



**REPORT OF CEASEFIRE AND TRANSITIONAL SECURITY  
ARRANGEMENTS MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM  
(CTSAMVM) AND OUTCOMES OF CTSAMVM  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN  
18 JULY 2024**

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting (CTC) was held on 18 July 2024 at the Beijing Juba Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as shown below. The Chairperson Maj Gen Yitayal Gelaw Bitew opened the meeting at 1020Hrs/10:20 am.

ATTENDANCE		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Maj Gen Yitayal Gelaw Bitew	CTSAMVM
<b>Representatives from the Parties</b>	<b>ITGoNU</b> Lt Gen Rabi Mujung Emmanuel Maj Gen John Daniel Kipa Maj Gen Gatkuoth Duop Kuich Maj Gen Wuoi Mayom Deng Maj Gen Thomas Gador Kic Wur  <b>SSOA</b> Maj Gen Jany Kaway Yoakhor Maj Gen Amos Amin Elia Maj Gen William Bol Kai Maj Gen Peter Riiny Mabior Maj Gen Yuodo John Otor Brig Gen Samuel Chan Mut	<b>SPLM/SPLA-IO</b> Maj Gen Dr. Chuol Ruey Kompuok Maj Gen Johnson Mayen Maj Gen William Deng Buom Brig Gen Andrea Mangu Adala Col Jackson Juma Lasu Col Ezekiel How K Gatluack  <b>Former Detainees (FDs)</b> Maj Gen Bior Leek Kuareng
<b>CTSAMVM Secretariat</b>		



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<b>CTSAMVM Staff</b>	Mr. Gunmar Gabrielson Mr. Edmund Agaba Mr. Gilberts Awuzu Mr. Wang Lixin Mr. Morten Borch Jenssen Mr. Liu Bo Ms. Yasmin Elhashim Ms. Samantha Minga Mr. Getachew Jenbere Ms. Marta Mabior Ms. Paska John Amis	COS Deputy COS Report Officer Senior Advisor CTSAMVM Operations CTSAMVM Fusion Cell Head Gender CTSAMVM Protocol CTSAMVM HR CTSAMVM HR CTSAMVM Procurement asst
<b>In Attendance</b>	Mr Dejene Megeresa Mr Solomon Alamo Mr Jeff Mapendere	Defence Attaché Ethiopian Embassy RJMEC

The CTC then reviewed the proposed Agenda. The agenda was adopted without amendment. The Chairperson then proceeded with opening remarks:

<b>Item</b>
<p><b>Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:</b></p> <p>Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members, IGAD Representative, RJMEC Representative, Defense Attachés, CTSAMVM Secretariat, Observers, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning.</p> <p>I welcome you to this meeting and express my sincere gratitude for your presence in addressing the issues affecting the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan.</p>



**Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is important to emphasize that the CTSAMVM Technical Committee is where the significance of our thoughts gives quality to the most honorable process of searching for formidable solutions for sustainable peace in South Sudan.

I wish to re-focus this forum for the purpose it was intended for. It is purely a technical meeting to take practical action in response to CTSAMVM reports where necessary and provide CTSAMVM with advice and support

**Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

CTSAMVM remains concerned about reports of tensions where clashes erupted between armed youth and SSPDF soldiers in Nasir County, and an SSPDF soldier was killed. This area has been a hot spot with several reported clashes. Urgent action needs to be taken to ensure a return to normalcy. CTSAMVM is yet to investigate the matter.

Two more Necessary Unified Forces Battalions were deployed, making a total of eight Military Battalions that have so far been deployed, according to information provided to CTSAMVM. We asked the Joint Defense Board for details about the deployment but haven't heard back yet. The information about the April 2024 deployment of these Battalions to Jamus in Bentiu and Malakal Div 2 was not accessible to CTSAMVM at JDB's briefing of the 41st CTSAMVM Board on 23rd April 2024.

CTSAMVM has received no additional information on the occupation of civilian areas and buildings, cantonment sites and training centers since the last CTC meeting held on 20th June 2024.

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**Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Today, we will discuss an allegation report concerning covert training and recruitment conducted by the SSPDF in different regions of Central Equatoria State. An update on the report was presented to the CTC members on 09th May 2024, when the investigation was first conducted. Unfortunately, CTSAMVM did not gain access to some of the areas to gather more information. This is a denial of access as stipulated in Article 2.1.10.6 of the R-ARCSS.

The report is based on investigations undertaken with the full involvement of the National Monitors and discussed at the Joint Monitoring and Coordination Office with the active participation of the Senior National Liaison Officers.

I implore our senior party representatives to have candid discussions to bring forth what can be of benefit to enhance the quality of the report to support the monitoring, verification and reporting mandate of CTSAMVM.

I declare the CTC meeting open and invite Senior Party Representatives to make their remarks.

**The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO stated that;**

The Chairperson of the CTSAMVM, General Yitayal, the Deputy chair in absentia, Chief of Staff, I appreciate everyone. It is my sincere thanks to take this opportunity to have this meeting today conducted and am very glad to also express and be able to state the issues. First and foremost I would like to thank the chairperson of the CTSAMVM to take the initiative to call for the administrative meeting and ensure some of the pending issues are being ironed out with the senior CTC members. And these were the issues hampering the activities of CTSAMVM and its operations. By taking these initiatives, it is a

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positive step forward.

I would like to urge the chairperson of CTSAMVM to continue dialogue with the CTC members and have open discussion on the matters that are seen to be impeding the operations of CTSAMVM. It is our joint responsibility to ensure that the monitoring, verification and reporting are done with open minds. With that being said, I hope all the problems will be minimized through the discussions. I am also urging the chairperson of the CTSAMVM that the issues that were discussed be made open to the CTC meeting because at the end of the day they will keep informing the principal leadership. Transparency is the prime priority that we should continue with to minimize the frictions and grievances the national monitors have been going through. Because the areas that have been closed down are grand fold, there is need to revitalize them or have them reconsidered into operations.

