.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that this was noted and we will update.

The Senior Representative of the FDs then talked about CTSAMVM's statement about salaries. I think we monitor the actions. When it comes to salaries, is it a mandate of CTSAMVM to follow this?

The Deputy Chairperson responded that we are observing if the needs of the soldiers are met. Salary is of course one of those. We follow Shelter, Food and other such items. This is part of our mandate.

The Senior Representative of the SSOA stated there is actually no salary foreseen for the trainees. There is an incentive provided for the instructors. The last one was in April. This was 100 USD per person. This budget was approved by JTSC.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that these reports are not only read by us. The trainees also read these reports. It can cause confusion.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that this is information that we received from the Training Site Commanders. We shall review that part accordingly and I thank you for this information.

DECISIONS:

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided to adopt the recommendations as written.

CTSAMVM will provide the NTC and Security Mechanisms with the above recommendations

Parties will vacate all civilian buildings

Decisions from CTC 9 June 2020:

- All outstanding occupations are reported as violations.
- Urges the SSPDF to immediately vacate all occupied Civilian Buildings.

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Update by CTSAMVM:

- Details of occupied buildings are in the handout.
- SSPDF have reportedly vacated the clinic at LELO, CTSAMVM will confirm but we note a reduction of one building occupation in advance of confirmation.

Summary of Occupied Buildings as at 29 June 2020

S/No	MVT	OCCUPIED	
		SSPDF	SPLM/A-IO
1	MALAKAL	1 (1)	
2	YAMBIO	3	
3	TORIT	8	
4	YEI	5	0
SUB TOTAL		17	0
TOTAL		17	0

DISCUSSION

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO asked regarding the vacation of occupied civilian buildings: Is there another reason behind this?

After the AOB, the CTC heard from Ambassador H.E. Andrewga, Ambassador from South Sudan to China, about his residential area in Kerepi Area which is listed as occupied by the SSPDF TIGER DIV(BDE 3 HQs) and was reconfirmed occupied as on 07 Jan 20 in the handout.

Ambassador H.E. Andrewga stated his house is on the Juba-Nimule Road on the western side of house going to Nimule, where the road is very rough. My intention was to stay there. I was staying there at the time before the conflict in 2016. He stated that his five-bedroom house is on a farm with about 300 acres used for cassava, maize, and sorghum. His farm employed people in the community and his house was also used by the surrounding community. After July 2016 he was unable to stay there. His nephew was staying at the house; eventually he left and joined SPLM/A-IO. My farm was used for feeding the IO

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without my permission. After most of the population moved to Uganda there was nobody in the house. The Ambassador stated that during and after the conflict in 2016 his house and property, including tractor and generators, were looted by people he did not know, including forces of the former SPLA (currently the SSPDF) and the SPLM/A-IO. The house needs to be completely rehabilitated. Everything was vandalized; it is only a skeleton now. He stated that elements of the SPLA arrested the SPLA soldiers who had looted and vandalized his property. They were arrested by soldiers from Tiger Division [SSPDF] and taken to court-martial. I told the Tiger Commander, "I would appreciate if some of you can move into the house."

He stated that about two or three people live in his house and noted that he is entitled to security because he is a senior Government official. He also described the area within which the house is located by indicating, "When the Tiger came to my house the entire corridor had been vandalized. Those who go there go with reservation." He listed some of the valuables and property that had been in the house and that had been vandalized, including a generator and a modern kitchen with washing machine, among other items. He underscored the fact that the graves of his mother and younger brother were within the compound. He added that he had three tractors, one of which was vandalized and the other two of which cannot be found. Again he stated there was no force in the house to protect it when the looting took place. He added that his appeal to the parties was to consider himself as somebody who supplied food to SPLM/A-IO and Government and he has submitted an official letter to the Minister of Defense for compensation and will do the same for the SPLM/A-IO. He stated as well that he did all of these things "to give security back to the population in the area." He concluded by emphasizing that he gave permission to Tiger Division after the looting took place to stay and protect his home – "The occupation of my house is not by force. After the looting it is me who went to request officially that the soldiers occupy and guard the house." He noted that no one was captured from SPLM/A-IO and that his nephew could give more information about the looting of his house.

The Deputy Chairperson thanked the Ambassador and stated that CTSAMVM will look into the legality of the matter with respect to the occupation of his residence and will let him know at the next meeting.

