



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

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting (CTC) was held on 16 April 2024 at the Beijing Juba Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as shown below. The Chairperson Maj Gen Hailu Gonfa Eddosa opened the meeting at 1020Hrs/10:20 am.

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson	Maj Gen Hailu Gonfa Eddosa	CTSAMVM
Deputy Chairperson	Brig Gen YassirHassab Alla	CTSAMVM
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CTSAMVM Secretariat	Mr. Awgichew Fekade	

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In Attendance	Maj Gen Etafa Raga Mr. Chris Gitan	Defence Attaché RJMEC

The CTC then reviewed the proposed Agenda.

The agenda was adopted. The Chairperson proceeded with opening remarks:

Item
<p>Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:</p> <p>Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members, Deputy Chairperson, IGAD Representative, RJMEC Representative, Defense Attachés, CTSAMVM Secretariat, Observers, Ladies and Gentlemen,</p> <p>Good morning.</p>

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It is my great honor to warmly welcome you to the CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) meeting. Allow me to express my sincere appreciation to you for your presence to address issues relating to the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan.

To begin with, CTSAMVM continues to conduct its monitoring and verification engagements while reporting to the IGAD and RJMEC.

CTSAMVM will be more reliant on joint activity with UNMISS and is developing better coordination mechanisms to ensure monitoring and investigations are sustained.

Today, as we convene the CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting which is a crucial forum to delve into matters of utmost importance, our commitment to peace and stability in South Sudan remains unwavering, and this gathering serves as a testament to our collective dedication.

At the outset, I would like to remind you that all information reported at the CTC meetings is prepared with the full involvement of both International and National Monitors at all levels. Our reports are discussed at the Joint Monitoring Coordination Office (JMCO) meetings.

Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,

Since the last CTC Meeting on 12 March 2024, CTSAMVM has not received any direct breaches of the ceasefire. The Parties are commended for this positive trend.

However, CTSAMVM has not witnessed additional deployments of the Necessary Unified Forces apart from the 6% out of the planned 83000 Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) reported at the last CTC meeting. The deployment of the National Unified Forces is critical for addressing security issues in the Republic of South Sudan and a vital prerequisite for the upcoming elections.

Cantonment Sites and Training centers continue to report the lack of logistic supplies such as food.

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In regards to the roadmap of the Extended Transitional Period, CTSAMVM urges RTGoNU to quickly implement the remaining unimplemented tasks especially Chapter 2 which concerns the provision of security arrangement.

Today, we have two reports that demand our attention. The first is about the fatal incident in Nassir County between SSPDF soldiers and Armed youth where many people died including SSPDF soldiers. The second report concerns the creation of the 12th Division by the SSPDF in Rumbek, Lakes State.

Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,

As always, CTSAMVM highly values your opinions and recommendations. I ask you all to focus on the information and reports, discuss them in a collegial and professional manner, and most importantly, come up with realistic solutions to protect the ceasefire.


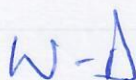
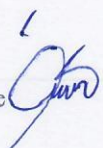
I now declare the CTC meeting open and invite Senior Party Representatives to make opening remarks.

The Senior Representative of the ITGoNU stated that;

Dear CTSAMVM Chairman and Deputy,
CTSAMVM COS
CTSAMVM Secretariat,
CTC Members
Mil Attache
Good morning,

I would like to welcome the new CTSAMVM COS.

I thank CTSAMVM leadership for organizing this meeting on time and I am so happy that there are no more violations that we are going to discuss and as you have commended the parties for abiding by the cessation of hostility. This is encouraging.



We also appreciate all CTSAMVM monitors for caring out the mandate despite the same challenges. Regarding the most important issues of the reports that you have mentioned, ITGONU is ready to discuss for a positive conclusion.

The issue regarding NUF is “No new deployments of NUF”. I was in a meeting yesterday and listening to the report of the SSPDF Deputy Chief of Defence Force. They had been moving around to visit the cantonment site and training center, and they have submitted their report. I Have submitted a request for CTSAMVM to discuss the content of the report that will be valuable to CTSAMVM.

We have taken note of the lack of food and logistic supplies for the forces at the training center and cantonment sites as well as the preparation for phase 2 training.

We shall discuss reports about the creation of Division 12 and the fatal incident between SSPDF Soldiers and Armed youth in Nassir County. We have some observations and will make when we are going to discuss the reports. We are ready to discuss and reach a positive conclusion.

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

Dear CTSAMVM Chairman and Deputy,

CTSAMVM COS

CTC Members

Good morning,

It is a good opportunity to have this meeting at this particular time by CTSAMVM Chair and we are very much highlighted. Based on the issues raised we have acknowledged from the statement of the Chairman that the overall security situation is calm. We are also happy at least to see this situation continue and people move and do their normal duties without any distractions. It is also to be noted that the deputy chief of defense forces has made some moves at least to set up the second phase which has taken shape based on the discussion that we heard days ago.

We will be very happy and urge the leadership to keep the momentum to deploy and confirm the ranks of the graduated NUF so that the security arrangement is completed and moves to the next level. Upon the deployments and the confirmation

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of the rank, then the second phase will start. The leadership of South Sudan is urged to put this into action and realize the peace that people have been waiting for. I will applaud the effort put in place by all the South Sudanese people.