Second point is an appreciation to the Japan Government on the generosity for supporting the national monitors in carrying out their activities, not forgetting the contribution of other donor agencies. We single out the contribution of Japan to support since it is significant and would love to see Japan continue to support for the continuation of the operations of the national monitors in order to carry out their activities diligently. It is something that should not be left unmentioned, we will keep Japan in our hearts at best for the support of peace of the South Sudanese.

I would like also to urge my colleagues to continue the dialogue. The people of South Sudan since then have suffered so much and had a principle to continue discussing and removing hurdles that delayed the proper implementation of the R-ARCSS. They have to step ahead and see to it that all the provisions of protocols are actually taken into consideration for a sound implementation of the RARCSS and South Sudanese will be enjoying the peace that had been started since 2018. At least, it shows that there is relative peace and if there are problems they could happen at some point but actually that did not stop the continuation of the dialogue and implementation of the agreement.

We help the Principals to implement the agreement fully so that everybody enjoys peace, and those who are supporting the peace should not also sit behind and we

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are the ones giving a push to the Principals in some areas where there is still contention they have to also to persuade the Principals to implement the peace fully. I appreciate all for having come to attend the CTC meeting and wish fruitful discussion. Thank you very much.

**The Senior Representative of SSOA stated that;**

The CTSAMVM leadership, Chairperson, Deputy chairman, Secretariat, COS, IGAD Representatives, RJMEC, the Media, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning.

It is my great pleasure to highly welcome you all in this wonderful CTC meeting. I hope this day is going to be a blessing to all of us, in fact I would like to address my sincere gratitude for your presence today. First of all, I would like to thank the chairman of CTSAMVM for calling admin meeting to harmonize and clear up the funding issue before today as we had mentioned last week. We can keep the administrative meeting to be very important to keep the organization going very smooth. Thank you chairman for such initiative. I am optimistic to address some critical issues which may hinder the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan, first of all the CTSAMVM must continue to conduct daily business activities as CTSAMVM has mandate to operate in monitoring, verifying and reporting fully the progress of the implementation of the R-ARCSS. It means that, the significant reports should be given to RJMEC and IGAD. As a matter of fact, CTSAMVM must work hard to maintain peace in the whole country. I believe CTSAMVM Technical Committee meetings are very permanent structures for peace process in South Sudan.

Secondly, I would like to thank the leadership of CTSAMVM for conducting meetings regularly according to the fixed days for procedures and principals. As we are aware, the monitoring and reporting violation, definitely CTSAMVM must give assurance to International Community and Regional Partners to convince how the peace agreement is going very well in the country.

Regarding the issue of alleged secret training and recruitment by the SSPDF, according to the assessment by the MVT investigation, as the report states, there was no alleged secret training in different training centers and other areas mentioned in the letter except VIP protection forces for the Presidency only.

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On my behalf and my colleagues, I would like to recommend that this report of alleged secret training must not be discussed as well as there was no evidence found at all.

Finally I would like to commend all parties to embrace peace in order to prevail in the whole country, long live south Sudan, long live peace prevalence. Thank you.

**The Senior Representative of ITGoNU stated that;**

CTSAMVM chairperson, the COS, my dear colleagues members of the CTC, distinguished guests, CTSAMVM secretariat staff, good morning, I would like to thank the leadership of CTSAMVM for organizing this meeting. As you are all aware that I have been away for sometime and was not attending the meetings, not for other reasons but convincing reasons and am also supposed to attend the CTC senior party representatives administrative meeting but I had delegated Gen John Daniel to attend the meeting on my behalf and have been briefed of the discussions on the outcome of the meeting.

I also would like to add my voice to the previous speaker, Dr Chuol for appreciating the outcome of the administrative meeting. Chairman sir, it was my intent when you first came when I addressed this hall that there is a need for an administrative meeting, we should have conducted this meeting before the former chair leaves, because there are number of issues in regard to the National monitors that need to be discussed and we as CTC members are not happy at all with the conduct of CTSAMVM leadership.

The way we feel that CTSAMVM CTC members from South Sudan are not being treated fairly compared to the rest though they are all members of this organization. We had wanted at that time to have that kind of confrontation meeting so that you hear from us and also the response from the outgoing Chairman. But may be for some reasons the meeting did not take place but to date better it was held, I would like to urge you that the issues discussed must be implemented and we move forward. We need to have this kind of meetings from time to time so that we iron out the accumulated administrative issues that we really intend the CTSAMVM leadership to resolve them together with the seniors.



I welcome your opening remarks and would like to say that; this is the intended idea to discuss issues transparently and then also make some recommendations for the other authorities concerned to take actions appropriately based on the kind of outcomes of the discussions that we are conducting inline with the principals of the CTSAMVM. And I think it is not we as members of CTC that encourage the conflict of the violation process to happen elsewhere in the country, but we are the ones urging the parties, discussing and talking to the people in such kind of the meetings here and also the media to also reflect to the people to know exactly that we are discussing the implementation of their problems in this forum. However what happened we also condemn from the side of parties signatory to the agreement whether they have violated or not. I also encourage that there is no information in regard to civilian occupation and wish we need to close this chapter and if there is any of this kind of violation, we bring to the attention of the authority concerned so that we really be seen as we are implementing the agreement.

The point to discuss about the report I reserve my comment this time until the media departs.

