

**CTSAMVM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
FOURTH MEETING
KHARTOUM, SUDAN
NOVEMBER 07-08, 2018**

<u>DECISIONS</u>		
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
Chairman	Maj Gen Ibrahim Abduljelill	CTSAMVM
Deputy Chairman	Maj Gen Tarig Abdelkarim Ibrahim	CTSAMVM
Representatives From the Parties	<u>Incumbent TGoNU</u> Maj Gen Rabi Mujung Emmanuel Maj Gen Akol Majok Nyigan Maj Gen John Daniel Kipa Maj Gen Thomas Gador Kic Maj Gen Wuoi Mayom Deng <u>SSOA</u> Maj Gen David Nyang Kueth Maj Gen James Gai Gatduel A/Cdr Ywodo John Otor Brig Gen Peter Riiny Mabior Brig Gen Amos Amin Elia Lupe Brig Gen Peter Gatkuoth Thot Bakam	<u>SPLM/SPLA-IO</u> Maj Gen Martin Gama Abucha Brig Gen/ Dr. Chuol Ruey Kompuok Brig Gen Andrea Mangu Adala Kumer Brig Gen William Deng Buom Col Ezekiel How Kuol Gatluak Col Juma Jackson Lasu Lemi <u>FDs</u> Brig Gen Bior Leek Kuareng
Secretariat	Mr Louis De Leon	CTSAMVM
Recorders	Mr Dan Lizzul Mr Joseph Chrizestom Onyango	CTSAMVM CTSAMVM
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In Attendance as Observers	Mr Kedir Awol Omar Ms Nourane Houas Brig Gen Dut Riak Nyangroor Brig Gen Haitham Eltawagny, Col Seif S Rashid Col David B. Ngarambe Lt Col Mark Hughes	Head of Delegation, ICRC, Sudan Protection Coordinator, ICRC, South Sudan Defense Attaché to Sudan, South Sudan Defense Attaché to Sudan, Egypt Defense Attaché to Sudan, Kenya UNMISS Defense Attaché to South Sudan, UK







The Fourth meeting of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) was held on 7th November 2018 at the Friendship Hall in Khartoum (D Day + 56 Days). All parties were represented as shown above.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Issue/Decision/Agreement</u>	<u>Action</u>
	<p><u>Opening Statement.</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the parties to the 4th CTC meeting in Khartoum. He acknowledged the presence of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) representative at the CTC and appreciated the critical role played by the ICRC in facilitating the release of PoWs and political prisoners.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that leaders from all parties joined hands in celebrating the R-ARCSS on October 31st 2018, in Juba and noted that their warm and reconciliatory speeches to the public demonstrated serious commitment to the peace process.</p> <p>He added that the release of high profile opposition figures from detention was a commendable gesture which will go far in building trust amongst the Parties. Regarding the ceasefire, he said it continues to hold in the majority of the country however there are still some areas experiencing hostilities.</p> <p>The Chairman then commented on the visit by a Joint Team of party representatives and CTSAMVM staff on November 1st 2018, to Yei Town and Panyume. He said all the parties agreed to establish communications and pledged to ensure their forces remain in their positions and avoid any hostile actions prohibited by the ceasefire agreement.</p> <p>The Chairman added that despite the decisions of the last CTC meeting, CTSAMVM was receiving more allegations from the parties, including reports of fighting, recruitment, displacement, and sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV).</p> <p>He noted ongoing fighting in the Wau area and continued reports of conflict in the Yei area, adding that CTSAMVM teams were repeatedly denied access to verify activities by the SSPDF senior commanders and once by the SPLA-IO.</p> <p>He urged the parties to clearly communicate orders to field commanders at all levels so that their commitments at the CTC remain credible and deliverable. The Chairman also expressed his disappointment at the postponement of CTSAMVM's training program for National Monitors as the contact information provided by the parties was not sufficient.</p> <p>Lastly, the Chairman emphasized again that the members are at CTC to solve problems, stressing that the CTC needs to find solutions and take action.</p> <p>The senior representative of TGoNU thanked CTSAMVM for organizing the 4th meeting to discuss issues of concern in achieving peace and welcomed the attendance of the representative of ICRC. He expressed disappointment that the parties are continuously violating the agreement. He urged the leadership of CTSAMVM to engage IGAD to form the JDB and JMCC so that forces on the ground can be controlled. He requested that the government of Sudan and IGAD help to</p>	


