

OUTCOMES OF CEASEFIRE TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM (CTSAMVM) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN OCTOBER 19, 2020

	ATTENDANCE		
Acting Chairperson	Maj Gen Dafaalla Hamid Mohammed	CTSAMVM	
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In Attendance as Observers	Lt Gen Gabriel Duop Lt Gen Wesley Welebe Maj Wuor Jok Kuol Mr Gahlar Elijah Lt Col Patrick Mawela Col Peter Kariuki Mr Mitsuhiro Tayama Mr. Elijah Osiro Mr Mutwakil Ahmed Mr Bob Leitch	Co-Chair JDB Co-Chair JTSC JMCC JTSC Defense Attaché to South Sudan, South Africa Defence Attaché to South Sudan, Kenya Japan Embassy IGAD IGAD RJMEC	

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting (CTC) was held on Monday 19 October 2020 at the Dembesh Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as 1000hrs/10:00 am opened the meeting.

The CTC then reviewed the proposed Agenda.

The Agenda was adopted unchanged at 1005hrs/10:05am. The Acting Chairperson then proceeded with his opening address:

Item/Issue/Decision/Agreement	Action
Opening Remarks by the Acting Chairperson	
Dear CTC members,	
Distinguished guests,	
Dear Colleagues,	
Our Partners, RJMEC and IGAD,	
Defense Attachés and Observers,	
Ladies and Gentlemen,	

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It is my pleasure to give you a warm welcome to this CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting. Sadly, I must report on the sudden passing of our CTC member, Brig. Gen. Khor Zalson Dhal, Senior CTC representative from the SSOA. He joined us at our last CTC meeting and had shown understanding of the work of CTSAMVM and the CTC. Our condolences to his family, the SSOA and his CTC colleagues on his passing. May we have one minute of silence for him.

Thank you.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

South Sudan remains mostly in peace and CTSAMVM continues to actively monitor the peace, report on breaches and report on the implementation of the Transitional Security Arrangements.

I have just returned from Rome, where I led the CTSAMVM delegation to a fresh round of South Sudan peace talks with the Non-Signatories under the auspices of the Comunita Di Sant' Egidio. Our participation reflected CTSAMVM's continuous effort to contribute to a lasting and inclusive peace in the country.

There have been no verified clashes between the signatories to the ceasefire over the last period. However, there was significant violence involving the reported change of allegiance of Maj Gen Moses Lokujo from SPLM/A-IO to SSPDF which resulted in violent clashes in the area of Moroto on 27, 29 September and 4 October between SPLM/A-IO and forces loyal to Maj Gen Moses Lokujo.

I would like to express my appreciation to JDB for their efforts in trying to resolve issues related to the clashes in Moroto that can jeopardize the Peace Agreement. Further as the RJMEC Interim Chairperson stressed at the most recent RJMEC plenary on 30 September, these defections must not be allowed to weaken the Peace Agreement.

The Pre-Transitional tasks of cantonment and cantonment related activities such as registration and DDR remain far behind schedule as does the critical task of training of the Necessary Unified Forces or the NUF. The Training Centres lack resources and the JDB to date has not provided any plans for the deployment of trainees into

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NUF formations. A great deal remains to be done and you will be briefed today on the status of implementation of these Pre-Transitional tasks. We have invited the mechanisms, the JMCC and JTSC today to provide updates on cantonment and training. The importance of the coordination and communication between the security mechanisms and CTSAMVM cannot be overemphasized. As you can see there is a lot to cover at this meeting so I will conclude by wishing the meeting participants fruitful deliberations and results. This meeting is now officially open.

Thank you.

Thank you.

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

The Acting SPLM/A-IO Senior Representative thanked the Acting Chairman, Chief of Staff (COS), secretariat, CTSAMVM colleagues and the participants at the meeting. In this meeting, I want to inform you that my team leader is on short leave and will be back after short days, so he has asked me to represent him. First the incident that took place in Moroto and KIRWA by SSPDF, I condemn it seriously. We do respect all the signatories of the Peace Agreement and comply with what they are doing. Maj Gen Moses Lokujo and Luol Deng Akol and others may have overlooked what their principals are doing in Juba. Let us be mindful about our forces in the training centres, their situation is getting very hard, and it is becoming monotonous to talk about it. The issue of mechanisms who are staying in hotels in Juba has been talked about several times. They have been without food allowance for a long time. The flooding situation in Jonglei is very alarming. The humanitarian situation is alarming. Distinguished guests, we are asking the humanitarians to support according to their capacity. Perhaps after the flood there will be an outbreak of diseases and starvation. Without support, we are going to suffer severely. We have a humanitarian disaster and a pandemic. All these contribute to our problems and makes peace very difficult. Thank you so much

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The Senior Representative of the SSOA extended greetings to the CTSAMVM Acting Chairman, CTC members and observers. First, I would like to convey my condolences to the family, SSOA fraternity and CTSAMVM on the passing of Brig Gen Khor Zalson Dhal who passed away on 15 October at 2340hrs/ 11:40pm. He had attended only one meeting and this was going to be his second meeting. Unfortunately, he cannot be with us but his contribution is appreciated. God gives and God takes. Let the name of God be praised.

Secondly, I want to talk about our visit to Nassir which was facilitated by CTSAMVM. We went there two times and it was very successful. We told the people of Nassir that this peace is not just for Juba, but rather for the people in the whole country.

The face to face meeting was successful and we commend the military leadership of both parties for willingness to end hostilities in Nassir area.

Thirdly, is the situation in Moroto, it is suffice to say that the season of changing allegiance from one party to another is over. This will trigger a lot of problems as we are in the run up to graduate a unified force. This practise should be discouraged completely because we are going to have one army and one leadership and this should be discouraged.

We urge the parties to stop the business of parties, the other thing is the issue of leadership gaps, the government should bridge

these leadership gaps in the states.

The issue of resources, we know that we have the challenge of resources especially in these months, but it is necessary that resources be availed because you cannot run these programs including graduation without resources. When we talk about resources, we know the lion's share goes to JTSC and JMCC. The cantonments have already been abandoned. The resources are not even enough for the Training Centers, and if we do not graduate the forces soon, we will also have empty Training Centers. We urge the government to avail the resources to the NTC otherwise we may lose these soldiers in the next few months.