General sincerely, I wish to remind you that meetings are always very important whether it is administrative or the ordinary CTC meeting. In this kind of meetings we need to review, assess or even evaluate the product/performance of the work. The performance of the staff and then you strategically plan to resolve issues then you can be seen that you are moving forward. Then if we continue with this way, then we can have a team spirit and work together as a team and then have a common interest and this is a mandate for CTSAMVM to be implemented. Why am saying this because some of my colleagues do come for such meetings and find they are not happy and if somebody is not happy then the out come of a meeting will not have a conclusive expectations.

I therefore want you to take note of this as a new incoming chair really need to benefit from the statements, the information given to you by the members and even the concerned authorities so that CTSAMVM does its work smoothly without any grievances of the members. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. On behalf of my colleagues who will be here to discuss the matters mentioned in the



agenda and participate in the discussion of all what will be mentioned.

**The Senior Representative of Former Detainees stated that;**

CTSAMVM Chairman, CTSAMVM CoS, Defence attachés , my colleagues from other parties, I welcome you all. I missed the chairman's remarks because I was caught up with traffic jam. I am here today because in my last remarks I had indicated clearly that I will not attend CTC meeting because that time I was very clear because of the closure of the MVTs. Why I made the decision was because CTSAMVM oversteps its mandate. It is not the mandate of CTSAMVM but responsibility of parties to the agreement. We had several meeting requests but there was no response from CTSAMVM leadership. What I have observed now for five years is simply that every chairman of the CTSAMVM does not know their mandate. They come here with the impression that they are the commanders and they have to give us directives which is very wrong. We are here for consensus as parties and if any party is missing within any meeting, it means that the meeting will not go forward.

I have been following the administrative meeting because I had commitment outside and that's why when Gen Daniel and Dr Chuol called me, I gave them green light to continue with the meeting. After the meeting, Dr Chuol called and gave me all the details and outcomes of the meeting, that is why we are here for the meeting today otherwise if there was no any administrative meeting, I would have stuck on my cause because some people understand the issues through the hard way. So I thank you for that meeting and also urge you to continue with such meetings. We have been suppressed in the CTSAMVM because every chairman who comes here sides with the international community against the national monitors because I have witnessed more than six chairpersons here.

What makes it worse is that there is no transparency within CTSAMVM in terms of financial dealings and employment and our people are subjected to be the third-class citizens within CTSAMVM and yet they have a right. That is why last time when I raised the issue of Gender office here, because that office belongs to South Sudanese. So chairman, we have a long way to go with you so that you will understand the issues and it will be the way that we are going to treat ourselves. If you treat us fairly, we will be okay with you but if you treat us like other



chairmen did, it means that we will not be okay with you. CTSAMVM cited that the closure of the MVTs was based on financial challenges because they didn't have funds. Meanwhile, the former chairman was here for 2 months being catered for by CTSAMVM that means there is no transparency as he was moving with expensive tickets around the region. That money, why not invest in opening MVTs Torit, Bor and Aweil instead of the former chairman going to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Nairobi and Kampala.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge the IGAD to consider the Chairmanship of CTSAMVM, it has to be rotated. If we are from IGAD, the chairman can even be from Somalia. This sticking of all the time from the same country is hurting this CTSAMVM. When you see on ground, the Executive Secretary of IGAD is from the same country as the chairman why, that's why former chairman ran out here and brought a letter from the executive Secretary of IGAD who is not in the agreements, so chairman, there is a long way to go. I am entitled to express my views personally here and urging the presidency also to reconsider the bill that has been passed with the connection of the national security bill.

Am urging the presidency, the president of the Republic of South Sudan with the first vice president to reconsider that one and discuss it again. Am expressing this view as a citizen of this country because all of us could not be here if that bill exist, am urging the parties to continue implementing the current peace agreement because implementing these agreements will bring peace to this country but to overstep from the agreements, it will take this country back. Because if we are going to have two agreements how are we going to implement here the RARCSS or the second agreement. Am urging the parties to stick on the implementation of the R-ARCSS am also urging CTSAMVM to stick on its mandate, which is very clear to monitor, verify and report.

You are not here as NGOs because some people express their views calling for the CTSAMVM to help with the agreements. There is no where to help with the agreements but to monitor the agreements and report, who does report the violations but if some parties are requesting the CTSAMVM to help transport, intervene, that means the mandate of CTSAMVM is not there. Your mandate is monitor, verify and report only period.





I end my remark and urge you to continue with the dialogue and if there is no dialogue I urge you we will stop CTSAMVM from coming here even the board.

## **Media Departs**

### **CTSAMVM Report**

#### **Implementation Status – The Ceasefire**

- The ceasefire is holding, however, CTSAMVM monitoring revealed the following issues recorded since the last CTC meeting.
- Tensions remain a big challenge, there is an incident which occurred in Nasir County on 4 July 2024 where a fresh clash erupted between SSPDF and civilians, which is a recipe to violence if not checked.
- For quite some time, there has not been any incident of SGBV reported concerning members of Parties Signatory to the R-ARCSS, CTSAMVM has however received reports of rape in Yambio which is yet under verification.

#### **CTSAMVM observations:**

- The actions of soldiers, acting individually or collectively, continue to cause suffering to civilians and violate the Agreement. At this sensitive time in the run-up to planned elections, it is important that everything is done to prevent any sort of escalation in tensions which could arise from these incidents.
- Commanders at all levels to sensitize their soldiers to ensure their individual actions are in conformity with the provisions of the R-ARCSS.

