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

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 15 December 2014 – 31 January 2015.

| Violation | Date(s) of Violations | Location(s) | Nature of Violation | Responsibility |
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| V022 | 29 December 2014 to 3 January 2015 | Nassir, Upper Nile State | Between 29 December 2014 and 3 January 2015, there was a significant exchange of fire between Government Forces in Nassir and SPLM/A (IO) Forces in the area near the eastern side of the UNMISS County Support Base (CSB) and Kebeck village area. There were also exchanges of mortar fire over the Sobat River. This was preceded by provocations by Government Forces, which | GRSS and SPLM/A (IO) Forces |

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| | | | <p>consisted of aggressive patrolling near SPLM/A (IO) areas and the burning of grass and tukuls.</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 from 29 December 2014 to 3 January 2015:</p> <p>1.2b: refrain from taking any actions that could lead to military confrontations</p> <p>3.1: refrain from attacks on the civilian population</p> <p>Actions by SPLM/A (IO) Forces went beyond what could be considered justifiable defensive measures and therefore also constituted violations of the CoHA of 23 January 2014 in Nassir from 29 December 2014 to 3 January 2015.</p> <p>1.2b: refrain from taking any actions that could lead to military confrontations</p> | |
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| V023 | 8 January 2015 | Jamam, Upper Nile State | <p>On 8 January 2015 forces loyal to the SPLM/A (IO) attacked the village of Jamam. According to the agreements reached at the Cessation of Hostilities Implementation Workshop of 15-16 November 2014 Jamam was designated a 'Disputed Area' (DA 6) which had been verified by the MVM on 13 December 2014 as being under the control of the Government.</p> <p>As a result of investigations, and the weight of evidence collated it is the opinion of the JTC that SPLM/A (IO) Forces violated the following articles of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA), 23 January 2014 in Jamam, Upper Nile State, on 8 January 2015:</p> <p>1.1 – 1.2 complete (cessation of hostilities) 3.1 attacks on the civilian population</p> | SPLM/A (IO) Forces |
| V024 | 19 and 21 January 2015 | Nassir, Upper Nile State | <p>There have been ongoing problems in Nassir resulting in two recent violations (V021 and V022). In both these incidents the actions of the Government Forces were judged to be provocative.</p> <p>On 19 January 2015 Government Forces</p> | GRSS Forces |

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| | | <p>deliberately burnt down a mosque near the airstrip. When returning to barracks from the airstrip they set fire to several buildings in the market. Another building was burnt on 21 January. The issue of Government Forces burning tukuls and other buildings has been going on since the start of the dry season.</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 19 and 21 January 2015:</p> <p>3.1 The parties shall refrain from attacks on the civilian population and commit to the protection of human rights, life and <u>property</u> as provided by various national, continental and international instruments.</p> | |
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