Finally, I don't know whether people know what we do. We don't only monitor the Peace Agreement but we also disseminate peace among other tasks. We have MVTs toiling day and night to monitor the peace. In the mud, in the mosquitoes. We diffuse

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conflict. We inform the decision-making process and we keep the people of South Sudan updated about the status of the Peace Agreement. If this is not enough, no other mechanism is doing what CTSAMVM is doing. This is the mandate of national component of CTSAMVM and they must be taken care of.

The Representative of the Former Detainees, thanked the Deputy Chairman, COS and the Secretariat. Wished to begin expressing sadness on the passing of Brig Gen Khor Dhal. He left his field as a Medical Doctor, he got into Politics. We could not do anything to him because he didn't have any medical card or insurance card to be rushed to the hospital, so that is why he died. This needs to be considered in the future. He was called from Kampala where he left his family and died here.

On issue of Moroto I urge the SPLM/A-IO and SSPDF to carry on the permanent ceasefire and further urge the JDB to investigate on the issue and ensure that it is concluded soon.

The issue of registration, is a big factor. Even CTSAMVM has contributed to this because until today CTSAMVM does not have the number of artillery pieces and we don't have any records. CTSAMVM has no any record of both heavy and medium weapons. The graduation is a big problem.

I urge the government to expedite the formation of the governments at the state levels. There is no connection between the counties and the state levels. The government should do more. The command structure needs to be set up to ensure continuity of the unified forces.

The RTGoNU is incomplete. I urge the Government to form the Transitional National Legislative Assembly. The Government has three branches of government. I urge the Government to ensure that this is concluded soon. I thank you.

The Senior Representative of the TGoNU thanked the Acting Chairman of CTSAMVM and the Chief of Staff, and greeted all the

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members. The senior representative took the opportunity to add his voice on the passing on of our colleague Brig Gen Khor Dhal. Condolences to the SSOA family and I appreciate MG Bior from Former Detainees for giving us his brief biography. May God rest his soul in peace.

Appreciates CTSAMVM leadership for convening the meeting and I am glad that CTSAMVM have no verified clashes, with the exception of that of change of allegiance. Change of allegiance emerged immediately after the signing of the peace agreement. It is something we may not avoid because according to timelines we had given ourselves, everyone would find himself in the same force. All the forces are going to be unified. Everyone will be in that force and it will not represent any party but South Sudan. They will have a name and a mandate.

Since it has happened, I quite agree with my colleagues, such incidents need to be stopped, those responsible be punished.

I am also happy to hear that there are no clashes between NAS and SSPDF or SPLM/A-IO as we hope that NAS will join us soon. As far as our mandate is concerned, we are only responsible for monitoring, verification and reporting the implementation of the R-ARCSS, Chapter II. But since you have invited JTSC, JDB and JMCC representatives, they will tell us their story and will give their recommendations. We are aware that most of the provisions of the Peace Agreement have been implemented but some have not; that is due to some reasons, and the stakeholders are trying to resolve that. If we do not follow the timeframe as specified, nevertheless one day it will all be implemented. I urge the Parties to double their efforts so that we have a Unified Armed Force. I am ready to discuss the agenda items and to help find solutions for the outstanding issues. Thank you.

With the opening remarks of the Acting Chairperson and the Senior Party Representatives having concluded, the Acting Chairperson excused the Media from the CTC meeting at 1040 hrs/10:40 am.

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Approval of Minutes from CTC Meeting of 11 September 2020

The Draft Minutes of the CTC Meeting of 11 September 2020 were reviewed, corrected, and then approved as the Final Minutes.

The Acting Chairperson explained that the procedure had been adjusted and that the presentation would be broken up into two phases - implementation of pre-transitional tasks and JMCO update.

CTSAMVM Report

The Chief of Staff (COS), Office of Secretariat and Deputy Chief of Staff/Reports Office then briefed the following as the important issues and events to be addressed at this meeting of the CTC:

Important Issues and Events

18th CTSAMVM Board

16 September

Training of new IOs

25 Sep - 01 October

R-JMEC Meeting

30 September

JDB Visit to Kajo Keji, Moroto, Panyume 02 October

Rome Conference with SSOMA

09-12 October

JFV to Nassir

06 October

MOD/CTSAMVM Visit to Moroto Training Center 7 October

Donors Virtual Meeting

14 October

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The Senior Representative of the TGoNU asked about those International Monitors who have recently trained, already deployed or not? He also wanted to know about the Donors Meeting.

The Acting Chairperson explained both items. The International Monitors are not deployed and will not be in the foreseeable future. Regarding the Donors Meeting, we asked all donors to contribute, especially now that we have the new commitment with SSOMA.

The Representative of the Former Detainees remarked that the CTC members were not invited and asked are we one, or are we several? He welcomed the presence of the JDB. He stated to the Acting Chairperson that members have to be involved and that there only remain a few days. We feel as if we are segregated from CTSAMVM. I myself am a member of the board, and we gave the Chairman enough time.

Implementation Status - the Ceasefire

- There have been no verified clashes between signatories to the ceasefire over the last period. However, there were violent clashes in the area of Moroto on 27, 29 September and 4 October between SPLM/A-IO and forces loyal to Maj Gen Moses Lokujo.
- Over the period there have been no verified clashes between NAS and SSSPDF or SPLM/A-IO in the Equatorias.
- The intercommunal violence reported at previous CTC meetings in Jonglei has reduced since and the situation appears to be more stable. There have been more recent reports of Inter Communal violence in Tonj East in early October but no evidence that such incidents are R-ARCSS related.

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Implementation Status - Cantonment

CTC 11 September 2020 Decisions:

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- Immediate measures by JDB/JMCC should include:
 - The provision of urgently-needed food, shelter and medical support.
 - Clear instructions to Cantonment Site Commanders about plans for the future.
 - Further registration in order to confirm numbers in Cantonment Sites, and the completion of the screening process.