#### **Implementations Status – Deployment of Necessary Unified Force (NUF)**

- CTSAMVM has received information that 2 more Bns of NUF have been deployed to Jamus in Bentiu and Malakal Div 2. These add to the 6 Bns of the Military Phase 1 NUF graduates so far deployed.
- CTSAMVM has written to JDB for a comprehensive update which is yet to be received.
- Still the deployment has left out Police, NSS, Civil Defence, Wildlife and Prison Service Phase 1 Graduates.
- No further information has been received on Phase 2 Training.
- Fast facts: Masna Bira training center verified on 11 July 2024 by CTSAMVM MVT Wau
- Total number of instructors - 254.



• Details of trainees:

MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
7,796	881(Unchanged from start)	8,677

- 92 soldiers died before 2022 graduation, 11 died after graduation, totaling 103 deaths.
- Organized in 11 battalions, 33 companies, and 99 platoons.
- Only four primary forces; Wildlife, Prisons, Civil Defence, and Police.
- The TC has never received any training curriculum from higher command but developed their own and expedited the training successfully.
- No information regarding their deployment from headquarter in Juba significantly lowering the morale of the trainees.
- Dire logistical requirements, majority of the graduates returned to their home villages in search of work.

**CTSAMVM Observations:**

- The delay in training and deployment of the NUF goes contrary to the provisions of the R-ARCSS and specifically Article 2.2.1 and 2.3.1 on training and deployment.
- It would be helpful if the JDB could share current plans of commencement of phase 2 training.
- The RTGoNU is urged to ensure JDB provides updated data in respect to the deployment of NUF.

**Implementations Status – Occupation of Civilian Buildings**

- No change since the last CTC meeting.
- CTSAMVM will continue visiting the remaining occupied buildings to ensure Parties comply with Article 2.2.3.1 on the demilitarization of civilian areas.

**CTSAMVM observations:**

- Parties are reminded that occupying civilian areas is a continued violation of the R-ARCSS specifically Article 2.2.3.1. Parties are urged to vacate occupied civilian areas as a matter of urgency.



- JDB to develop a plan for forces to vacate the remaining occupied buildings and ensure they are deployed correctly.

S/No	MVT	OCCUPIED		
		SSPDF	SPLM/A-IO	NUF
1.	MALAKAL(BOR)	2		
2.	YAMBIO	1		2
3.	YEI	4		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>		

- CTSAMVM would like to again remind the Party that continual occupation of civilian areas is a violation of the R-ARCSS Art 2.2.3.1. Civilian areas shall be immediately demilitarized. Therefore, forces of parties with the agreement shall promptly vacate from civilian facilities as fast as possible.

## CTSAMVM REPORTS

### CTSAMVM Reports:

2024/10 – ALLEGED SECRET TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT BY THE SSPDF

Note: An update on the report was made in CTC of 9 May 2024

### CTSAMVM REPORT 2024/10

### ALLEGED SECRET TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT BY THE SSPDF

- On 11 March 2024, CTSAMVM received a letter dated 6 February 2024 from the Deputy Chairman of the SPLM/A-IO containing a series of allegations of military training by Government security forces in Central Equatoria State.
- The letter alleged secret training and recruitment by SSPDF along Juba-Torit road at Jebel Mulwa, Mobil Military Barracks along Juba-Terekeka road, buildup of forces at Jebel Lado northwest of Juba Town and along Juba-Bor road.
- It further stated that an estimated 500 personnel were deployed within the police at Buluk and some in Giada Military Barracks. The letter also claimed

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presence of Ugandan Forces, the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces' (UPDF) in Luri Barracks.

### **Findings:**

- CTSAMVM visited Luri Training Center, Jebel Lado and Mangala area to verify the allegations of secret training and build up of forces.
- The investigation did not reveal conduct of secret training but training of VIP force for the President which ended and soldiers were deployed. However, there were other locations, the MVT was not able to access due to lack of clearance.
- It was also confirmed there was build up of forces particularly in the areas of Molobur base, Nyuwa Boma, Kwerjik and at Loro Bobori Bori Village.
- In addition, CTSAMVM also wrote to the Ugandan Embassy, to confirm if the Ugandan forces had deployed in South Sudan. The embassy responded to the letter and confirmed there were no presence of UPDF in South Sudan.

### **CTSAMVM assesses that;**

- The training contravenes the R-ARCSS which prohibits any kind of training of forces except that of Necessary Unified Force, contrary to Article 2.1.8 of the R-ARCSS
- CTSAMVM was not cleared by SSPDF to verify alleged secret training activity in the other areas, this also constitutes denial of access, contrary to Article 2.1.10.6 of the R-ARCSS
- The build up of forces at Lado Payam, Nyuwa Boma in Kwerjik, Molobur Boma and Loro Lobori hills including the Forces responsible for movement regulation, the Commando Unit, disarmament forces and the forces deployed to contain issues related to land grabbing contravenes Article 11(6) of ACOH on advance notification to CTSAMVM prior to movement of personnel and equipment.
- The disposition of forces was not declared to CTSAMVM contravening articles 2.1.11.1 and 2.2.3.3 of the R-ARCSS respectively.
- The mobilization and movement of people from WBeGS to Loro Lobori in Jebel Lado is an indicator of recruitment which is in violation of Article 2.1.8 of the R-ARCSS.
- Lastly, the forces brought to protect the local population by reinforcing ground security in Lado Payam are perpetuating more harassment against civilians in contravention to Article 2.1.10.7.4 of the R-ARCSS on protection of human rights of civilians.



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### **Conclusion:**

- It is the conclusion of CTSAMVM that there was violation by SSPDF in respect to recruitment, training, movement, disposition and cantonment of forces as well as denial of access and protection of human rights of civilians (as indicated in the above mentioned assessment).

