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**Office of the Spokesperson****UNMIS NEWS BULLETIN\****9 August 2007****UNMIS Leadership to Hold High-Level Consultations with the SPLM***

UNMIS senior officials headed by Acting SRSG Tayé-Brook Zerihoun will travel to Juba tomorrow to hold the first round of high-level consultations with the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS). The meeting is being held following a series of discussions initiated by UNMIS to undertake periodic high-level consultations with the Parties to review implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). UNMIS intends to share its strategy and priorities with the parties to make sure that its actions are in line with and complement the efforts undertaken by the Parties in CPA implementation. The high-level consultative mechanism between UNMIS and the Parties would meet regularly to assess common objectives and concerns and discuss priorities in CPA implementation. UNMIS plan to hold high level consultations separately with the Government of Sudan leadership in Khartoum later in the month.

In the course of two initial meetings with the Parties to the CPA, UNMIS Senior Management would brief on the Mission's priorities, activities, and allocation of resources, on the basis of the strategic assessment the Mission has undertaken. The strategic assessment is intended to better position UNMIS *vis-à-vis* the current and upcoming challenges of CPA implementation, including in particular completion of the redeployment of forces, and to better to support the parties during the next phase that will be marked, among other things, by border demarcation, census, election, DDR, integration of Other Armed Groups (OAGs), formation of Joint Integrated Units (JIUs), and more broadly, security sector reform.

***Southern Sudan and the Transitional Areas******Security Developments***

On 8 August, ten INGO staff members and two UN staff members were relocated from Akobo (300 km South West of Malakal) to Malakal due to insecurity in the area as a result of tribal conflicts.

On 8 August, a UN national staff member on his way back to the UN camp in Abyei was stopped and assaulted by an SPLA soldier who also pointed a gun at him. The incident is being investigated by the JIU/SPLA Deputy Battalion Commander.

***Darfur******Humanitarian Developments***

In North Darfur, and INGO reported on 6 August that it had scaled down its activities in El Taweisha and Allait in the Umm Keddada area as a result of security concerns. The INGO is implementing food security and water projects in several villages in both locations.

In South Darfur, Sudan Red Crescent (SRC)) presented to IOM and OCHA on 7 August the findings of their visits since 7 May to 45 out of 84 GoS listed villages of return. SRC provided assistance to 21 villages, with 19 to follow shortly. Of the remaining five villages, three were empty

and two are already receiving WFP assistance. Weekly meetings will now be conducted with SRC, IOM and OCHA for update on further field visits.

Eradication of polio campaign started in South Darfur on 5 August, with an inauguration ceremony by the Wali. Over 500 teams are deployed throughout the State to reach a target population of about 786,000 beneficiaries. One vaccination team was reportedly stopped near Abuajarau by Abbala tribesmen and assaulted.

### ***Security Developments***

**In North Darfur**, the situation in Twila has returned to normal following the exchange of fire that took place on 7 August between GoS and SLA/Minni Minawi soldiers in the local market area. Inquiries with SLA (MM) Sector Commander indicated that the fighting was due to two drunken teenaged SLA (MM) soldiers assaulting a GoS soldier at the market. During the exchange of fire, which involved heavy arms, One GoS police officer sustained injuries.

**In South Darfur**, UN received information on 8 August that tribal fighting between Aballah and Tarjam tribes had resumed at Amar Jadeed (12 km South of Nyala). Three Tarjem tribesmen were reportedly killed and three injured.

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