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Use of and Demobilisation of Child Soldiers

Decision from the previous CTC: That the Parties continue to identify and demobilise Child Soldiers in all their formations.

Update from CTSAMVM:

- CTSAMVM has received allegations of the continued presence of Child Soldiers at Training Centres.
- However, CTSAMVM has not reported upon the presence of Child Soldiers in cantonment sites/barracks or training sites since the last CTC.
- Any Child Soldiers still found with Army Formations should undergo the appropriate reintegration process.

Recommendation: That the Parties remain vigilant and identify and demobilise Child Soldiers in training centres and cantonment sites/barracks and in all their units.

DECISIONS:

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided to adopt the recommendations as written.

JMCO Update

- Violation Report
- Incidents under investigation

All discussed at JMCO meetings.

Violation Report

There is one Violation Report to discuss:

- CTSAMVM report 2020/05 – Violations against Civilians in Central Equatoria State

You have received the report in advance.

We welcome your comments on what remedial action and accountability measures need to be taken as a result of these reports in order that we, the CTC,



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can make realistic and helpful recommendations that will facilitate the full implementation of the R-ARCSS.

TOPIC - CTSAMVM Report 2020/05 – Violations against Civilians in Central Equatoria State.

Key discussion point:

- The violation is the third involving general violence against civilians and SGBV in the YEI area since March 2019. All have been serious violations and all have been committed by SSPDF Forces. There appears to be a command and control problem because all violations have involved poorly disciplined soldiers committing serious crimes.

Steps Taken by SSPDF to Commence Accountability Process

- ❑ On 30 June the SSPDF Chief of Defense Force (CDF) issued a Directive ordering the creation of a Committee of three SSPDF Judge Advocates “to investigate crimes committed by SSPDF personnel in Yei River County.”
- ❑ In his Directive, the CDF describes the Committee’s mandate as follows:
 - Investigate ALL CASES AND ALLEGED CRIMES committed by SSPDF personnel including cases of sexual violence; [Original emphasis.]
 - Prosecute Perpetrators;
 - Transfer to Police Authorities for further proceedings any civilian detained by military authorities;
 - Discharge from military custody any SSPDF personnel unlawfully detained;
 - Compile a Report and submit it to the Assistant CDF for Admin, Finance and Personnel for further Legal Proceedings.
 - The CDF Order further directs the Committee to liaise with the Commander of SSPDF Forces in the Yei Garrison and with Civil Authorities of Yei River County to assist in providing logistics and other requirements necessary to accomplish the Committee’s Mission.
 - The Committee of Judge Advocates reported to the SSPDF Garrison in Yei on Thursday 2 July to initiate its investigation.
 - The SSPDF has arrested and detained 49 soldiers in the Yei Garrison that are considered to be suspects in the Committee’s investigation of misconduct in the Yei area.

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- The Directive ordering formation of an Investigative Committee:
 - Represents a significant SSPDF CDF response to the need to hold soldiers suspected of committing crimes against civilian non-combatants strictly accountable.
 - Indicates a highly commendable intent to comply with the Accountability provisions of the ACOH and R-ARCSS.
 - Constitutes a formidable first step towards the imposition of military discipline to ensure soldiers in the field are behaving as members of a professional armed force devoted to protecting civilian rights, lives, property, and dignity, as required by the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, South Sudanese Statutory Law, and SSPDF Military Regulations.
- **REFERENCES:**
 - **ACOH**, Articles 3.1, 3.5, 8.1, and 13;
 - **R-ARCSS**, Articles 2.1.10.5, 2.1.10.7.1, and 2.1.10.7.3.

DISCUSSION

The Senior Representative of the FDs stated that regarding the formation of the Committee of three SSPDF Judge Advocates to investigate crimes committed by SSPDF in Yei River County, we have suggested that one member of IGAD/CTSAMVM should be present. That has not happened. We want CTSAMVM to be a witness if misused power to misreport that is why we ask them. We repeat that suggestion here.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that this was an implementation role for IGAD and the representative is here and will look into this proposal.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated regarding the issue of the Committee, what is important is that CTSAMVM witness the investigation. This is just so we do not get fed with second-hand information.

The Senior Representative of the FDs stated that I thought that we would discuss the Mukaya Report here, that is, display it.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that if someone has issues with the Report, we can discuss this here. The Violation Report is a big document. We did not want to include it here but make it a separate report.