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 last CTC in Sep, 15 visits have been conducted to the following sites:

	Date of Visit	Name of Cantonment
Bong	10 Sep	Lowureng
Pieri	14 Sep	Irube
Lobojo	25 Sep	SSPDF Malakal

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Lieng 22 Sep SSPDF Aweil 30 Sep Dulu 22 Sep SSPDF Wau 15 Sep SSPDF Malual 30 Sep SSPDF Torit 07 Sep Chat Ngo Halima 07 Oct Dingding 23 Sep Gieni 13 Oct					
SSPDF Malual 30 Sep SSPDF Torit 07 Sep Chat Ngo Halima 07 Oct Dingding 23 Sep	Lieng	22 Sep	SSPDF Aweil	30	Sep
Chat Ngo Halima 07 Oct Dingding 23 Sep	Dulu	22 Sep	SSPDF Wau	15	Sep
		30 Sep	SSPDF Torit	07	Sep
Gieni 13 Oct	Ngo Halima	07 Oct	Dingding	23	Sep
	Gieni	13 Oct			

CTSAMVM Observations and Update:

- The situation in Cantonment Sites in most cases remains desperate, with little or no food being supplied, and no information given to the commanders about when personnel might move to Training Centres or DDR. This refers to Cantonment Sites, not SSPDF Cantonment Barracks.
- CTSAMVM has received no new information concerning cantonment site resources, planning, registration or screening from JMCC or JDB.
- CTSAMVM has assisted in transporting medicine to Masna Birra cantonment site and JMCC personnel to Akobo.
- It is no longer possible for CTSAMVM to give any sort of overall estimate of the numbers of personnel remaining in Cantonment Sites. Anecdotal evidence suggests many have left, but Cantonment Site commanders are often reluctant to give figures.
- MVT Juba has not met with JMCC since the last CTC but has a scheduled meeting this week commencing 19 Oct 20.

Recommendations:

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<u>Implementation Status - Training of Necessary Unified Forces</u> (NUF)

CTC 11 September 2020 Decisions:

- CTSAMVM urges the JDB and JTSC to formulate and issue clear plans for the completion of training at Training Centres, and the subsequent equipping and graduation of all trainees.
- CTSAMVM also recommends that as a matter of urgency JDB finalises plans for the deployment of trainees once they graduate.

CTSAMVM UPDATE:

Since the last CTC there have been 11 visits to training centres.

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Gorom	12 Oct Visit	Alel	10 Sep Visit
<u>Morota</u>	24 Sep Visit	<u>Pantit</u>	22 Sep Visit
<u>Maridi</u>	09 Oct Visit	Masna Biira	24 Sep Visit
Lologo	05 Oct Visit	<u>Pantit</u>	07 Oct Visit
Mapel	12 Oct Visit	Muom	10 Oct Visit
Muom	13 Oct Visit		

JTSC UPDATE AS AT 15 OCT 2020:

- Rajaf, Lologo, Rambur, Gorom and Moni TCs are prepared for graduation.
- JTSC awaits the timetable from JDB and the plan for the deployment of the NUF from the JDB.
- JTSC received SSP116M from NTC as part of the graduation fund. SSP 316M is still held by NTC.
- Uniforms for the Army, NSS and VIP protection force have been received. Uniforms for other organised forces not received.

CTSAMVM UPDATE:

- CTSAMVM has assisted in the movement of medicine to Pantiit, Mapel, Muom, Aleilo, Twofogia and Pantiit TCs and instructor payments to Owinykibul and Maridi TCs.
- MVTs will conduct visits to verify the information provided by JTSC on 15 Oct 2020.

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Implementation Status - DDR:

CTSAMVM UPDATE:

- Since the last meeting CTSAMVM has assisted in the movement of DDR Officials to Bor, Pibor and Pariang.
- MVT Bor reports that following a visit to Muom Training Centre on 13 Oct 2020 the Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Team conducted a screening exercise on 18 June 2020 and selected 28 male and one female SSPDF, 27 Male and two female SPLM/A-IO and 9 male and five female SSOA soldiers for DDR.
- MVT Wau reports that at Dulu cantonment site the regional DDR team has conducted screening and identified 57 Officers (49 males, 8 female) and 110 Other Ranks (81 male, 28 female) for DDR as at 20 Sep 2020.

Parties will vacate all civilian buildings

CTSAMVM UPDATE:

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- The occupation of a building in WICYHAR also known as WICHARADIO in NASSIR by SSPDF which is in addition to previously reported occupations.
- The occupation of Bora Primary School in Lujulu by SSPDF which is in addition to previously reported occupations.

Summary of Occupied Buildings as at 12 Oct 2020

S/No	MVT	CICCUPIED .		
		SSPDF	SPLM/A-IO	
1	MALAKAL	1+1	-	
2	YAMBIO	1		
3	TORIT	8	_	
4	YEI	4+1	_	
SUB TOTAL		16		
TOTAL		16		

Note:

- Increase of 2 occupations since the last CTC.
- Details in the handout.

The Acting Chairperson then welcomed the Co-chairs of JDB and JTSC respectively. Are you ready to give us some update on the matters just seen?

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UPDATES from JTSC Co-Chair:

Our presentation has been captured, but let me emphasise on the provisions that we have done in the training centres. They are facing very serious logistical challenges and if they continue like that, they will cause serious challenges. In reference to the training, the schedule was put there although these activities were supposed to happen in the pre- transitional period. It has been two years and we are not able to produce a single unified force. This is a big blow to the agreement because the security forces are the backbone of the Agreement. The Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) are the only important factor in addressing this issue. Of the approved budget that we submitted only 7 percent has been given.

There is insufficient funding and due to this we were not able to prepare the training centres fully. It is a very big blow to the work of the JTSC. We have floods in the greater upper Nile region and our training centres are affected. The people we hired cannot work without incentives. Those staff that were hired have not received any incentive. The medical teams-these are not soldiers; we only hire them to do the screening. But they have no incentives. The trainers and the protection force too. No support has been given to the NUF. We are still struggling with the national security force training centres. The agreement on the training has not happened. The officers have not been moved to these training centres. We have been blaming the COVID 19 though there is a lot that needs to be done.

Our recommendation, is that the government through the NTC avail resources as a matter of urgency so that we can prepare for the graduation and that we can prepare for the second phase. The graduation timetable should be released too so that the forces can speed up with the plan for deployment. We are also appealing to the international partners and the guarantors to enhance their pledge of supporting the security plans. JTSC underlines that the unification of forces is important to the peace process and we make an appeal that everyone should support JTSC so that this task can be completed.

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UPDATE from JDB Co-Chair:

The invitation letter was sent straight to our Chairman, Gen Johnson Juma Okot and I was hoping that he could come, but he is engaged elsewhere. I do not have a formal written report, I will therefore be talking and addressing the areas that need to be fulfilled. JDB is the highest military organ, in charge of the implementation of the Security Arrangements down to the organization in the assembly areas. Most of the pre-transitional tasks could not be completed. Forces in the Training Centers, they need to be graduated. JDB has given a proposed military structure. We submitted our report to NTC which in turn submitted to the Principals. We are waiting for the feedback.

The Commander-in-Chief will be only one, once the forces are united.