The Senior Representative of SSOA stated that;

Dear CTSAMVM Chair and Deputy,
CTSAMVM COS
CTSAMVM Secretariat,
CTC Members
Good morning,

I am grateful to be here today as we present again together for the meeting of CTSAMVM.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank COS and welcome him.

It seems that we have accomplished much and that CTSAMVM is well organized to monitor the peace.

We are looking forward to discussing the report on the creation of Division 12 at Rumbek Lakes State and the incident in Nasir County. We are going to sort out after these remarks and all of us to put their inputs. My appreciation is going to the Government of South Sudan because they pay the salaries of the deployed NUF. We shall also discuss the deployments of the National Unified Force and Senior Second High Command shall be achieved shortly. Thanks to CTSAMVM for monitoring the Peace we are doing well and let's work together.

The Senior Representative of Former Detainees stated that;

Dear CTSAMVM Chair and Deputy,
CTSAMVM COS
CTSAMVM Secretariat,
CTC Members
Mil Attache
Good morning,
Welcome CTC members and COS.

I welcome CTSAMVM to conduct this meeting which I noticed before 30 minutes. In my opinion remark, It is a good sign that the ceasefire is holding and that no

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proxy fighting on the ground. It is good to hear from CTSAMVM that there is no violation of the ceasefire.

However, Chapter 2 is lagging behind and very far from its implementation. Let's give our people the truth that there are no new deployments of the Necessary Unified Forces but as reported in the last CTC the 6% deployments are showing that we are not yet in the right direction let alone to talk about phase two training. Phase two can't commence before the deployment of phase one ends.

Secondly, they don't have food and medicine for phase 1, and the same for phase 2. Those going for DDR are also in the training centers. Out of the 6 Battalions deployed earlier, some were not armed.

The second echelon is not yet deployed, we are very far from any implementation. It is also time to reevaluate Chapter Two implementation, what is done, and what is pending. It is through CTSAMVM reports that the citizens of this county will know what is going on.

I am urging JDB and NTC to deploy the force before talking about phase two.

Media Departs

CTSAMVM Report

Implementation Status – the Ceasefire

- There have been no significant ceasefire incidents CTSAMVM recorded since the last CTC meeting.
- There have been no clashes at Unity State. The situation remained calm since the incident in the Jamus area. SPLM/A-IO forces have been relocated to their camp in Garia 20 km north of Jamus.
- CTSAMVM MVT Malakal visited Nassir on 25-27 March, following the fighting between the SSPDF and local armed youth that took place on 10 February. There has been no escalation since the visit of the high Joint Delegation. CTSAMVM reports will be discussed.

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- It is important that the Parties remain vigilant, and take all necessary measures to prevent any violence involving their forces or forces allied to them.

Implementations Status – Deployment of Necessary Unified Force (NUF)

- Since the last CTC on 12 March 2024, CTSAMVM has not received any further information about the deployment of the NUF.
- CTSAMVM has requested a meeting with the Head Secretariat for the Joint Defence Board through a letter. So far, no response has been provided for the date of the meeting.
- Cantonment Sites and Training Centre Commanders continue to report lack of logistic support.
- CTSAMVM has not been made aware of any plans for Phase 2 training and deployment.
- However, it is important to note that Deputy CDF Lt Gen Gabriel Duop Lam had been visiting SPLM/A-IO Cantonment Sites to assess the status of the soldiers and the readiness for Phase 2 training.
- Since the Last CTC, No Police, NSS, Civil Defence, Wildlife, or Prison Service Phase 1 Graduates have been deployed.

CTSAMVM Observations:

- Since the last CTC, there have been no changes in the status of the deployment of NUF, and the Election date is getting closer. It is important to note that the deployment and operationalization of the NUF is a vital prerequisite for elections.
- It would be helpful if the JDB could share whatever available plans there are to deploy the remaining Phase 1 NUF and the start of Phase 2 training.

Implementations Status – Occupation of Civilian Buildings

Occupation of Civilian Building/ School in Yambio:

- On 27 March 2024, CTSAMVM was informed that SSPDF occupied Muayku Primary School in Tambura town.
- During a long duration Patrol to Tambura from 2-6 April 24, CTSAMVM physically visited the above-mentioned school and confirmed that Muayku

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Primary School in Tambura had been vacated. The school was occupied during the conflict in 2021 by SSPDF Battalion 101 under SSPDF Div 6.

- CTSAMVM has planned a long-duration patrol to Kajo-Keji shortly to update on the status of occupied civilian buildings. CTSAMVM will report its findings in the next CTC meeting.

CTSAMVM observations:

- CTSAMVM has noted with concern that the process of vacating civilian areas/buildings has stalled. Parties are reminded that occupying civilian areas is a continual violation of the R-ARCSS. The occupation discourages the return to these areas by displaced civilians. Parties are urged to vacate occupied civilian areas as a matter of urgency.
- In Yambio, NUF Battalions are deployed under the command of SSPDF Divisions. It is therefore the responsibility of the SSPDF to ensure they are deployed correctly.