### **Ongoing Investigations: Ongoing investigations include:**

- **Tambura Incident:** A report indicated that several killings of innocent civilians occurred from 25 – 28 April 2024 including killing of a Priest-Fr. Luka Yugue in Tambura County. These killings are alleged to be done by the Azande and Balanda ethnic groups. There is fear that the situation of 2021 Tambura crisis may return.

### **Update:**

- On 28 - 31 May 2024 CTSAMVM MVT Yambio conducted Long Duration Patrol in Tambura and Nagero to investigate the incident and submitted a report.
- Indeed there was conflict between Azande and Balanda communities.
- These conflicts are purely based on inter communal fights.
- The matter is being handled, it was stated in the press that, a nine-member committee was appointed during a parliamentary session in Juba to travel to Western Equatoria to investigate.
- MVT Yambio remains on watch, should any new information indicate that parties signatory to the R-ARCSS are involved.
- **NAS activities in CES:** CTSAMVM received reports that Mundri County has

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been experiencing National Salvation Army (NAS) activities, especially in Minga and Wiro Payam. 6000 people in Minga Payam were displaced to Kediba Payam (Mundri East) and Rokon in CES because of the fighting. SSPDF forces have been permanently deployed to Minga Payam to protect civilians and defend the area from NAS activities.

- **Update:** CTSAMVM MVT Yambio conducted LDP and returned on 14 July 24, a report is awaited.
- **Tension in Nasir County between SSPDF and civilians:** It is alleged that white Army (armed youth) clashed with SSPDF where an SSPDF soldier was killed and some civilians got wounded. The soldiers retaliated with heavy gunfire. CTSAMVM is investigating the matter.
- **Alleged rape of a civilian by SPLM/A-IO soldiers in Ri – Rangu Payam.** On 4 July 2024 CTSAMVM received allegation that a 23 year old woman had been raped by SPLM/A-IO soldiers in Ri – Rangu Payam. CTSAMVM investigation is ongoing.

#### **DISCUSSION ON CTSAMVM REPORT – IMPORTANT ISSUES AND EVENTS, JMCO UPDATES TO INCLUDE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS, UPDATES AND INCIDENTS UNDER INVESTIGATION**

**Action**

Chairman said, before opening the session for discussion, he wishes to clarify on a matter raised in the remarks especially one raised by the FD Senior representative saying; Everyone here knows the responsibility and contribution of IGAD as well as CTSAMVM. IGAD is established by a legal entity with consent of IGAD member states, also it contributes a lot of things for the region and CTSAMVM has a mandate also established under the entity and TOR specifying what to do and what not to do.

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Accordingly, it contributes a lot of activities for sustainable peace established in South Sudan. However, mainly what was mentioned that the role of Ethiopia in South Sudan is historic, since the struggle for Freedom till now to establish sustainable peace in the region. It's role is a noble factor, however, my concern is as CTSAMVM, I am here to work on the TOR of CTSAMVM not for the sake of Ethiopia's interest. Let everyone understand it this way. Our mission here is quite clear and supported by CTSAMVM TOR to work as a team with you to realize sustainable peace in South Sudan as well as in the region.

We have to understand this fact and let us work together for the ongoing peace process for the establishment of sustainable peace in South Sudan. Thank you for your attention.

#### **DA Ethiopia:**

As a response from the Ethiopian Embassy with reference to the viral comment from the representative of FD as we all know, Ethiopia since the struggle of South Sudan has contributed so much for the independence struggle by training the military and other provision of necessary logistical and training support. Ethiopia has been providing support to South Sudan including Scholarships to build capacity for South Sudanese, this is building capacity for the institutional building system, in addition to the role of stabilizing South Sudan.

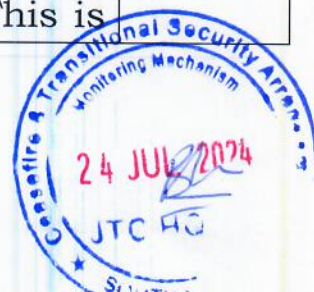
Ethiopia has peacekeeping mission through the UNMISS where there are more than 2,000 forces which is a serving and deployed in various parts of the country including Yambio, and the Juba, Bor Jonglei states. This may not be so much but it is because the peace in South Sudan is very important to Ethiopia as a brotherly/sisterly country. So, Ethiopia is just to support our brothers and sisters in South Sudan so that they become a stable country.

Other than this Ethiopia has nothing or no intention of any business vested in South Sudan as said by the representative of the FD. This is

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totally unacceptable and illogical allegation being made. As it has been outlined by the chairperson, the appointment of the chairperson CTSAMVM is in accordance with what IGAD is doing.

It will be good when commenting, consideration should be made on facts on the ground. Thank you so much.

### **SPLM/A-IO representative**

Thank you chair, there is need for clarification. Today, the document looks nice and is commendable. However, there are 2 areas am seeking clarification concerning training in Masira Bira Training School, there is needs to know the primary forces and secondary forces mentioned. Also concerning the occupied facilities the number has been indicated as Nine, but specifically are they schools, health centers or private buildings so as to easily trace them up.

Am also glad for the remarks by the chairman and senior CTC representatives as all made good points and if chance is given to talk one can say anything that they feel like saying. FD representative made it clear the Chairmanship needs to be rotational, which could be true. He concurs with the Chairmanship of CTSAMVM being rotational among IGAD countries since conflict wont only end in South Sudan, another year who knows conflict can be there in other IGAD member states.

### **FD Representative**

Thank you chair, to be specific I don't have any intention of hurting Ethiopia as a country, what I expressed here it is your people deployed here hurting our feelings here in CTSAMVM and I must be very clear

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about it. Ethiopia help us during the liberation, during this peacekeeping. Helping us does not mean we should be held hostage, we have to tell the truth and mention everything here, all the problems in CTSAMVM are created by chairman, and we are all clear in 2018 at Khartoum when drafting the R-ARCSS that the chairman of CTSAMVM must come from Sudan and Uganda, but that clause has been removed.