We are also anticipating unifying the TOP COMMAND at the strategic level. We need to form a military strategic echelon, that will command the unified forces.

Our principals were supposed to meet today but the meeting has been postponed to tomorrow. The issue of deployment after graduation; the army is to protect the territorial integrity of the country while National security will be for internal security but the tasks of the unified forces will include the inter-communal violence. We shall not wait for the people to kill each other and protect the dead bodies. In our deployment strategy we will consider those areas.

I heard something about the issue of violations. Regarding the issue of change of allegiance, being in one Party or another is a will of the person, you cannot force anybody to be on one side or the other. Our Goal is to attain Peace in South Sudan. JMCC together with CTSAMVM went to the ground in Kajo Keji after the involving the forces of Maj Gen Lokujo, and SPLM/A-IO.

We established two fact finding committees. We summoned the operational commanders. MG Lokujo himself will also be subjected to the same. He gave us warning before he started fighting. He called me and I told him that, "General, this is a declaration of War. SSPDF will not be able to move out of these areas". Instructors in Moroto are a combination of SSPDF, SPLM/A-IO and SSOA. The attack on the training Centre is a great violation. But we have now addressed the problem and will continue to solve it. We changed from the phase of war to peace. Our challenge is the shortage of food in the cantonment areas. The Chinese government has sent

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rice, but rice alone is not enough. In our stores we do not have food except this rice. JDB has already started distribution. We have shortages, and if we do not get food into the Training Centers, the trainees will start to desert them. They could also go and join Thomas Cirillo, for example.

As JDB, we submitted the future structure, and we are waiting now for the Green Light. In the military you cannot do things alone. We

await the approval.

But we will not relent until we achieve the Peace Agreement. Thank you.

The Acting Chairperson then opened the floor for discussion on the report.

The Senior Representative of TGoNU stated that; I thank you dear Acting Chairman for taking our concerns of the last meeting of inviting the other mechanisms to this meeting. I am also happy that the Co-chairs of JDB and JTSC are here in their capacities and they are all from the opposition. They have spoken what they are doing. They have pointed out the challenges that they are facing and these need to be addressed. These are not their fault. They work for the Government, for the Nation, and they are working even without incentives. But it is good for you CTSAMVM to hear directly from them. The Government is not able to give these incentives. Even our public servants, some have not received their dues for 4, 5 or 6 months.

This brings me back to the recommendations of General Wesley, Co-Chair of the JDB to urge the international community, partners and friends of South Sudan to fulfil what they pledged. The lack of this support, this is the result. And yet they are saying they want peace implementation. We are bringing forward the pre-transitional tasks. We do not know when these will be achieved if we are not supported. All this is not satisfactory. Those who are to be deployed, and they do not have their personal weapons, what are they going to do? And yet the international community want peace and stability. How? You cannot implement all these activities without sufficient resources.

I want CTSAMVM to take note of the recommendation of General Gabriel that we really need support in order to move forward and finish the tasks. They have done their part. Issues like change of

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allegiance are caused by the lack of resources. May be also some are instigating such things to happen, for personal gain. We will continue to hear about changes of allegiance if the Necessary Unified Forces are not unified.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Gen FENG BO from China for the support that China extends, and also to the other members of the International Community. Japan too is supporting us and our National Monitors, we are very happy.

Now that you have heard all these challenges from the implementers who are here. We the CTSAMVM are the eyes of the International Community on the on the implementation of the R-ARCSS, Chapter II, Acting Chairperson, your team and the High Representatives of JDB and JTSC, to show us their side of events. These are some of the facts. My personal recommendation to CTSAMVM is this: Keep working hard in your routines and keep associating with the mechanisms.

The representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that; CTSAMVM should always be frank and neutral in reporting. I want to ask a question; If I change a camp from CTSAMVM to another and I cause some problem there or I kill someone there who is responsible? I say this because of Moses Lokujo. I am surprised why you are saying that there are no clashes between the Parties of the Peace Agreement. This happened even in Wau, we didn't discuss the root cause of the problem. We talked about the civilians but we did not talk about the cause. We should be neutral.

The Acting Chairperson, asked that the members wait until the second report to discuss the issue of Change of Allegiance and there would be details there.

The Senior representative of SSOA stated that; I am happy that we have the two Co-Chairs todays. It is good they are here. This forum represents the key actors of the Security Arrangements. Change of Allegiance MUST be discouraged. This is the only thing that is threatening the Peace at this time. There is no need for Generals to change allegiance when in fact the armies are coming together. This is a gross violation, and the parties responsible must be dealt with in an appropriate manner. We had

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the long case of Maiwut before, and our work is to point the finger to who is responsible. We cannot allow individuals to disrupt harmony. This Peace is very fragile, and one incident may be enough to blow it up. There could have been a chain reaction within the other Training Centers as retaliation. For how long are we going to entertain this indirect confrontation? The Moroto case was very unique. This needs to be investigated and measures recommended.

The Acting Chairperson then reminded the members that we still have the discussions on the Violation Report, let us focus now on IMPLEMENTATION

The Representative of the Former Detainees stated that; Thank you Chair. I am confused a bit. We have been talking about these same things for two years now. Let me be frank with you, this mess started much earlier in Khartoum. The way the guarantors put the agreement; it will be very difficult to be implemented and it will not help to bring Peace. We heard that the troops have received only rice. I witnessed this in 1984 what it means to eat only rice. Even there was no salt. People died from that insufficient diet. If we die today in South Sudan, sanctions will not help. All forces will desert if they have an improper diet. Let us be specific. Change of Allegiance will not solve any problems. Moses Lokuju could have been given something for three months, for six months, and when it gets finished, he will return to the bush and join SPLM/A -IO again. In the preregistration phase the Government has not been completed. The implementation of the Security Arrangements can take 5 years. Let us put things directly, then there will be Peace.

The Other Representative of TGoNU stated that; There has not been an explanation as to why there is no graduation. The mechanisms did not explain really what the condition of the graduation is. Everyone knows that the training is over, and the only thing left is graduation. Where is the problem now? Why do they not graduate? The uniforms are there and graduation will be a very good day and they will be happy. They will graduate even if there is no food. I do not really understand what the problem is. The forces need to be graduated and they need to be deployed. The issue of Defections; these were there from DAY ONE. We are used to it. We need to look for solutions. Last week Dr. Chol was

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from the Government. He deserted and joined the SPLM/A-IO. He was well received. Because of the poverty everyone has to calculate his own interest very well. I will not accept at this time defections from SPLM/A-IO to us. We need to have a National Army. We should also have a proper rank structure in our forces, not just officers. As a Major General from South Sudan, if I go to Uganda, I cannot be given the same rank or I will not be given the same respect as a Major General from TANZANIA. The Moroto incident, if anyone supported the defection, this one has committed a violation.