S/No	MVT	OCCUPIED		
		SSPDF	SPLM/A-IO	NUF
1.	MALAKAL(BOR)	2		
2.	YAMBIO	1		2
3.	YEI	5		
TOTAL		10		

- 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.

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CTSAMVM REPORTS

CTSAMVM Reports:

There are two CTSAMVM Reports written since the last CTC meeting. The reports were discussed at the JMCO.

- 2024/05 – Creation of a New SSPDF Division in Rumbek, Lakes State.
- 2024/06 – Fatal incident at Nasir County- Upper Nile State, February 2024.

Creation of a New SSPDF Division in Rumbek, Lakes State

- On 26th January 2024, it was reported in the press that a new SSPDF Division – the 12th “Shark” Division – was established near Rumbek in Lakes State. There are no SPLM/A-IO or SSOA troops in Lakes State.
- Although in the past there have been IDP issues in the East of the State, there has been no fighting between Parties, and no ceasefire issues reported since the signing of the R-ARCSS.
- CTSAMVM has only occasionally visited Lakes State. Security issues in Lakes State are related to cattle raiding, and conflicts over land and pasture.
- The 12 Division is based at Malou Barracks
- It is made up of troops from the original 17 Brigade plus others from “SSPDF Tiger Division and other Ground Force troops from mother units all over the country”.

Findings:

- The 12th Division is based at Malou Barracks, an established military base going back to the 1950s. Until the creation of the 12 Division in January 2024, it was the base of 17 Brigade from 6 Division.
- The Division has 3 Brigades, in Yirol West, Cueibet, and Rumbek North (the Headquarters).
- The Division is made up of troops from the original 17 Brigade plus others from “SSPDF Tiger Division and other Ground Force troops from mother units all over the country”.

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- There had not been any recruitment, just the reintegration of SSPDF personnel “still on the payroll”.
- No training of new recruits, just refresher training for existing soldiers.
- The role of the Division was to ensure security, and its deployment was part of a plan to have a division in each state in the country.

Conclusion:

- It is the conclusion of CTSAMVM that: By accepting and creating a new formation which was not declared either at the signing of the R-ARCSS and moving troops from other formations is against the R-ARCSS. SSPDF failed to comply with their obligations under the R-ARCSS, specifically Articles 2.1.10.4. and COHA 2017 Article 11(6).

Fatal incident at Nasir County- Upper Nile State, February 2024.

- On, 10th February 2024, fierce fighting broke out between SSPDF and civilians at Torjuoch River in Nasir County. Two nights before the incident, the SSPDF Commander made a public announcement to the people around the area to stop fishing near the barracks.
- On the night of 10th February 2024, there was an incident at Torjuoch where SSPDF soldiers went out of their barracks to a nearby fishing camp and clashed with the youth resulting in two deaths and two casualties among the youth. One SSPDF soldier was injured in the process.
- On Sunday 11th February 2024 at 0600hrs, a group of SSPDF soldiers left the barracks to collect firewood and clashed with the Youth at Wech-Kuanylual Thoan where one youth was killed, four Civilians were wounded and at least two children drowned.
- On 12th February 2024 at 1530 hrs, fighting continued between the youth and SSPDF where six SSPDF soldiers lost their lives.

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- The fighting led to the displacement of civilians from Nasir town and surrounding areas, there was looting and destruction of properties including torching of houses.
- A joint delegation composed of SSPDF, SPLM/A-IO, and SSOA visited Nasir Town to assess and calm down the situation. In the process, armed youth confiscated tyres of Wulit Armoured Vehicles and salaries for soldiers from the joint delegation. The salaries were later returned but the tyres were withheld.
- The Joint delegation guided that the army should stay in their barracks and the youth should stay in Nasir town until the situation improves.

Findings:

- A total of Seven (7) Civilians including a woman died and Twelve (12) others were injured during the period of fighting from 10th-12th February 2024.
- Two (2) Children drowned in the river when civilians were running away from the fighting.
- A total of Six (6) SSPDF soldiers from Wechyar-Adiw military barracks died and Two (2) were injured.
- Most of the wounded personnel were transferred to hospitals in Malakal and Juba for treatment.
- There was no deliberate attack by SSPDF command but actions were generated by indiscipline/untrained soldiers.
- The clash between SSPDF and the Armed Youth occurred due to rights over the riverside fishing area near the barracks.
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- The clash between SSPDF and the Armed Youth occurred due to rights over the riverside fishing area near the barracks.
- The distance between the SSPDF barracks and the town is about 4Kms and 2 Km away from the edge of Nasir Market.
- Freedom of movement was disrupted during the fighting.

Conclusion:

- It is the conclusion of CTSAMVM that some of the indisciplined SSPDF Soldiers led to the death and injury of innocent civilians whom they ought to have protected which constitutes a violation of Article 2.1.10.4 and Article 2.1.10.5 of R-ARCSS.