The Senior Representative of the FDs stated that all of us, we are Intelligence Officers. We are aware how you can report. Before, I talked about the DISPLACEMENT. My advice to CTSAMVM: When there is a displacement, there must be a Humanitarian Report as a backup. If that is not there, the report may be biased. In the Military, we do not deploy Counterintelligence outside. They are here, inside. My advice to you is, you give us the report to discuss before you publish it.

The Deputy Chairperson stated that the Violation Report is a carefully researched document. We have our sources and our methods. Mr. KAWAJA stated HIMSELF that he is a Counterintelligence Officer, this is his statement.

The Senior Representative of the TGoNU stated what is reported here is actually very embarrassing and serious. The facts alleged happened in April. We are now in July. Could we discuss this at the Party level?

The Deputy Chairperson told the Representative, we sent this report ahead of time exactly for this purpose. This is a Violation Report. This takes time. It is not an investigation report. Regarding discussion, we gave the report to you all 3 to 4 days prior (to submission), exactly for the purpose of discussion.

The Senior Representative of the SSOA stated this report is very clear. Everything that has been mentioned here corresponds to what has been happening. My concern is about time. In the last meeting, I suggested that we need to improve the timing of the report. If it is possible, each incident has to be investigated immediately, preferably within the same month. We should not carry it forward. I also appreciate the steps taken by the CDF in the matter of violence in YEI. I repeat the suggestion that CTSAMVM should have a role of observer. Personnel has been arrested. It is an indication that the current command is taken matters seriously.

The Deputy Chairperson stated there can be so many problems when assembling the information needed. But I agree with you, we should finalise the report as soon as possible. But the report is technical. It is not always possible to do everything immediately.

The SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE of the FDs stated you people please help us. We do not hide fighting. Everything is visible. These violations in YEI will

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backfire to others. This now became a business for some people. We are here to help you with this Report, General. We do not ask you for cash. I do not even take tea from you. I take it outside. I am here to defend my country. We have good relations. Anybody can come and advise us. In Ethiopia, 100 girls have been raped last month by their own relatives. In the USA there are half a million cases of rape per year.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that we see here reports that perpetrators of rape have been arrested, detained. But we still see them walking in the streets. CTSAMVM should go and verify. These 49 soldiers, are they in fact detained? Or is it just written on paper? The MAIWUT report was discussed almost one year later. The timeliness of reporting is very important.

TOPIC: Incidents Under Investigation

- **SGBV:** There are 12 SGBV investigations underway involving incidents in Juba, Yei Area, Magwi, and Leer. Such is the scale of allegations and incidents that CTSAMVM is preparing a trend analysis report to highlight the problem areas.
- **Incidents involving NAS (TC) in the Yei area:** CTSAMVM has received multiple allegations and reports of incidents involving attacks by and retaliatory action against NAS (TC) in the Yei area (CES). CTSAMVM is following up and will report in due course.
- **Recruitment:** Allegations of SSPDF recruitment in DIGALA.
- **Denial of Access:** Denial of access to MVT at Wunaleit (CES) on 4 occasions by SPLM/A-IO.
- **Denial of Access:** Denial of access to MVT at Mosac checkpoint (CES) on 23 June 2020 by SSPDF. SSPDF took action to ensure that such incidents will not happen again.
- **Incidents allegedly involving NAS (TC) in Western Equatoria:** CTSAMVM is following up on multiple reports of alleged NAS (TC) activity in the Rassolo area of Western Equatoria involving abduction and ambushes between late March and mid May 2020.
- **Fighting at Tambura 18 June:** Operations involving the death of Brigadier Santo Ali and the subsequent displacement of 5500 civilians.
- **Fighting in Panyume area 4-5 June.** The fighting is reported to have been between NAS (TC) and SPLM/A-IO and to have resulted in 15 civilian deaths. The initial investigation was impeded by denial of access.

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UPDATE: MVT Yei met with SPLM/A-IO Div 2B Commander Major General Moses Lokujo Gabriel who indicated that these civilian deaths resulted from being caught in crossfire – the civilians were not purposefully targeted.

DISCUSSION

The Representative of the SPLM/A-IO then turned to the issue of reporting on general disarmament in Bahr El Ghazal. This is being done by the Government to disarm the civilian population. It is a good idea but our concern is that Greater Bahr El Ghazal is divided and there is no unified command at the ground level. It will not succeed as there will be crossing of arms and no one will be able to disarm them there. I want to notify CTSAMVM as this may bring a violation later on.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that the disarmament process that is ongoing. I am sure that you are well aware of it. Is CTSAMVM monitoring? We know what arms are. CTSAMVM is an institution. It is monitoring the ceasefire. Are we monitoring?