The Other SSOA Representative stated that; I have listened a lot about defections of people here from one side to the other. I want to remind ourselves of the permanent ceasefire. Article 2.1.4. Permanent Ceasefire shall be applied to all forces and those allied to the Parties. While the clashes are going on, we cannot achieve peace. We as SSOA want to advise all the other Parties to respect the Ceasefire. Defection is not the problem but let us advise them not to fight. Also our civilians who are holding guns to be advised because the ceasefire is comprehensive.

The Acting Chairperson then asked the Chief of Staff to proceed to the JMCO Update.

TOPIC: JMCO Update

- Violation reports
- Change of Allegiance
- Investigation Update

All discussed at JMCO meetings

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REPORT 2020/08 - FIGHTING AND PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS VIOLATIONS IN TAMBURA AREA JUNE 2020.

Key Points:

- The impact of the fighting was serious because over 5000 civilians were displaced as they fled to safety creating humanitarian distress.
- Responsibility for the violations lies with the Government and SPLM/A-IO.
- If both parties had adhered to the appropriate provisions of the R-ARCSS the fighting and displacement of civilians could have been avoided.
- It is important to improve the capabilities and effectiveness of the R-ARCSS security mechanisms, especially the JDB, JTSC and JMCC so that future clashes are either prevented or more swiftly resolved.

Change of Allegiance:

Significant cases involving defection from SPLM/A-IO to SSPDF which have resulted into violence are:

- MG Ochan Puot Buop Aug 2019 in Maiwut.
- MG James Nando 26 March 20 in Yambio.
- BG Joseph Santo Natali Ali 07 Apr 20 in Namutina.
- MG Moses Lokujo Gabriel 21 Sep 2020 in Panyume.

Security Impact:

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- Allegations that some senior officers have been induced to defect have been made, these have not been substantiated.
- However, it is clear that in some cases one the consequences of defections has been to create forces affiliated to some senior officers. This has led to violence which has resulted in loss of life and displacement of civilians

R-ARCSS Implications:

The CTC is reminded of the R-JMEC Statement made on 01 October 2020 that:

"Whether referred to as 'defection' or 'change of allegiance', the important point is that the R-ARCSS has made commendable progress in the past two years since its signing and this must not be allowed to weaken because of instability caused by defections or accepting defections, which is contrary to the letter and spirit of the Agreement"

Recommendation:

 Defectors and their affiliates should not be permitted to be accepted into new parties because that could be interpreted as mobilization and recruitment. Such cases should be considered as candidates for DDR.

Investigations Concluded:

Recruitment: Allegations of SSPDF recruitment in DIGALA.

Update: This has been investigated and no evidence of recruitment was found.

NAS Attack on SSPDF at Gorom 5 August 2020.

Update: CTSAMVM conducted an investigation and visited Gorom on 4 Aug 2020 and followed up with a visit to Digala and Goroma bomas on 11 Sep 2020.

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- The clash on 5 August is verified. The attack was alleged by the Chief Instructor (SSPDF) of Gorom Training Centre. NAS admitted conducting the attack.
- It is not possible to confirm the number of casualties because there were contradictory reports from both parties.
- Since the day of the attack, the security situation in Gorom area has been calm.

Incidents Under Investigation:

Incidents involving SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO in Wau area between 18 July and 10 Aug 20.

- There were allegations of:
 - Forced disarmament of SPLM/A-IO by SSPDF at Kupringap bridge.
 - The operation of an illegal checkpoint by SPLM/A-IO.
 - Violence resulting from forced disarmament in Tonj on 10 August.
- Investigations are still underway. The SSPDF commander of the disarmament operation in Tonj did not cooperate during the initial investigation. Further engagement is required to complete the task.

Incidents in Nasir.

On 7 August an SSPDF soldier was found dead in the outskirts of Nasir which allegedly led to the killing of some local youths by the SSPDF. CTSAMVM received counter allegations that 2 SSPDF soldiers were killed near Kedbeck (near Nassir) on about 04 September.

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Update:

- JFV conducted to Nasir on 6 October at which it was agreed the commanders of SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO would meet to resolve issues.
- A follow up conference intended for 14 Oct at Nasir to bring SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO was prevented due to poor communications however a new date of 20 Oct 2020 has been agreed.
- CTSAMVM will monitor the outcome of the next conference and report at the next CTC.

Fighting in KIRWA, ANDIJO and MOROTO.

- CTSAMVM was informed by Comd Moroto TC of fighting on 07 Sep at Kirwa and also of an attack at Moroto on 29 Sep.
- On 02 Oct CTSAMVM in conjunction with SNLOs, JMCC and JTSC representatives visited Kajo Keji SSPDF base, Moroto TC and Panyume Cantonment site.
- On 04 Oct there was a reported second attack on Moroto TC.
- On 07 Oct CTSAMVM accompanied a delegation led by the Minster of Defence which included the Chair of the JDB and revisited all sites.

Interim CTSAMVM Assessment

- MG Moses Lokujo was the commander of SPLM/A-IO Division 2B Greater Yei River Area.
- MG Moses Lokujo defected from SPLM/A-IO and declared allegiance to SSPDF on 21 Sep. He was joined by an unknown number of his officers and soldiers.
- There was fighting between SPLM/A-IO and forces loyal to MG Lokujo in Kirwa and Andijo on 27 Sep. Details of the fighting in those areas are not available.
- Forces loyal to MG Lokujo attacked Moroto TC on 29 Sep and 04 Oct. Moroto was occupied predominantly by SPLM/A-IO but there were also SSPDF soldiers present. At

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- least 3 soldiers are confirmed as killed in the attack, their identities are not verified.
- The evidence collected thus far in CTSAMVM's preliminary investigations does not indicate that the SSPDF directly supported MG Lokujo's activities.

Fighting in KIRWA, ANDIJO and MOROTO. (Minister of Defence and JDB Intervention 07 Oct).

MVT Yei (Team Leader, National Monitor and International Observer) witnessed statements made at Moroto, Kajo Keji and Panyume. Key points made were:

General JJ Okot. Stated that the JDB will summon SSPDF Commanders in Kajo Keji, Moroto TC Comd, SPLM/A-IO Commander Panyume and 'whoever is in command of forces affiliated to MG Lokujo' to Juba to investigate the fighting and restore security.