There is no any clarification till today why they changed, IGAD is not even given details they sighted that it was changed during the meeting of IGAD council of ministers, when we went to our minister of foreign affairs, it is not there, authority for omitting the clause of chairmanship of Uganda and Sudan was not there and this government was not notified about it. For example today the chairman sighted and closed down without coming back to us as parties when chairman wrote to the CTSAMVM to stop that one. the vice president of this country called the Chairman of CTSAMVM not to go ahead with that one but he ignored it, that shows he has power.

The agreements are monitored by the parties, all of us were in Khartoum and expressed that the chairman of CTSAMVM should come from Uganda and Sudan, no clarification until today from CTSAMVM.

### **ITGoNU Senior representative**

Chair, I need to make a comment on the investigation report, the aim is clear as stated, but in the findings, in Para a, b and c it is stated that no evidence was found. In Para d there was confirmation of deployment of joint operational forces and the issue of atrocities committed by these forces which we condemn. In Para f, there was no evidence of alleged 500 personnel deployed in Giada, In Para g, there was no confirmation of UPDF presence. There was misinterpretation of article 2.1.8 it specifies late training, not any kind of training is prohibited.

It will be absurd to keep forces for 6 years by any security institution without any kind of training, it will be difficult for the parties to assess the discipline of its troops. How can the performance of the force be assessed. Why then do IGAD countries offer training opportunities for the security institutions if any kind of training is prohibited, there is

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need to interpret the correct, statement and article of the Transitional Security Arrangement's provisions which is wrongly interpreted and put in the wrong place.

The report also talked of disposition and cantonment which contravene Articles 2.1.11.1 and 2.2.3.3 of the R-ARCSS including the issue of mobilization from WBeGS, this may be the interpretation but not true findings. Saying there is indicator of recruitment yet stated there is no evidence of all this, therefore my point of conclusion in number 8 contradicts what the findings in Para 6 above. As SSOA Senior representative said there is no evidence and hence no need to discuss the report, but in conclusion, it is stated there is violation by SSPDF for all what has been cleared in the findings not to be there.

The conclusion does not reflect the actual findings, its not consistent, what is in the report is not clearly reflected and the report needs to be realigned. On denial of access, clearance was given to access Luri, you need to show the letter that denied access to any camp so that it can be confirmed. Also on Slide 9, the JDB does not belong to ITGoNU but RTGoNU, the same is duplicated in Slide 22, all to read RTGoNU. You need to also specify the key provisions to be implemented. He proposed that the CTSAMVM Report 2024/10 be harmonized before being forwarded to the next stage.

### **ITGoNU Representative**

Regarding the report all observations have been made but as indicated in the findings that the team that went to verify did not find any evidence and yet in the conclusion of the report it was confirmed there was training and even in the middle it was talking of movement of Personnel from WBeGS, I don't know if the report is for Bhar El Ghazal or for Juba.

Another issue on the chairperson always coming from always Ethiopia, when the FD representative talked about the country it should be noted that the country has no problem with South Sudan, it has contributed immensely to this country what could be of concern is the personality of individuals, if they have personal issues we look at that. The issues that have been making things hard is the closure of MVTs Aweil, Torit and Bor and indeed there was a big mistake from the previous chairperson.

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The allocation given by Japan was more than enough to hold the National monitors until Japan withheld part of the money, but the previous chairman never called for such meeting but decided alone.

CTSAMVM needs to concentrate on its core mandate of monitoring verification and reporting.

### **ITGoNU Representative**

Last point to correct that the Nationals with us in CTSAMVM have moved their arsenals to the border. It is not intentional but as it is put have intention of antagonizing Ethiopia and we are also individuals of South Sudan in CTC here and have no mandate to harm or hate the nation, the same thing we make the Ethiopian nationals who are with us in the CTSAMVM not to take it as a Ethiopia we are talking about but individuals coming from Ethiopia who are not adamantly changing.

It is also remarked as a part of the handover that so and so are so bad for us these days, don't give them chance, don't let them talk, don't do this, especially the FD who has no interests since he has no sites and national monitors but a very vital member of the CTC. The thing is coming around of the closure of the areas and chasing away the national monitors, in the circumstances that the money has reduced, the best to be done is to reduce the amount to pay national monitors and maintain their number. We should remain as a team.

On the report, I commend those who made it there is progress. We have to be careful. Putting names on the report shows we are incompetent but now is a bit more professional.

I saw emotions were raised when the FD representative was talking and he was intercepted, the culture needs to be reduced, there is no personal things between us here, but to advise ourselves that if an individual who is not representing the country come and say that this national you go because there is no money is wrong. The national monitors who have been sent away need to be brought back. On the current report, it has to be taken back and be reharmonized.

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## SSOA Representative

I Would like to acknowledge the concern of all who have criticized the report, from the very beginning when we started to discuss this report the first challenge identified was that the team site used a wrong methodology as such the report did not generate the intended outcome. The aim, finding, the assessment including the recommendation and conclusion are not in alignment because even in our mandate as CTSAMVM if we are in our monitoring and verification activities especially when it comes to violation report, the violation is treated independently and yet in our recommendation and conclusion we have mixed different violations in one report all this show the report is not complete and credible, on behalf of the Liason officers the information in this report is not in harmony with the conclusion.

