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Summary of Reports of Cessation of Hostilities (COH) Violations (8 November - 14 December 2014) and Update on Incident of 23 August 2014

The following report summarizes documented and verified violations by the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement of 23 January 2014, for the period of 8 November – 14 December 2014.

Violation	Date(s) of Violations	Location(s)	Nature of Violation	Responsibility
V020	1 December 2014 (ongoing)	Fangak County, Jonglei State	Hostilities have been ongoing in the north of Jonglei State, particularly Pigi County, since Government Forces crossed the Sobat River on 4 November 2014 as described in Violation Report V017. Recent reports – including claims in the media by Government Forces – suggest that	GRSS

		<p>Government Forces have taken New Fangak in Fangak County.</p> <p>As a result of investigations, and the weight of evidence collated it is the opinion of the JTC that Government Forces violated the following articles of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA), 23 January 2014 in Fangak County, Jonglei State, from about 1 December 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COHA 1.0-1.2 (inclusive): Declaration of Cessation of Hostilities <p>The refusal of the Government Forces to allow the MVT free access to New Fangak constitutes a violation of the following articles of the COHA (23 January 2014):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COHA 7.2b: Freedom of Movement and Unhindered Access <p>It is therefore recommended that the IGAD Special Envoys take the appropriate action in response to the violations of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement.</p>	
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V021	10 December 2014	Nassir, Upper Nile State	<p>On 10 December 2014 there was a significant exchange of fire between Government Forces from the garrison at Nassir and fighters loyal to the SPLM/A (IO) in the area of Kedbeck village, Upper Nile State.</p> <p>As a result of investigations, and the weight of evidence collated it is the opinion of the JTC that Government Forces violated the following articles of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA), 23 January 2014 in Nassir, Upper Nile State, on 10 December 2014: COHA 1.2b: Refrain from taking any actions that can lead to military confrontations.</p>	GRSS
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The following report, completed on 3 December 2014, reports a documented and verified violation by the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement of 23 January 2014, on 23 – 24 August 2014.

Violation	Date(s) of Violations	Location(s)	Nature of Violation	Responsibility
V019	23 August 2014		Following reports on 17 August 2014 from the Commissioner of Mayom County, Unity State, that Government Forces had been attacked by	SPLM/A (IO)

			<p>those of the SPLM/A (IO), the MVT from Pariang was given the task of investigating and verifying what had happened.</p> <p>On 23 August 2014 the MVT flew in IGAD helicopter UR-AID to a site near Buoth, Mayom County, in order to start the investigation. The helicopter was clearly marked with IGAD insignia. When the helicopter landed it was surrounded by armed men who claimed to be under the command of Major General Peter Gadet, SPLM/A (IO). The MVT spoke to Major General Gadet on a satellite telephone; he asked them what they (the MVT) were doing and then spoke to the commander of the armed group.</p> <p>Members of the MVT and the aircrew were then marched for about 8 hours under guard and held overnight. During the march the GRSS representative member of the MVT collapsed and died.</p> <p>As a result of reports and a detailed internal investigation, it is the opinion of the JTC that</p>	
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			<p>SPLM/A (IO) Forces violated the following articles of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA), 23 January 2014 in Mayom County, Unity State, on 23 August 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COHA 7.2a and b: Protection of the MVT, Freedom of Movement and Unhindered Access of the MVT	
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