Hon Angeline Teny. Stated that there is no hiding place for criminals whether they switch allegiance or not and that those found culpable in the current insecurity in the area will be held responsible and accountable for their deeds.

General JJ Okot. Committed to Joint SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO patrols in the area to restore security, improve confidence and to protect trainees and instructors.

CTSAMVM Observations:

- The timely intervention by the Minister of Defence and the JDB is welcome.
- CTSAMVM will monitor the action taken by the JDB and monitor the security situation in Moroto and Kajo Keji and report at the next CTC.

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TOPIC - Joint Field Visits

Update: The Chief of Staff briefed on the visit to Nasir on 06 October 2020 and as a result the follow up activities in the area.

DISCUSSION ON CTSAMVM REPORT - JMCO UPDATE TO INCLUDE VIOLATION REPORTS, PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS UPDATE, CHANGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INCIDENTS UNDER INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ON PRE-TRANSITONAL TASKS FROM JDB, JMCC AND JTSC AND THE NEXT JOINT FIELD VISIT.

The Deputy Chairperson allowed the representative from JMCC Liaison Officer (LNO) (Maj Gen Wuor) to brief the committee.

The JMCC LNO stated that during Phase 1 of the NUF we managed to establish 25 cantonment sites, in general 40 were planned only managed for 25 sites, 15 for next phase. – Through our activities we had different command positions, 10 major barracks for the SSPDF last September we started our activities – registration and screening cantonment when we finished comes to disarmament – barracks to Training Centres. Conducted DDR activities. NPTC only funded since last December for transportation of forces. Until now zero, that is why we failed to do the activities. CTSAMVM assisted us with transportation when we requested it. Last December we supplied food to cantonment sites at barracks. We received support from Egypt with tents and medicines

Most Opposition has no uniforms, only few different uniforms from different countries. These things we are facing lack of funding is a major problem. We met with RJMEC about developing a database based on registration and biometrics.

Suggestion that senior officers must be given something. Those generals at cantonment they should be left with something, SSPDF have salaries, The SPLM/A-IO is not getting anything. The lack of support has brought about defections. We need an international body to support.

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Also, the slow motion of top echelon of unformed army to cover cantonment barracks. Still not finished. The delay in graduation will delay our activities of JMCC. Because we need second phase which has not taken place. CTSAMVM has our report.

I urge that we talk about Moroto, we went to Moroto, Kajo Keji and Panyume. We found evidence of evidence of white camouflaged uniforms. Also, those that went with Maj Gen Lokujo were chanting the SPLA song. Those that left were 17, only 7 left. There are some facts that must be told. Anyone that is complicit cannot fear pointing finger. Attacked from all sides and Lokujo did not have the forces to attack from all sides. Some elements involved from SSPDF.

The Representative of the FD stated that; First of all, General Lt Gen Bol Akot (Thuon) Akot is not from SSPDF, he is from Police. Secondly, the statement attributed to R-JMEC (of 01 October), I am not aware of this statement. Can you give us that detail? Then on slide 35 (statements from MVT Yei regarding fighting in Kirwa, Andijo and Moroto), we have all these statements from Government, I do not think that this needs to be here. CTSAMVM's mandate is to monitor and verify. Then also, I do not think that it is the mandate of CTSAMVM to transport supplies (medicines), mechanisms. The reason I am saying this is that at some point South Sudan will receive the bill for these transport costs. Someone will say that you know we used to transport these items for you people.

The Representative of SPLM/A-IO (LNO) stated that; I want to make comments on slides 33 and 34 regarding the interim report on fighting in Kirwa, Andijo and Moroto. First of all, the Commander of Moroto Training Centre was SPLM/A-IO, but his Deputy was SSPDF. I was expecting the report to come in a way that addresses all these doubts. CTSAMVM should have looked at the setup of the Training Centre, who was in Moroto Training Centre. On the number of the dead in the Training Centre, it would have been better to say that the number is not known. When we went there, it is true we were shown 3 bodies but we cannot know how many they were as a whole. We should not be hiding facts.

On Slide 26 regarding the Changes of Allegiance:

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Last time we agreed that Santo Ali had defected but by the time of his death he was a member of SPLM/A-IO. He defected to SSPDF but only for 3 days or so, before he was killed. He was still part of SPLM/A-IO. The soldiers who were killed on that same day were of SPLM/A-IO and they were killed by SSPDF. He should therefore not be listed here among those who defected.

It was SSPDF who burned down houses and displaced 5000 people. It should therefore not read that "Responsibility lies with the

Government and SPLM/A-IO".

My main concern is the level of violations committed in that incident, and who committed them. We could say that the issue of Santo Ali will be investigated.

The Senior representative of TGoNU stated that I thank you for this second part. I agree with Maj Gen Bior on the statements made. Trading blames and accusations cannot help us now but we need to focus on the remedy to solve the problem. Perpetrators will be held accountable. Civilians dressed in some uniform: we cannot say who is from which party. It is also possible that it is deliberate deception, they wear the uniforms of the other side. Deception is widely practiced in the military.

What is the Peace Agreement? It is a promise made to the people. The people are now suffering because of our acts. And even after the signing of the Peace Agreement, people are still suffering! We should apologize to them. What is in the report, 5000 people are displaced, we really condemn that and it is not acceptable, whether it is done by SSPDF or SPLM/A-IO. We must explain what happened so that people may forgive us.

Defection in the military Is a serious crime. If apprehended, the defector will be treated according to the Military Law. However, if a Peace Agreement has been signed, it may include forgiveness of those who defected. Defectors have been motivated because of their actions. They have been given money, positions (Ministers in some cases). We are not looking for accountability today. The issue, to me, is that if we are not conscious, this will bring us back to square one. If a General wants to change sides, that is his problem. But he should not cause problems to other innocent people. At the end, forces will be unified, and there will no longer be partisan, SPLM/A-IO and SSOA. There will just be South Sudan Military and security

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forces. If you suggest that defectors should be brought to DDR, do you think they will accept this? They will not! They may form a separate group and they may not be bound by the R-ARCSS anymore.

I would therefore recommend: We condemn such things to happen. Once an officer joins, he should be given <u>strict orders</u>. I also think that all this happens because of personal gains. We are here to discuss the violations as reported, and to accept them. We need to maintain neutrality as CTSAMVM. Let me remind you, the state that we are in is very critical stage, we have to join forces and to expedite the completion of the main tasks of the pre-transitional period.