## SPLM-A/IO Senior representative

In regard to the comment that was made to the alignment of the report, it is our responsibility to correct and ensure a coherence in the flow of the information, not forgetting that there is progress from the secretariat who have made the report. The work is commendable however, if there are any loopholes in regard to coherence, it has to be corrected and it cannot be taken back to be worked on then call for another meeting of CTC, but just do the realignment and after that the senior CTC representatives who normally come to sign will then sign because we also need the other meetings to go ahead. So please do the alignment and have it as timely as possible to give time for preparation for the next meeting.

Another issue as raised by Gen Bior, if the chairman would have allowed and did not even make mention of the attache may not also comment very strongly but may also raise emotions. I do have a feeling that when comments are made, its not for negative criticism which could be looked at as justifying Ethiopians having ill intentions in this country, not from the first Anyanya, Ethiopia has been the sole supporter of South Sudanese and nobody can dispute that fact, however if there are individuals handling an affair of an entity wrongly, even if that was in Ethiopia, these individuals would be condemned with the wrong actions, same is here.

Even if it were South Sudanese taking lead in CTSAMVM and they

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mismanage, they would have to be told that such mismanagement are actually happening. Not everybody does the corruption but individuals do. We correct ourselves for what we have been criticized for. Incase someone comes tomorrow and General Yitayal leaves, what he would have done good would add on what the new person would pick from.

By the way, when Gen Hailu was spending more time here, we were also raising questions that he may be coaching General Yitayal and he becomes adamant and follow the foot print, as it has been happening. This comparison should be taken as a positive note to learn from. Previously, when CTSAMVM kicked off in 2018. CTC used to get only \$25 but there was progress. Those who came after had started to make things different. We hope Gen Yitayal has better grasp of the concept.

The matter of management of resources should also spread to other allocations not only for National monitors. If you are dealing with the finance alone without consulting other members in CTSAMVM like the Deputy Chairman, Chief of staff and others, it wont be a good resource management at all, always involve them for transparency to prevail.

### **SPLM/A-IO Representative**

Remind chairman to always pick flags for those who want to speak because he has been raising flag for long time but has been ignored, the selection to speak should balance and follow serially. Concerning the report, there is progress as mentioned by others and hence need to realign the report to bring out consistency because it indeed has to bring out clearly what the findings were.

For good quality report to be realized, the reports officer needs to work with Senior National Liaison officers to advise correctly and accurately. To work alone can bring problems. We are aware if someone is new to the work it can take sometime to put the things in the right manner but you really need to work with people to make the report accurate. When you look at this report there is mentioning of names of some individuals which is not the culture here, to protect the identity of the person. The Unity Government should also be changed to RTGoNU not ITGoNU.

I welcome the military attache and have appreciate his speech, wish to say some thing about the speech. The assistance of South Sudan by Ethiopia it was something which was very obvious even today but not

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only Ethiopia assisted South Sudanese but very many countries in the neighbourhood have assisted South Sudanese but it seems those who were in Bilpam, and different areas in Ethiopia are not around here the way he talked. We were the same people who were there and know what happened in Ethiopia. Even during the fight South Sudan also helped back till today some of the South Sudanese were arrested and are in Ethiopian jails over help they offered to Ethiopia. Its not that only Ethiopia is the one that helped, but South Sudanese also helped. We are aware of Ethiopia's contribution and reciprocating help our country also offered.

As CTSAMVM we don't need to rely on the information got from Media but use what we obtain from the ground factually. We need to exercise our mandate of independence, Impartiality and neutrality to have a transparent report. On the issue of Nairobi talks, he said he sees the talks are ongoing but IGAD is not guiding on what to do, will there be another agreement to replace the R-ARCSS, and even CTSAMVM, what will be the considerations should be made known because we need to know.

#### **SPLM/A-IO Representative**

Thank you chair, we have been here for almost 6 years, this peace process we are not taking any serious steps against any parties; as CTC members we are not mandated fully to implement any of the outcomes. Now in the current report there are issues that need to be acted upon.

The senior representatives from parties need to be accountable for any violations found in the reports and actions should start here because the reports come from us; still why should we consult for action to be taken? Also there should be one representative to be given confidence to act not to lie to ourselves that we are representing Parties.

#### **SPLM/A-IO Representative**

On the point of recruitment, it's a surprise that I have 4 brothers in WAU who have been civilians, last week they have been given uniform yet there is no recruitment, how did they get the uniforms?

**FD**

Answered that in the matter of Uniforms if anyone has money he can

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easily buy them in shops around Juba Market whether Army or Police.

He noted that as agreed, the report is not aligned, he needs to point some issues. the report indicated that that there are some forces brought from WBeGS and forces were brought to protect civilians. The report indicated that the forces were harassing the civilians, what information from civilians or forces led to the harassment. It was mentioned that there is tension in Nasir, who mentioned that tensions, how do you estimate the tensions between civilians and the forces there. Talked about a rape case in Yambio, the victim is not there and the rapist is not there. If there is no name for someone raped, then there is nothing. Also the disposition of forces from where to where. Also disposition of the forces and prove the evidence of force brought from WBeGS with the date.

Just as my colleague put it after the meeting Dr Chuol briefs the First Vice President, Gen Rabi briefs the President and though he does not have forces, he has to brief his principal. We are not here for discussion and go home, those who are military will always have a follow on questions. Incase any issue here brings in indicting of any person, all the senior party representatives and the chairman has to defend the report in court.

### **Chairman**

Would like to imprint on the report that, the objective of the CTC meeting is clear for all of us; to report balanced and reliably so that unlike other reports to prepare this report, our staff and technical members also have a lot of consultation to get reliable and balanced information. Also the aim is to balance and re-correct, if something is wrong to categorize and re-correct and to prepare the report. I thank you for the feedback you have given to us based on the comments especially by what the General mentioned of the Articles can be withdrawn

### **REPORTS Officer**

Informed the meeting that, on the issue of Primary or Secondary forces in Masina Bira Training center, the primary forces mentioned is just a preposition of stating the four categories; the Police, NSS, Wild life and Prisons as the military component was already deployed.