The Deputy Chairperson stated that if you have any allegations, we welcome in writing any type of allegation. We are doing our business according to our rules.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO responded that this is not an allegation. Arms are being collected. It would be good for CTSAMVM to monitor.

The Senior Representative of the FDs stated that this disarmament has been going on. You concentrate on YEI now. CTSAMVM is present in WAU, in Bahr El Ghazal and other places. The disarmament has been going on. The arms are being displayed. You should balance your attention and your resources properly.

The CTSAMVM FUSION CELL member stated that this is a Government order to collect weapons from the PUBLIC, not from any Warring Party. If you have information that the Parties are using these illegal weapons for some other purpose (such as, to illegally distribute them to Proxy Militia), you need to let us know and we need to investigate.

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The Representative of the SSOA stated that there are lots of violations happening in Upper Nile. They are caused by Cattle Raiders. Civilians are carrying guns for defending themselves and their property. This disarmament is imbalanced.

The Senior Representative of the SSOA added that I agree that this weapons collection from civilians is basically not a CTSAMVM issue unless an incident occurs. And if the Government is not careful in its approach, this can in fact CREATE new incidents. What do the people say who are resisting the disarmament? The various factions declare that they will not be disarmed unless the other (opposing) tribes also disarm. The factions and the ramifications actually reach deep into foreign territory.

The Representative of the TGoNU responded that the Government can take action to disarm those that commit violence. The Government's focus on the security arrangements are not yet complete because not yet deployed the relevant graduated forces of the VIP Protection Force. The Government is concerned if it is not yet ready there will be challenges. If corridors are open in Yei – there will be challenges with all of them in the community whether SPLM/A-IO and SSOA. It is up to us to observe. We have to face challenges and inform the Government and prevent violence. This is comprehensive and should combine them all. It is right for the Government to disarm them. Up to us to and we challenged leadership to be together to make it a comprehensive agreement for disarmament of all and for all parties to be involved like Jonglei. The environment in South Sudan has lots of challenges.

The Senior Representative of the FDs stated that CTSAMVM should not contradict itself. Government forces are seen as committing violations. But SSPDF have the mandate to protect the people. Just recently I lost 11 people in my village. The Government has the right to disarm. In 2 weeks, we have lost 167 persons. The disarmament should go ahead. In WAU there is an SPLM/A-IO Governor and they will be involved.

The Senior Representative of the TGoNU stated that one of the CTC members is nominated as Governor in WARRAP where disarmament is taking place. What I want to ask from CTSAMVM: You have to call the body of the JDB to inform the CTSAMVM about what is going on. I think SPLM/A-IO knows, SSOA knows, and the other Parties also know what is going on. You have to consult the

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Agreement. Is it right to do the disarmament at this time? What is the reason why it is being done at this time?

The Deputy Chairperson noted that we have RJMEC here. We should ask them about the dimension of this.

The Senior Representative of the SSOA stated you know that there are provisions in the Agreement that disarmament has to take place. The previous (failed) disarmament was announced by Presidential Decree. This one was not. There is no unified force. The disarmament should actually take place AFTER unification of forces! As we talk today, there are still parallel structures in place. SPLM/A-IO, SSOA etc. have their own areas of authority. If there is no unified Government, it is problematic to carry out a disarmament. I can predict what will happen if they come to my area. In my area, everyone has an AK-47. Most often more than one. That person can for example surrender one AK and keep the other. What good is this? If we want to do the disarmament as provided in the Agreement, this should not be done at this time. That is my concern.

TOPIC - Joint Field Visits

Update: Yei 6 July 2020 (cancelled because of inclement weather).

The JFV to Yei we will rescheduled soon.

Any Other Business

The Senior Representative of the FDs said that we the Senior Representatives came to CTSAMVM. On the same day I received an email from CTSAMVM SECRETARY telling us that there is free lunch here to be had. I object to that. We do not need your free Lunch. CTSAMVM say they are always short of money. They should have saved that money and use it some other time.

The CTSAMVM Legal Advisor replied Sir, just very briefly, this money was already spent, there was no way to get it back, so we thought that it could be appropriate to at least offer to you all to enjoy a free lunch. We were not trying to insinuate anything.

Date of next CTC

The dates of the next meeting will be 11 – 12 August 2020.

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