It becomes very difficult for the Government to control what happens in the country. DDR will be applied when one person satisfies the criteria for DDR, not because of defection.

The Other Representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that; We are here to discuss the report. The fighting that took place in Tambura was very complicated and up to now is complicated. This led to the death of Brig Santo Ali. Another issue: Is it really changing of allegiance? We can accept those who change over to SPLM/A-IO, but not those who cause problems. The third issue is Identity. CTSAMVM says that those killed in Tambura were not identified. But they wear ID tags, cards. That must allow us to identify them. We need to keep neutrality.

The Acting Senior Representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that; Our aim as CTC is not to defend the actions but rather be transparent. I agree with Major General Rabi Mujung that we need to apologize to civilians who suffering for no reason. The issue of those who are violating at this time; this is not the right time for it. If someone defects from one party to another, it is obvious that he will cause problems. It is our duty to convince our commanders who are still in cantonments to abide by what our leaders signed for. There is going to be one force. It is now the right time for forgiveness. We should forgive ourselves and the others. Our people must be comfortable and enjoy peace.

The Representative of TGoNU/SLNO stated that; The incident in Moroto we are not happy about it. We are supporting the

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implementation of the agreement. I see our brothers from the SPLM/A-IO side want to drive CTSAMVM into a different direction. CTSAMVM is not a body to take decisions against defectors. JDB is the right mechanism to take decisions. When we start blaming each other, and we are the ones concerned with the implementation, we shall not move forward. We must find the way forward.

For me, I don't support the defection of Moses Lokujo, I am working with the Government but I am an individual. Come to me and we will discuss. We will find a solution for ourselves. The way it was done by JDB is the right way. There is the Khartoum agreement, people defected from the Sudanese army and joined SPLM/A from there. There is no agreement without defection. We are all here in this room, Lokujo defected to the Government not to SSPDF.

The issue of occupied buildings; the numbers in the handout are not correct. Concerning the house of the ambassador, he came here and said that he gave it to the soldiers himself. Why should it be indicated here as a violation? CTSAMVM should not be counting this as a violation. Barracks in Nassir is a former Sudanese barracks. These are not civilian buildings.

The Co- Chairman of the JDB clarified why graduation has not taken place? But I answered that one before. There is inflation of rank, lots and lots of officers, very few soldiers. You cannot graduate before you have a proper structure. There must be in general a structure for graduation to take place. Secondly, there must be a clear and unified Joint Command before graduation, and this is currently being put together in Bilpham. NTC also submitted their report to the President and to the Commanders of the Parties. There was some money for screening for the five training centers around Juba. There is no road to the areas of deployment, we need a budget. We need money to do these things. About the issue of rank, we asked each Party to go to Training Centers and shrink down their ranks. I cannot come with a rank and expect to command the same formation as I was commanding during the war. I want to explain why there are so many officers. It is because of the war. In some cases, soldiers can award themselves ranks in war.

Issues of violation; the problem is not defection but the cause of the defection. When one is defecting, what is he going to do? I normally

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ask my brothers the other side; if someone did not join you during the war, why is he joining you now? He was fighting you; why join you now?

Those who committed crimes, they will carry these crimes into defection, they will be prosecuted.

You as CTSAMVM, what is important is that you report accurately and on time. For us, when we are implementing the Peace Agreement, we cannot avoid the Crime. But there is a way to solve it. This time also, the SPLM/A-IO representatives came without forces. Some forces are also not in barracks. In the second phase, you can bring your military hardware, you can then be stationed. The guns will be for the defence of South Sudan. CTSAMVM recommended to discourage defections, and it is upon JDB to think about the best way how to do that. Our hope is that our forces will be one, and that the country will not go to war again. Tomorrow there will be Peace, and then those who committed crimes will have to answer. The report of CTSAMVM goes to IGAD, but first you need to share it. The issue of sanctions is an issue of protection. I am an SPLM/A-IO Member, but I am talking here as a member of JDB. For the investigators, you need to decide: Who committed the violation? Who started the fighting? Our personal interest must be low, the interest of the Country must be high.

The Senior Representative of SSOA stated that we have been talking about Change of Allegiance. My position is, Change of Allegiance is mobilization and mobilization is a prohibited act according to the R-ARCSS. There is food coming in from all sides. Food mismanagement has been reported. Contractors have been asking for millions of dollars. Sudan has donated 300,000 tons of food. This food is to be airlifted. Why rice without other commodities? I and General John Malith went to Renk and inspected food coming from Kosti. That food contained all other items of food that is necessary. We have noticed that in every cantonment they have only delivered Sorghum and not the other things. Who knows where these items are? Maybe in Juba in the market? This problem needs to be addressed. Also, the management is poor. Often a truck comes and delivers food, and another one comes and takes it back again. Distributes it elsewhere or brings it to the market, whatever.

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The Representative of TGoNU added that when there is an agreement there are lots of challenges. When there is no understanding of the parties then mistrust comes in. There should be clear confidence amongst the parties. There is no confidence here. We are going to be one. There should be a clear line to make room for others to rally for Peace. Peace between communities: They are killing themselves, and we see only one Party running the game. JDB should look at these challenges. For us as monitors, what are we going to report? Let us recommend defection to be stopped. Why are the state governments not yet established? There should be a recommendation may be at JDB to look into this so that we stop the suffering of civilians. Let us recommend to stop these defections.

The Co-Chair JTSC clarified that: Thank you, Chair, for giving me this opportunity for the second time. When you want to move a motion in the August House of Parliament, you have to prepare yourselves. All the members in the August House will analyze your words one by one. In this room, if we are moving any statement, it is very important to make a good research first. Our responsibility as JTSC is the Training Centers. I want to talk about food. JDB is responsible for the warehouses where the food is kept. The food comes from NPTC/NTC. If you see the line of local contractors, most of them have no capacity to deliver. Those who have capacity to deliver, they withdraw from the market because they are not being paid. About the food donated by Sudan; It is meant for both cantonments and Training Centres. 300,000 metric tons have been promised, but only18 tons have been delivered. There is no food now there, except the rice donated by China. We have 47,000 people in the training centres. Caring for all these people now in the TCs is not easy. We have been taking care of them for over a year now. We are all fathers, mothers. Brothers, we have a problem. For us, JTSC is responsible. The forces sleep without food. The women in the Training Centers, how long will they still be there under these conditions?