Ongoing Investigations: Ongoing investigations include:

Updates:

- Fatal incident in Unity State on 29 January 2024. CTSAMVM MVT Bentiu conducted a long-duration Patrol to the area. The investigation will be completed when the MVT interviews the governor and police commissioner who are actually present in Mayom. Therefore, the investigation is ongoing.
- Alleged recruitment and training in Mathiang Barracks, Aweil, reported on 1 February 2024. *(Note: this issue has been the subject of a previous CTSAMVM*

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report – 2022/23). MVT Wau conducted an LDP to Mathiang between 2-6 April, the Investigation report was received and will be presented in the next CTC Meeting.

- Killing of SSPDF soldiers and resultant alleged revenge burning of civilian houses and SGBV by the SSPDF in the Wonduruba Payam on 5 February 2024. MVT Visit and investigation have been scheduled for 17 April 2024.
- Alleged attack by the SSPDF against SPLM/A-IO positions near Wunaliet, 12 February 2024. The Investigation is ongoing; MVT Juba has not yet interviewed SPLM/A-IO officers.
- Allegations of training in Central Equatoria State: On 11 March 2024 CTSAMVM received a letter dated 6 March 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, Jebel Lado northwest of Juba, and along Juba-Bor Road. They also claimed the presence of Ugandan Forces in Luri Barracks.

Updates: On 05 April 2024, MVT Juba visited Luri Training Center and Jebel Lado to verify the allegations of training and presence of UPDF Soldiers in Luri Training Center. (Investigation is ongoing)

However, when CTSAMVM wrote to the Ugandan Embassy, they refuted the presence of UPDF soldiers in South Sudan and stated that “***the information circulating that UPDF has deployed again in South Sudan is false. It is intended to cause anxiety and uncertainty in the country***”

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CTSAMVM Suggested recommendations:

Ceasefire:

- That the Parties remain vigilant, and take all measures necessary to avoid violence involving their forces, or any forces allied to them or under their control or influence.
- That when violence involving the Parties does occur JDB takes immediate remedial action.
- That all Parties desist from all forms of harassment, threats, and violence against each other.

Necessary Unified Forces (NUF):

- It is recommended that the leadership of IGAD and RJMEC urge RTGoNU to expedite the complete deployments of Phase 1 NUF including the Army, Police, Prison Service, Wildlife, NSS, and Civil Defence who are still in Training Centres and the commencement of Phase 2 NUF as a matter of urgency in preparation for the general planned elections.
- That RJMEC urges RTGoNU to continue to support training centers and Cantonment sites with the necessary resources.

Occupied buildings:

- The R-JMEC urges JDB to present a detailed plan for the vacation of all occupied civilian buildings by NUF and SSPDF.

CTSAMVM Report 2024/05- Creation of a New Division by SSPDF.

- CTSAMVM is urging ITGoNU to concentrate on unifying the Necessary Unified Forces rather than creating other new Divisions.
- CTSAMVM urges the JDB to expedite the deployment of NUF to avoid the creation of new Divisions.
- The parties are urged to inform CTSAMVM about the movement of troops at all times as provided in Article 2.1.10.4 of the R-ARCSS.

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CTSAMVM Report 2024/06- FATAL INCIDENT AT NASIR COUNTY- UPPER NILE STATE, FEBRUARY 2024

- ITGoNU as a signatory party ought to take responsibility for Command and Control over the SSPDF soldiers to avoid unnecessary incidences that result in harming civilians and destruction of civilian properties.
- The Joint Defence Board (JDB) deploys the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) to the affected areas to avoid a further clash.
- Efforts should be put in place to disarm armed civilians from the whole country and activate Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR).

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

Action

SPLM/A-IO representative

- Welcomed the new CTSAMVM Chief of staff to the meeting and said discussing the same issues of occupied buildings all the time is not good, urges colleagues in SSPDF to consider escalating matters discussed in this forum seriously to higher leadership because it is now boring, even NUF has joined in occupying houses under SSPDF commanders in Yambio, this should be sorted.
- On the creation of 12 Div, he said it was a clear violation of the peace agreement, what is known as the 11 Division, 10 Divisions were declared by then but the continued creation of another Division in

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Warrap and Lake States is just a clear violation of peace agreement, he wondered why NUF cannot be made a Division.

- He urged the leadership of SSPDF not to continue in that way as we are telling the world we need peace yet we are continuing to do other things on the ground meaning we are not peace-loving people. It's an obvious violation that CTSAMVM has updated.
- He noted that saying there was no sexual assault in Nasir and at the same time GBV is evident, is confusing and needs the secretariat to clarify.
- CTSAMVM most of the time discusses things that happened months ago, which makes it lose meaning, need to discuss issues currently happening. Discussing things that have passed will pose difficulties in obtaining information. Less that, we are cheating the world, and the South Sudanese on many things.
- He said many things do happen, and even the government must be aware of some of the things; an incident happened where people even fought but as it was not brought by MVT, nothing can be done.
- The issue of Training which is ongoing between Terekeka, Juba Road, and Jebel Lado happened, but it needs MVT to go there physically if the deputy Chair of SPLMA/IO alerted CTSAMVM, it needs to go there on the ground and see physically. Even the Embassy of Uganda cannot tell that they have forces in South Sudan because if the forces are there, they must have been brought in illegally just like when they were brought in when there was fighting in Juba, they would only appear in the front line and you get to hear one Ugandan soldier was killed here and they use aircraft. They are here in the country.

