



UNHCR South Sudan

Situation Report

Developments

- **Upper Nile state**

Malakal: Pro-governmental forces retook control of Malakal, the state capital, around mid-day after one hour of fighting. Casualties reportedly occurred inside the UNMISS compound due to stray bullets. The UNMISS Level II clinic was destroyed. Rebels allegedly scattered in different directions, including Balit road on the way to Nassir, Maiwut, and Longachok, and Delob-Hill road in direction of Jonglei State. Unconfirmed reports indicate Balit was also recaptured.

Maban County: Local authorities have reportedly directed the redeployment of additional SPLA soldiers to improve the security in Maban County. Increased presence of armed uniformed personnel in the streets of Bunj was noted, with no visible tensions among the population. There has reportedly been a strengthening of security around access points into Maban County even as some people are reported to be staying overnight in the bush and returning to their homes in the morning.

Refugee operations

- **Unity State**

- UNHCR now has 30 staff in Yida (12 international).
- The Government, through the Commission for Refugee Council, together with the Yida Refugee Council are taking measures to minimize the presence of armed elements in Yida. Since returning to the area, UNHCR has been reported the movement and presence of militants (in particular along the Pariang-Yida-Jau corridor) alongside a proliferation of small arms (AK47s) throughout Pariang County.
- In Yida, food rations have been distributed to 67,451 refugees, representing 99% of the population.
- Provision of healthcare services continues in both Yida and Ajuong Thok. Health partners have at least an International staff on ground. Two



Upper Nile State: UNHCR provided basic non-food items to 1,600 to IDPs in Beneshawa and Nurashine as part of a multi-agency response to the civilians who fled insecurity in their home areas. [Photo: G. Le Couster/UNHCR]

emergency referrals were airlifted to Juba though South Sudan airlines (South Supreme).

- All boreholes are operational (15 in Yida and four in Ajuong Thok). Per capita water consumption was estimated at 14.1 and 23.1 litres per person per day in Yida and Ajuong Thok respectively.

- **Upper Nile State**

UNHCR, DRC, WASH agencies held meetings with refugees in Yusuf Batil and Doro camps to discuss temporary precautionary measures on management of water systems, notably to minimize pumping hours in camps to the minimum standard of 15 litres per person per day. Issues of minimizing wastage, and responsible use of water were discussed. Peak hours were identified jointly with refugees to ensure availability of water during those times. Refugees appreciated the consultative approach and gave assurances of their commitment to these measures.

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