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On the occupied civilian Areas he said, in the previous CTC the list was presented but two areas that were not cleared in sector two (Malakal). It was noted that Civilians came to settle in an area where military were already existent, it is yet to be verified. The concerns on the report's consistency have been captured and will be effected, a fair report will be available when signing CTC outcome.

The build up of forces are in the locations of Lado Payam, Nyuwa Boma in Kwerjik, Molobur Boma and Loro Lobori hills. They are composed of Forces responsible for movement regulation, the Commando Unit, disarmament forces and the forces deployed to contain issues related to land grabbing. The movement of forces was confirmed from WBeGS to Loro Bobori, initially in 4 Buses as IDPs but later deployed in military uniforms.

### **DECISIONS CTSAMVM CTC on 18 July 24:**

#### **The CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided that:**

##### **Regarding the Ceasefire:**

- It is important that everything is done to prevent any sort of escalation in tensions which could arise from these incidents.
- Commanders at all levels to sensitize their soldiers to realize their individual actions are in conformity of the provisions of R-ARCSS.

##### **Regarding the NUF deployment:**

- The delay in deployment of Phase 1 Graduates and beginning of Phase 2 training of the NUF goes contrary to the provisions of the R-ARCSS and specifically Article 2.2.1 and 2.3.1 on training and deployment. It would be helpful if the JDB could share date of commencement of phase 2 training.
- The RTGoNU to prevail upon JDB to provide updated data in respect to the deployment of NUF.

##### **Regarding the Occupied civilian buildings/areas:**

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- Parties are reminded that occupying civilian areas is a continued violation of the R-ARCSS specifically Article 2.2.3.1. Parties are urged to vacate occupied civilian areas as a matter of urgency.
- RTGoNU to direct JDB to develop a plan for forces to vacate the remaining occupied buildings and ensure they are deployed correctly.

#### **Regarding CTSAMVM Report 2024/10:**

- Parties should cease the recruitment, movement of personnel and disposition of forces, denial of access and protect the human rights of civilians and take immediate remedial action against the personnel involved and hold them accountable.
- Denial of access by signatory parties has continued to hinder the effective fulfillment of CTSAMVM mandate of monitoring and verification.
- All signatory parties to R-ARCSS are reminded of their obligation to fully implement the peace agreement.
- The RJMEC and the IGAD Council of Ministers to take all appropriate and timely action at the political level as a result of the violations reported by CTSAMVM.

#### **Any Other Business:**

##### **SPLM/A-IO Senior Representative**

It is a reminder on adjustment, when adjustment is made the Senior CTC representative would be very much happy to have the revised version of the budget to also to affirm for transparency purposes so as to know resources are being used efficiently.

##### **ITGoNU Representative**

Need to come up with the truth here, need to remove the issue of presence of UPDF in south Sudan in the report. There are areas which have been suspected

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SSPDF are conducting training after the verification is done, have they confirmed that there is training so that when being shared it can be confirmed. This movement from Barel Gazal needs to be confirmed how the displaced people came from WAU to Juba. On the matter of movement of forces, just last month here the SPLM/A-IO conducted movement and conducted meeting in Yambio but this was not reported to CTSAMVM and they had a recommendation which they also shared with every body, that movement was more than 200 Miles and not reported to CTSAMVM. Where as the movement of forces by SSPDF may be for necessity.

### **SPLM/A-IO Representative**

When CTSAMVM started meeting in 2018, it was neutral because it was outside the country, now that meetings are brought here in Juba, we don't have right to say what we want to say, our proverb as Balanda is "*Frog do not swim in the hot water*" is that the reason we are brought here so that we don't talk?

### **SPLM/A-IO Representative**

Advise to my bro John, our discussion is guided, when we go step by step we don't go back, if there is any observation, bring it as an allegation then will be discussed at the JMCO and tasked accordingly. An advise for the next meetings, if there is nothing related to the days report, it should not be brought up.

### **ITGoNU Representative**

If the same was said when the Uniform issue was said, it should be treated the same way. He supports the idea but nothing should be brought about Hot water or cold water issues when here in Juba there is access to information compared to holding the meetings in Khartoum.

### **SPLM/A-IO Representative**

Our colleagues seems not to like us to be near the road side. Our mandate is clear we used to treat all this as allegations what the general has said here need to be verified if it will be verified by the MVTs then discussed here after some facts have been obtained.

### **CHAIRMAN**

Thanked all members for the active participation and said to conclude the issues,

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he wished to bring the conflict theory, most of the scholars agreed that conflict is inevitable, however, the way how to manage it differs from person to person, from group to group even in the country level. Solving conflicts in a round table discussion is part of civilization. If we solve by discussion, it is valuable, if not it is dangerous, and it escalates into violence and its consequence is dangerous.

Based on that, your warm discussion today is valuable for us to prepare a balanced and sound report. Depending on that, we all depend upon the CTSAMVM's mandate to monitor, verify and report based on the core values of neutrality, independence and impartiality while doing our work.

For that matter, as I mentioned earlier in the process of preparing the report, we try a lot to get reliable information from MVT's and stakeholders based on the allegations received. And also today, as per our discussion, the feedback and comments given from CTC members and party representatives are taken into consideration to elaborate and clarify the report. Thank you.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

The date for the next meeting; is **16 August 2024**

Meeting End: 1327

Signed on July 2024.

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