SPLM/A-IO Representative

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- Today's reports' wording and reporting system deviate from the truth; if there is a violation, state it; not meandering like 'there is no sexual assault but GBV was evident', what happened should be mentioned exactly.
- The occupied civilian buildings since 2022 are not updated, it is good to visit them, verify, and report what is on the ground. For those occupying civilian facilities, we need to collectively ensure that there is zero occupation of these facilities.

SSOA representative

- Regarding the issue of creating a new Division in Rumbek by one party is a clear violation of the peace agreement, Currently, the issue at hand is the deployment of the NUF which is not complete, even though the Phase 2 training is to be conducted, and graduates to be deployed as well. By the time of the agreement, 10 Divisions were in the country and it was increased by one other making them 11 Divisions, now the creation of the 12th Division by one side is a clear violation.
- Regarding Deputy Chairman SPLM/A-IO's allegation of training around Juba including the presence of Ugandan soldiers in Luri and indeed CTSAMVM is commended for trying their best to send MVT there to investigate since it is ongoing, why not send security organs, when they refuse to give information, visit the site so that if there are Ugandan troops in the country it is a violation because our forces are here and don't need other forces.

FD Senior Representative

- Observed that there is no serious report, on the creation of Div 12 he said, CTSAMVM contradicts itself, after clearly saying it was 17 Bde

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that was deployed in Malou so it's a matter of changing the clauses from 17 Bde to 12 Div, especially after saying there is no recruit. Request SSPDF to change from 12 Div to 17 Bde to elude being a violation.

- Wondered why for 5 years, SSPDF has not vacated those places claiming there is insurgency, just yesterday en route from Bor to Juba there was a heavy deployment of forces and no report about those deployments, he wonders if it is because there is no complaint? He observed that forces should be deployed according to the doctrinally against areas to be used by insurgent forces (Belligerents).
- He implored parties not to forget that they have a country to defend, and are not talking about the area being occupied by our neighbors. who have taken our territories which may take a long to recover the area. Other than forces who want to fight among themselves, he pleaded to leave the civilians out of the infighting, he considers that, if the UPDF are here they may not be known because they may wear South Sudan uniforms.

ITGONU Representative

- Commends that the reports have improvements and requests not to mention SSPDF as a whole in these violations as if all the forces of South Sudan participated, but specify the exact unit (Div, Bde, Bn, Coy, Pl) and state the area where it occurred. Training in Central Equatoria needs to be investigated thoroughly before presenting here.
- He asserts that, for the Creation of the 12th Division, the agenda for the meeting should have been shared earlier to give room for consultations with field commanders such that in the meeting what was found could be discussed, since it was distributed at the meeting and hence cannot give a proper or informed reaction, he would have got better answers

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from those responsible offices. He, however, noted that, when there was fighting in Juba, so many soldiers refused to fight and went home, now when there is peace and salaries were increased, those who went home have returned on their own and they are being reorganized.

Chairman guided that

- Focus must be on issues made in the report, the judgment of the report can be made but especially as part of the agreement.
- On the occupied civilian building and the creation of a new Division he asserted that it was clear in the CTSAMVM report stating that all the soldiers of the 12th Division are on payroll and that SSPDF according to the agreement was to inform on the movement of troops from various mother units all over the country to Malou which it did not, violating the peace agreement, he asks if there is any information on it, can be made available.

ITGoNU Senior Representative

- He noted that in his opening remarks, he talked of the 2 reports and observed that the right things are put in place according to the deployment of NUF, he said CTSAMVM not getting a reply for requesting the head secretariat of JDB to attend a meeting is a procedural matter, the letter needs to be addressed to the Chairman JDB so that he can task a relevant authority within JDB to attend such meeting.
- Observed there is a need for CTSAMVM leadership to have a courtesy meeting with the JDB to clarify information on NUF, luckily the chairman and Deputy of JDB are the CDF and his Deputy, who would provide a spectrum of information for all that has been missing.

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- On the occupation of civilian buildings he said about the list of 10, there have been no new updates almost 2 years down now, maybe they are vacated and records are false of so many of them, he said the building at Lasu was a request by the community to protect them because there is presence of NAS in the area that's why the troops are there to safeguard vulnerable civilians, he re-echoed that CTSAMVM should put consideration that soldiers cannot leave the buildings because of violation of occupying it and the same buildings later get occupied by NAS and the population is terrorized.
- He also said, some of these occupations are connected with humanitarian issues. He wondered why should the SSPDF relocate when they are in a Military camp, It is not a civilian camp and the issue should be dropped.
- In some of the locations for security reasons, civilians are to stay far away for their safety, and the resources to construct better facilities for the Army are yet to be sourced.
- Cooperation with civilians, the information available is different, he suggests the CDF or the Deputy may be invited to the next meeting to update on the information or answer questions if available.
- On Creation of 12 Div he said, it is a command responsibility, he said what took place is not recruitment or reintegration but reorganization, therefore, he said NUF will fill such gaps since the strength is still a Div(-), it is yet going to take more forces who will be amalgamated, A unit needs to have enablers, those from other units constitute support elements of Force enablers for that Division.
- There were insecurity incidents in Juba until the current governor was appointed and things changed, even though there are no other forces to support operations.

