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Addendum to Summary of Reports of Cessation of Hostilities (COH) Violations (15 December 2014 – 31 January 2015)

The following violation reports, V025 and V026, were not included in the summary of documented and verified violations of the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism published on 31 January 2015. The investigations that form the basis for violation report V018 were not concluded until 31 January 2015 and 4 February 2015, respectively.

Violation	Date(s) of Violations	Location(s)	Nature of Violation	Responsibility
V025	30 January 2015	Nassir, Upper Nile State	On 30 January 2015, at 1320 hours, SPLM/A (IO) Forces fired mortars from positions south of the Sobat River, initially at the airstrip and then towards the market place and the positions of GRSS Forces. This triggered an exchange of fire, which continued for half an hour. There was a further exchange of fire in the evening, which lasted one and a half hours.	SPLM/A (IO)

			<p>As a result of investigations, and the weight of evidence collated, it is the opinion of the JTC that SPLM/A (IO) violated the following articles of the COHA (23 January 2014) on 30 January 2015, in Nassir, Upper Nile State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COHA 1.1: The Parties hereby agree to cease all military actions aimed at each other. 	
V026	17 – 26 January 2015	Renk County, Upper Nile State	<p>On 17 January 2015 it was reported to the MVT at Melut that there was a clash at Umduluz, north east of Renk.</p> <p>On 18 January 2015 there were reports of shelling, allegedly by SPLM/A (IO) Forces, against the village of Abhukhadra, 3km north of Renk and subsequently against the town of Renk itself.</p> <p>On 25 to 26 January 2015 the MVT was informed of an alleged attack by SPLM/A (IO) Forces on the village of Imitdad, about 47km north east of Renk.</p> <p>The JTC cannot draw any conclusions about</p>	SPLM/A (IO)

			<p>the alleged incident at Umduluz.</p> <p>Given the number and reliability of the witnesses to the mortaring of Renk on 18 January 2015, the JTC considers it to be beyond reasonable doubt that this did indeed take place, and that the mortars were fired from an area on the west bank of the Nile where SPLM/A (IO) Forces are present. However, without any corroboration the JTC cannot verify the alleged mortaring of Abhukhadra.</p> <p>There is no doubt that there was an attack on Imitdad on the evening of 26 January 2015, which resulted in theft and looting, and that those responsible came from areas under the control of the SPLM/A (IO).</p> <p>It is the assessment of the JTC that SPLM/A (IO) Forces were involved in aggressive acts against areas under the control of GRSS Forces between 17 and 26 January 2015, and were therefore in violation of the COHA.</p>	
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