

**Office of the Spokesperson****UNMIS NEWS BULLETIN\*****ISSUE 129***16 August 2007****UNMIS holds peace workshop in Jonglei***

In cooperation with the UN Development Programme (UNDP), UNMIS organized a two-day Peace Building Workshop in Jonglei State on 15 August for 35 participants, including the Deputy Governor of Jonglei State and five traditional chiefs as well as representatives of civil society, women, and youth groups.

Expressing serious concerns about recent inter-ethnic clashes between the Lou Nuer and Murle tribes in the state, the Deputy Governor said the ongoing fighting was due to poor understanding of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). He appealed to UNMIS and UNDP to work more closely with churches, local chiefs and administrators, who were connected with communities and could serve as "messengers" of peace.

***Security and Humanitarian Developments******North Darfur***

An INGO vehicle that had been carjacked on 14 August was recovered late the same day. The vehicle was abandoned near Argo Camp, Tawila (60 kilometres west of El Fasher). The Sudan Liberation Army/Minni Minawi (SLA/MM) faction assisted in returning the vehicle to the INGO compound.

***South Darfur***

AMIS El Fasher received an official letter on 15 August from the SLA/MM stating that the rebel group was ending an ongoing strike and returning to duty, with effect from 16 August.

With support from UNICEF, the State Water Corporation assisted the community of Um Baitain in Dar El Salaam to replace a generator and submersible pump.

The Zalingei Nutrition Group (made up of UN and NGO nutritionists) has concluded that the current increase in cases of malnutrition may largely be due to insufficient food. Out of 96 cases of severe malnutrition admitted in Zalingei hospital in July, 48 had oedema, indicating sustained lack of food.

A survey carried out by the international non-governmental organization (INGO) CONCERN in El Geneina revealed an increase in moderate malnutrition among children under five years old. The

prevalence of malnutrition was found to be higher in the host community than in the internally displaced person (IDP) population.

### **Southern Sudan**

Soldiers at Kuda (20 kilometres from Juba) protesting non-payment of their salaries stopped a UN patrol from Juba on 15 August. After an intervention by a Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) liaison officer, the patrol was allowed to proceed. The officer said the soldiers belonged to a local militia group called the Patriotic Resistance Force (PRF).

UN Police reported on 15 August that a team of Joint Integrated Unit (JIU) soldiers in Torit, Central Equatoria State, had removed two grenades left near a market stall in the Hai Malakia area of the town.

Three unknown armed men shot and killed the 50-year-old driver of a truck near Aldashul village, Southern Kordofan State, on 15 August. The motive for the killing appeared to be robbery.

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