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- Allegations are subject to investigation, if it is false, or just a rumor, it can be character assassination, damaging credibility to the international community is not good. The presence of Ugandan soldiers was communicated by a letter from Deputy chairman SPLM/A-IO who also is the deputy speaker, now investigations are responding including the Embassy of Uganda at the end it will be false information, how do we exercise justice? Who to apologize for this one who submitted a rumor, will he apologize or what? Otherwise, this is a provocation.
- Whoever gives information and is found to be false should be made to account for his actions, and also need to stop this practice.
- The SSPDF new Division, failing to comply with articles 2.1.10.7.2 and 2.3.5 needs to be retracted from the report because the Articles are not relevant to the issue of creating 12 Div.
- Clarification to be made for record purposes and consistency in the persons described as civilians, armed youth, and armed civilians, who are supposed to have arms, civilians or soldiers. Having a rifle by a civilian is prohibited, also a need to specify SSPDF in 3 Division not generalization of all Soldiers to be indisciplined.
- He explained the reaction of the civilians towards authorities that such civilians, may not have a harmonious relationship with soldiers but more confrontations which is why DDR is to be conducted.

CHAIRMAN guided that:

- Technical issues will be taken up, if the report is true, parties can give an addendum to it otherwise, the report is up-to-date.
- Had a courtesy call to CDF just as he makes to other mechanisms of RJMEC and IGAD, but the CDF was engaged and they never met, but will try again.

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- Update and information given to CTSAMVM on Civilian buildings indeed have not been updated for long ever since they were visited different years, progress is being made to update them shortly.
- Updating reports as CTSAM is very important, if anything happens, we have to report on time, challenges do occur, currently especially logistical; since helicopter transport is related to UNMISS, our requests are always presented in advance of 1 week but UNMISS allots to us after 2 months yet we don't have money to higher separately.
- CTSAMVM often always uses vehicles nevertheless sometimes we need security which UNMISS provides.
- CTSAMVM encourages that any allegation that will be brought will be handled.
- CTSAMVM can't accuse anybody or rather advise on any issue until our MVT investigates.
- Ugandan Army presence so far no evidence has been adduced yet, we can't say anything, although the ongoing updates were already displayed.
- On the Creation of a new Division, the articles are what describe the violation otherwise will be scrutinized by the CTSAMVM legal advisor.

Head Gender clarified

- Difference between Gender-based Violence (GBV) and Sexual Gender-Based Violence saying (SGBV), SGBV refers to where sexual assault, rape, and even attempts to it occurs and was not in the report, there is Gender-based violence as evidenced by the death of a woman, children drowning and displacement of civilians, equally men, women, and children could be exposed to GBV.

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Fusion cell clarified

- CTSAMVM is still working on updating our data on the occupied building, and the mechanism has not written any report about a violation on occupied buildings, since 2019, there was a total of 79 occupied civilian buildings, evidently it is good progress now only we are remaining with 10, yet we need to remind ourselves that these are civilian facilities we need to vacate, there was a patrol planned for Kajo keji in last CTC but failed, now planned for this week, then next concentrate on 2 occupied buildings in Malakal need to be verified again.
- Regarding the presence of UPDF in Luri, our MVT has visited Luri and they are compiling a detailed report which may be sent today for any such allegation, all those locations mentioned in the letter of the Deputy Chair SPLM/A-IO will be checked one by one. A country is represented by the Embassy and the correct line of communication was followed when the Ugandan embassy refuted UPDF's presence in South Sudan.
- The word reintegration of soldiers who are already on payroll is not CTSAMVM creation but quoted from the 12 Division commander who said it.
- We shall take specific concerns of comment of mentioning Div, Platoon and will improve in the future, Wunaliet has the problem of network national monitor will get contact and the MVT shall visit the location.

The reports officer

- Requested for updated e-mail of members who did not receive invitations for CTC meetings.

SPLM/A-IO senior representative

- Add voice on the issue of reporting because of the issue of resource availability there have been backlogs, but there must be a speedy

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process to clear and ensure the time of reporting something that CTSAMVM has to work on the issue of clarification on Deployment of the remaining NUF and start of 2nd phase training the information can be obtained from JDB who has information on how the plans are.

- The issue of occupied buildings cannot be bypassed since 2019 it has been a topical issue that the buildings have to be vacated but still the presence of the SSPDF or IO is considered a violation and the Army should have a distance from the civilians.
- Creation of a new Division even if it was said there is reintegration or those who had vacated the deployment areas, should not boil down to the creation of a new Division for no reason. There is no reason to create a new division, this is a complete violation. Maybe if NUF were to be considered, it would make sense because they are a newly trained and graduated force.
- There already is a brigade at Malou under Div 6, unless something is not right there. Civilians conflict with SSPDF in Nasir, this country is in chaos, and civilians everywhere you go are carrying AK-47 Rifles, there may be a need for modalities to be set for comprehensive disarmament. The behavior of forces deployed to Nasir acted irresponsibly and killed civilians and those civilians who had arms also responded. The military also went out to attack the civilians, this is a complete violation. If a civilian is found carrying a gun, he should not be attacked or killed since there are procedures to handle such cases.

