



UNHCR South Sudan

Situation Report

Developments

- Jonglei State**

Bor was retaken by Government forces. A senior government delegation arrived to assess the situation together with armed soldiers which caused serious concern among the civilians seeking shelter there. They were denied admission to the UNMISS PoC Area.

- Human rights**

Concluding a visit to South Sudan the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights indicated, *inter alia*, that there are reports that all sides in the conflict have participated in human rights abuses in different places, including Juba.

International media quoted a South Sudan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation spokesperson as stating that the Government had arrested several members of the SPLA suspected of targeting and killing civilians on ethnic grounds. The spokesperson said that the Government had launched a public campaign to explain that the current conflict was not based on 'tribal or ethnic' affiliation, but was politically motivated.

- Unity State**

The security situation in Pariang County remains relatively stable, despite continuing movement of militants (in particular along the Pariang-Yida-Jau corridor). There is a proliferation of small arms (AK47s) throughout the county, carried by members of state and non-state armed groups as well as local residents.

- Upper Nile state**

In Malakal the security situation remained tense and volatile, with numerous young armed rebels moving around shooting randomly. Incidents of harassment of civilians were reported, as well as unconfirmed killing and rape of civilians. Looting of humanitarian warehouses looted and assets (vehicles and boats) coincided with the appearance in the IDP market of UNHCR branded NFIs. Stolen UN vehicles reportedly moved downtown, driven by young fighters. UNMISS conducted a short-range

Statistics of Sudanese refugees

	Camp/settlement	Pop.
Unity State	Ajuong Thok	6,667
	Yida	70,160
	Sub-total	77,311
Upper Nile State	Doro	47,424
	Gendrassa	17,289
	Kaya	17,788
	Yusuf Batil	39,033
	Sub-total	123,490
	TOTAL	200,337

patrol and reported a lot of dead bodies in the streets, including in civilian clothing.

In Maban rumours continued to spread in the wake of the uncertainty prevailing in Malakal. It was confirmed that recent movements by women and children escaping Bunj were in reaction to rumours. They have since returned to Bunj.

Refugee operations

It is reported that refugees in Alari/Pochalla (Jonglei State) are safe and have not been specifically affected by the ongoing conflict. In Yei (Central Equatoria) and Yambio (Western Equatoria), refugee populations have not been directly affected by the conflict either, although security incidents continue to impact road movements with consequences for delivery of supplies/assistance.

Some 1500 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo who were living among local communities near the border in Yei County appear to have gone back to DRC owing to fear of conflict. It should be noted that this population have been observed to move back and forth across the border generally and depending on the overall security situation but this would not be seen as voluntary repatriation.

Upper Nile State

The situation remained calm with people moving normally downtown and in refugee camps, where activities were conducted with no security concerns.

UNHCR is concerned about continuing reports of recruitment by SPLM-N fighters and intimidation of refugees in the Maban camps.

- **Unity State**

More UNHCR staff joined the team in Yida, bringing the total to 26 (9 international). Return of staff continues.

In Yida UNHCR staff continue to register new arrivals. Out of 41 registered refugees on the 16 January, 40 agreed to be voluntarily relocated to Aduong Thok. Relocation of refugees to Aduong Thok resumed.

In Yida, general food distribution continued for the second day (17 January). 15,591 individuals (4,904 households) received rations. In total 27,063 individuals (6,809 households) received food rations (during the last two days).

No cases of Measles, Meningitis, Cholera, Viral Haemorrhagic fever or Influenza like illness have been reported in Yida or Aduong Thok. The weekly incidence of Hepatitis E Virus cases remains within the pre-crisis range (less than 5 cases). Based on the date of visit, two new cases were registered in Yida in Epi week 2 of year 2014 (compared to three cases in week 1), with no death.

Internal displacement

UNHCR is participating in the IDP response via the inter-agency collaborative approach under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator.

- **Non-food items**

Juba: UNHCR will provide one-off assistance to 133 families seeking safety at a refugee camp outside of Juba, who were displaced owing to recent fighting and who currently fear to return.

- **Protection Cluster**

UNHCR, Protection Cluster and other humanitarian actors discussed a way forward in more precise enumeration of displaced populations, as well as information management and profiling.

The Protection and CCCM clusters finalized a guidance document for the HCT on maximizing assistance to populations displaced by conflict and still in flux, emphasizing the importance of rapid response where IDPs are located, leaving formal "encampment" as an option of last resort.

UNHCR initiated discussions with potential implementing partners to discuss protection gaps and priorities in light of the current context.

In UNMISS Juba bases, UNFPA began to work with other protection partners to enhance

GBV responses. IRC was designated primary focal point for GBV cases in both locations, with referral to IMC and/or MSF as required. Discussion within the Inter Cluster Working Group (ICWG) and the HCT continues on how best to assist populations in the fluid context of ongoing conflict.

- **Upper Nile State**

The estimate of IDPs in the UNMISS PoC stands at between 20,000 and 24,000 individuals. Delivery of key lifesaving interventions continues, with water and sanitation taking priority. Medical services are being provided by UNMISS level 1 and 2 hospitals which are however stretched to the limit and running out of supplies. In a single day, 220 IDPs were treated. There was one fatality arising out of a gunshot wound.

UNHCR has concerns about the safety of IDPs going to the river to collect water to supplement the limited supply being trucked by WASH actors. The Protection cluster is advocating for a safe corridor to the river.

In Bunj, the presence of numerous IDPs (est. 600) coming from Malakal was reported. According to those IDPs, others will arrive in the coming days. In Paloich, north of Melut, displaced population has been identified by local officials estimated to be around 30,000.

- **Unity State**

In Aduong Thok, refugees are accommodating IDPs in the camp. Block leaders have been asked to provide the list of the IDPs who are living in their respective blocks. In addition an assessment will be done to ascertain the status.

NON-FOOD ITEMS	RECEIVED
Plastic rolls	200
Plastic sheets	10,524
Blankets	12,480
Kitchen sets	3,898
Family tents	2,474
Rubbhalls	6

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