The Senior representative of TGoNU added that I am grateful that some of the concerns raised in this meeting have been covered. Issues related to logistics. SSPDF has a logistics command. Delegation of powers to the mechanisms to do their job. Why are we demanding investigation? To clear doubts. And we need to be patient. In Moroto, if it is the SSPDF that attacked the Training

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Centre, would they not inform their colleagues inside? If they did not, are they then really SSPDF? These doubts, we need to sort out. Occupied Buildings, I want to correct this. Parties vacate all Civilian buildings. We need to be objective. All these are civilian buildings. We need to break this down: Houses, Service Centres etc. Coming to YAMBIO, there may be some private institutions, but I believe this one is Government institution.

The other representative of SPLM/A-IO (SNLO) commented that; n recommendations we as a Military Body tasked with reporting violations, we should not get confused by the complexities of the issues. What a violation is, is defined in the agreement. This is what must be reported. Defection is Mobilization. How will we know the end of it?

The Representative of SPLM/A-IO added that SSPDF should vacate all civilian buildings as soon as possible. This is what we as SPLM/A-IO have done. For the ambassador to come here to tell us that he invited soldiers to stay in his house was very wrong. Why did he invite solders? Otherwise, we strongly urge that parties should vacate all buildings in the vicinity of civilians.

The Co-Chair JDB clarified that the issue of food in the stores: I need to emphasize more about it. There might have been 100 companies that have applied to get a contract to deliver food, but they do not have capacity. Maybe 3 out of them have. We put an end to this even before the current chair of JDB came. Distribution plans always came from JTC. JDB approves those. Food is not there. There is no money for buying food. The International Community used to support a lot more. They are no more.

The representative of FDs added that there are norms and procedures for meetings. We cannot sit from 1000 hrs up to 1500hrs now. That is not acceptable. I will not comment now on documents that I have not seen. Give me these documents to see. Someone spoke about SPLM/A-IO Balanga. There is no such thing. There is no SPLM/A-IO Dinka either.

He added that the Peace Agreement should be divided into 2. Chapter II, the Security Arrangements, should have been put under

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the Minister of Defence. The rest should have been put under

The Acting Chairperson responded that the report on Moroto is an interim report. Any more details can be completed in future reports. All this information is from the MVTs. If it needs to be revised, we can always do so. Then, on the legal issue raised by MG Rabi Mujung SSPDF, any area that is not designated military is by default civilian. This is according to international law.

The Representative of the TGoNU stated regarding violations, if we hear allegations against the Government here, the EVIDENCE is important. Did CTSAMVM ever even once visit TOMBURA? I am telling you, the Governor of Tombura is SPLN/A-IO. The fighting in Tombura was a matter of 10 minutes. This is one-sided information. Were they really 5000 displaced? Did CTSAMVM see them?

About occupied civilian buildings, I will not even say much about it, because it is clear that we need to vacate. We also want to remind the representatives of the Mechanisms, that you were not invited to the meeting in order to defend your side, but to give us information on what is happening.

Regarding the next Joint Field Visit, the Senior Representative of SSOA stated that now the Nasir initiative has been commenced by SPLM/A-IO and SSOA. A similar situation, however, exists in AYOD. I concur that the next task that must be done is to do that action there also. In YAMBIO, if there is need, we can always have to put priorities.

The Representative of the SPLM/A-IO added that he also visited Nasir where there was very high tension. Now people are using the bridge and things are normal. He noted that there was no free movement in AYOD and that the peace process needed to be disseminated there.

The Representative from JMCC with the permission of the Acting Chairperson asked that information on the JFV please be shared with JMCC and other security mechanisms so that at least one representative could be on the JFV.

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The senior representative of SSOA concluded that;

Now, the Nassir initiative has been commended by SPLM/A-IO and SSOA. A similar situation, however, exists in ALIOT. I concur that the next task that must be done is to do that action there also. In YAMBIO, if there is need, we can always have to put priorities.

DECISIONS:

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided:

Regarding important meetings and events:

 To continue to invite the Security Mechanisms to attend and participate at the meetings of the CTSAMVM.

Regarding the Status of Ceasefire:

- CTSAMVM recognizes that progress has been made and that no clashes between the Parties have occurred recently. However, the peace remains fragile and incidents such as changes of allegiance could result in new outbreaks of violence.
- We appreciate that there were no verified clashes involving NAS in the recent period. We welcome and are looking forward to receiving SSOMA as a new element to be monitored by CTSAMVM.

Regarding Cantonments, DDR and Training of the Necessary Unified Forces:

 That the highest pressure should be exercised to bring forward a solution to the problems with logistics and especially food shortages that Cantonments and Training Centres are facing;

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- That the process of DDR should be accelerated and persons unfit or unwilling to serve be segregated and returned to civilian life;
- That the process of Training and Graduation should be accelerated, the deployment of troops decided upon, the remaining logistic challenges (Uniforms, Weapons etc.) be addressed and the rank structure be rectified;

Regarding the vacation of occupied civilian buildings:

- CTSAMVM to continue to verify and report on Civilian Buildings that are said to have been vacated by the forces that formerly occupied them;
- That all Civilian Buildings currently occupied by forces shall be vacated immediately; Civilian Buildings does not just mean homes of individuals; All areas and structures that are not expressly designated as Military are Civilian; CTC will continue to be seized about this matter.

Regarding the JMCO update:

- Changes of Allegiance are counterproductive and are highly discouraged. Where a change of allegiance nevertheless occurs, strict control must be exercised on the actions and movements of such a person by the Party accepting him, so that that person does not cause violence.
- The Emergency Committee established to look into the incidents in Kajo Keji should share its report with CTSAMVM and CTC;

Regarding the Report 2020/08 – Violations in Tambura Area June 2020

 That the MVT should be tasked to look more deeply into the circumstances, including the number of displaced

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persons (IDP) and the actual status of the allegiance of the General at the time of his Death;

The next Joint Field Visit

The next JFV shall be conducted to Ayod.

Any Other Business

The Representative of Former Detainees stated that: I really thank you, General Dafaalla, for accommodating us. For the importance of the members of the board to accommodate us. To this day we have been given warning to terminate our stay, therefore some Board Members may have to relocate back to Addis Ababa, Khartoum or Kampala. It will be up to CTSAMVM to bring us to the meetings. CTSAMVM has brought us to the meetings since 2018 and has brought us back also.

Date of next CTC

The date of the next meeting will be 24 November 2020

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