SPLM/A-IO representative

- Regarding GBV, talked a lot about the issue of Gender, initially the position of gender was identified to be occupied by South Sudanese because there was a kind of trappings of culture of this country and

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those who come from other countries, when identified, Legal adviser and Gender adviser were to be occupied by south Sudanese because there are some norms in the country which they could clearly identify, now one is already and wondered if there is a south Sudanese who occupied the position.

- On the issue of Nasir, there was no SGBV, there was only one community, and people were displaced moving from one place and another. CTSAMVM some years back relied most on SGBV reports, but now it is reduced and we don't want to bring it back unless it truly happens.

SSOA senior representative

- In the deployment of NUF, 3-5 years achieved only limited deployment, and the rest were not deployed, need to look carefully and understand because the NUF Police is very vital for civilians, other areas of the communities of South Sudan lacked police for 4 years and we are saying that we are monitoring the peace.
- If the police are not going to be deployed then the peace we are going to monitor is going nowhere, civilians are in their homes and don't know what is going on in the country. Now almost going for election, the election is supposed to be monitored by the Police and NSS if the deployment of NUF is not going to take place, nobody is going to monitor elections.
- There are some areas lacking police in different places, commisionaries, Counties, Payam, and some Bomas don't even have government security on the ground, that's why some incidents have happened and they don't know what to do. In fact these areas are the responsibility of the police.

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- Critically we should pay attention to the Police and NSS to go and make public awareness to the people, infact now there is no dissemination of information about peace, I think only Equatoria has a radio for dissemination of peace but other areas are not getting information.
- Fatal incident in Nasir 2019 I was in Nasir as a commander and witnessed the incident happened so many times, what was mentioned is true, from the report is true, it is the fishing area that caused the incident between civilians and SSPDF.
- The area is occupied by SSPDF and civilians need to be there also. They don't have where to live because their area is taken by military barracks. Civilians and Armed youth are all the same group, if leadership is not aware of the issue they will drag the people to war, the solution is to take the SSPDF to Katbek which is where they lived before. Because of the current anger, there is no house now either in Nasir or Katbek. The only remedy is to take soldiers back to Katbek.
- Civilians in South Sudan can be viewed as innocent civilians but they arm themselves, they were even able to kill 6 SSPDF.
- To convince civilians outside the government is very serious to understand the peace in the country if you want to make peace in Nasir unless SSPDF goes back to its original location at Katbek.

Chairman guided that

- To address the root issue in South Sudan is to build peace and execute what the political parties have agreed if one is to make peace needs to discuss with the community according to their cultures, especially about DDR, as said DDR in the agreements as political parties, need to be reactivated to make proper agreement on the issues that is one of the peace building mechanism, if the money is mis-distributed within

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the communities, it is challenging for any Government one of the route issue we have to focus as party not as political party for common national interest we have to agree on it.

- The second one is according to the agreement to emphasize deployment of NUF instead of saying different armies of South Sudan, in the end, we shall have one national Army, our report is to avoid recommending all political parties to facilitate and quicken the deployment of unified forces.
- The SSPDF creation of a temporary base at Malou should be considered temporary, for a permanent solution parties have to unify their Armies and this is the practical solution, it is not necessary to address the political parties individually because it is very important for this Country.
- CTSAMVM encourages stakeholders to facilitate and execute the unified force deployments. Political parties can make their resolutions in their armed forces and that is in the agreement.
- As a mechanism we have to push this one as chapter two, the security arrangements should have one of the national army with national interests, must have a national Army from the newly recruited.
- As CTC when talking about issues, we cannot finalize here, but take the issues to each party's principals to discuss it because some of the solutions are the benefit of the country, when we talk about the issue from different departments, the solution must come from the principles.
- Our role is to indicate the issue, give recommendations, to explain what happened and what is going on the ground and that's the mandate of CTSAMVM.
- CTSAMVM can not prevent any conflict but create conditions for deterrence and avoid direct involvement of the political parties to

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prevent violation of peace agreements, that is our role. Executing and making solutions to take sides or suggest issues, belongs to stakeholders because the agreement states so in the R-ARCSS.

- South Sudan government when formed signed internal agreements which are common for all countries these include Gender issues, sexual women rights cultural issues and we addressed according to South Sudanese agreements not special but are manageable according to international laws sometimes culture is improved this can not be by appointing a specific officer but the monitoring work addressing the issue that is why we are all here to respect the national culture to accept and respect national culture but can still suggest its improvement, not imposed by suggesting.
- If one is not handling issues according to national norms, we can make arrangements as CTSAMVM, but all the international and national staff are respecting the national cultures, but above all must match with the international laws.

ITGoNU Senior representative

- Emphasized for record purposes; On the creation of 12 Div, he is only comfortable with Article 2.1.7.10.4 but Articles 2.1.7.10.2 and 2.1.7.10.5 are irrelevant and he needs to be convinced to qualify them.
- Forces from 17 Bde and Tiger Bde were just for reorganization, no new soldiers have been recruited. The correct word is "reorganization", not reintegration.
- Occupation of civilian buildings needs to constantly be updating information so that in the next meeting we have updated information

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- In execution it is stated some of the occupied buildings and facilities have been vacated, this is important. If a place has been vacated by the military it has to be visited immediately by CTSAMVM and reported.
- Distance from civilian buildings to Military camp/barracks to be clearly indicating so and so moved to that place
- Armed civilians, urge the JDB to activate DDR for armed Civilians or youth well knowing civilians in the country who are not armed because there is difference between clashes with civilians and armed civilians
- Gender-based violence was explained very well, but as a country, there is controversy with the international community regarding SGBV, what did not take place should be omitted.

FD Senior Representative

- Principals to the agreements indeed have signed the R-ARCSS and are monitoring it precisely. What led us down is legality, the opposition here in Juba is vulnerable they are forced to come to Juba and sign agreements but these agreements are already violated because the ITGoNU now manipulates the agreements not implement it, the opposition is weak don't have checks and balance, they are aware that the international community is weak and works with sanctions and condemnations of individuals.
- Most of the opposition here in Juba is suffering that's why everyday people are defecting back to the government, they are received in a ceremony aired on TV, and a little token is given to them for their survival, that's what is going on in this country and prevents the agreement to be implemented.
- The first extension was orchestrated by CTSAMVM, and another extension was through the roadmap though they have failed to

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implement the roadmap what is going on these days they want to push for another extension by the dialogue of parties representing FD in that dialogue so far 5 meetings and have disagreed on the agenda and whom to preside over the meeting and failed to recognise that there will be a body that is to monitor that dialogue so that is the challenge.

- On the Creation of Div 12, he is aware of so many reports even lately the creation of Agwelek because their ranks have been confirmed without geographical location, because they may join the SSPDF, it will then obviously be a violation if their composition reaches a Division then we are going to have Division 13, need to make a report on such forces, there is a Major General in Maimuti who defected and he has forces he also will be integrated there are forces in Bentiu, SSPDF need to give details on these forces on how they operate so that we implement the agreement.

SPLM/A-IO representative

- Reiterated on not discriminating against anyone but as was previously discussed, insist South Sudan needs to maintain that position of Gender in CTSAMVM staffing to safeguard South Sudan norms and there will not be any discrimination.

SSOA representative

- On the matter of Sexual and Gender-based violence need to cross out what did not take place and only include killing and displacement of personnel, he insists on striking off 'no sexual assault occurred' out of the report.
- Soldiers need to be away from the buildings in school environment to open corridors for school children to go to school without any disturbance

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DECISIONS CTSAMVM CTC on 16 April 24:

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided that:

Regarding the CTSAMVM Report 24/05;

- CTSAMVM is urging ITGoNU to concentrate on unifying the Necessary Unified Forces rather than creating other new Divisions.
- CTSAMVM urges the JDB to expedite the deployment of NUF to avoid the creation of new Divisions.
- The parties are urged to inform CTSAMVM about the movement of troops at all times as provided in Article 2.1.10.4 of the R-ARCSS.

Regarding the CTSAMVM Report 24/06;

- ITGoNU as a signatory party ought to take responsibility for Command and Control over the SSPDF soldiers to avoid unnecessary incidences that result in harming civilians and destruction of civilian properties.
- The Joint Defence Board (JDB) deploys the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) to the affected areas to avoid a further clash.
- Efforts should be put in place to disarm armed civilians from the whole country and activate Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR).

Regarding the Ceasefire:

- That the Parties remain vigilant, and take all measures necessary to avoid violence involving their forces, or any forces allied to them or under their control or influence.
- That when violence involving the Parties does occur JDB takes immediate remedial action.

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- That all Parties desist from all forms of harassment, threats, and violence against each other.

Regarding the NUF Deployment:

- It is recommended that the leadership of IGAD and RJMEC urge RTGoNU to expedite the complete deployments of Phase 1 NUF including the Army, Police, Prison Service, Wildlife, NSS, and Civil Defence who are still in Training Centres and the commencement of Phase 2 NUF as a matter of urgency in preparation for the general planned elections.
- That RJMEC urges RTGoNU to continue to support training centers and Cantonment sites with the necessary resources.

Regarding the Occupied Building:

- The R-JMEC urges JDB to present a detailed plan for the vacation of all occupied civilian buildings by NUF and SSPDF.

Any Other Business:

FD Senior representative requested for good coordination and meeting materials to be delivered early.

It was agreed that the CTSAMVM secretariat would update the e-mail invitation list and members were also urged to check their e-mail in time, sometimes messages go to spam folders.

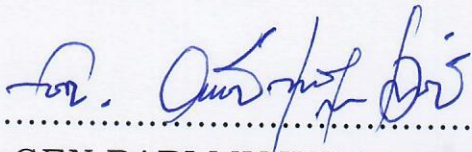
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Date of Next Meeting:

The date for the next meeting; is **7 May 2024**

Meeting End: 1330

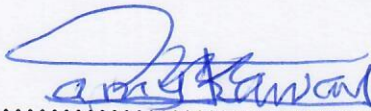
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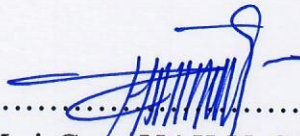
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