convene the meeting of JDB. He noted that the joint field visit demonstrates that all parties are serious about the agreement and that the celebration demonstrates a commitment to peace. He admitted that the parties were behind schedule with implementation tasks, saying they must re-double effort to get back on schedule. He urged CTSAMVM to ensure that the MVTs and National Monitors are properly trained. He regretted the incidents of violations and human rights violations going on in the various parts of the country. He concluded that the parties must ensure that commanders are in control of their formations and that they eliminate humanitarian violence. He concluded by saying that the peace celebration in Juba was a sign of commitment to peace despite the fact that they are lagging behind in the implementation of the agreement.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that they were happy to be part of CTC No.4. He confirmed the release of three PoWs in Western Equatoria, but expressed disappointment about the continuous fighting in around the Wau area and the cancellation of training for the National Monitors. He said it was unfortunate that they continue to observe movement of forces, which is a violation of the agreement. He added that tensions in Yei had reduced as a result of the joint field visit carried out on November 1 and called for scheduled visits to other hotspot areas to be undertaken. A meeting between the commanders in Yei was conducted on 6 November and highlighted the importance of deploying National Monitors as soon as possible. He added that a meeting had taken place on 4 November around Juba between the SPLM/SPLA-IO and SSPDF at which it was agreed that the commanders would facilitate Freedom of Movement for people provided they are not in uniform and unarmed and humanitarian access, and keep in touch.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that they were glad to be back in Khartoum and acknowledged the seriousness of the meeting as reflected in the agenda. He said the peace celebration was a good gesture and that cooperation between the parties was improving. He stressed the need for IGAD and the parties to operationalize other bodies so as to fast track the implementation process. He commended the joint field visit and encouraged more joint visits to be arranged. He concluded by appreciating the attendance of ICRC and hoped that they are able to visit Mandeng to facilitate the release of the four officers detained by the SPLM/SPLA-IO.

The senior representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) also commended the attendance of the ICRC representative. He thanked ICRC for the effort in securing the release of political detainees and PoWs and encouraged them to continue along this path so that others still in detention can be released. He urged all parties to stop activities that displace people and instead focus on the implementation of peace. He called for JMCC meetings to start so that forces on the ground can be controlled. About the peace celebration, he said some parties were not able to attend because the state of emergency had not been lifted, yet it was still in place and he urged the government to lift the state of emergency. Finally, he acknowledged the progress made in the implementation process, urging CTSAMVM to continue with joint field visits to other hotspots in order to end the skirmishes in those areas.



1	<p><u>Approval of Minutes from CTC meeting No. 3</u></p> <p>The minutes of the third CTC meeting were deliberated, a few corrections were made and the minutes as corrected were then approved.</p>	
2	<p><u>Status of Implementation Decisions and Issues from CTC Meeting No. 3</u></p> <p>The Chief of Staff presented on decisions from previous CTC meetings which are still open or ongoing.</p> <p>National monitor participation.</p> <p><i>The 4th CTC decided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That training of National Monitors will take place in the week starting 19th November 2018 and that all parties should submit their nominees. • CTSAMVM should engage NPTC to communicate with South Sudan embassies in the region to facilitate the travel documents of the National Monitor nominees that reside within their stations. • CTSAMVM would arrange to pick up for all those nominees within the various areas in South Sudan. • Training will take place in Juba to avoid delay and other logistical challenges. • That Liaison Officers be deployed immediately to help ease the difficulties that parties face when they travel to Juba. <p>Recent MVT activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task for Bentiu and Leer MVT to liaise and gather more information and report if there are any cases of recruitment and training. (CTC) • Task for Yei MVT to investigate SPLM/SPLA-IO and SSOA allegations. (CTC) • Task for Bunj MVT to plan DAP to Mandeng, Nassir and Kuotkea to investigate allegations on attack in Kuotkea. (CTC) • Task for Wau MVT to organize a patrol to Baggari areas and formally request clearance from 5th Div Comd SSPDF, report denial of access for the records. (CTC) • Task for Bentiu MVT to meet with 4th Div commander SSPDF to discuss issue of reintegration forces. (CTC) • Task for Wau MVT to follow up the issue of landmines on the Wau-Bisellia road. • Task for all the MVTs to continue monitoring the issue of child soldiers and report accordingly. (CTC) • Task for all the MVTs to continue monitoring the issue of occupation of civil buildings by military forces of different parties and report accordingly. (CTC). <p><u>On-going issues from previous CTC Meetings</u></p> <p>1. Immediate freezing of forces (NOT COMPLETE)</p> <p>The third CTC decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That the parties give orders to forces that they must comply with the 	

agreement;

- That the CTSAMVM MVTs must go to the ground;
- The parties must fully control their forces;
- The parties should form their reporting system and communicate their intention.

Further Discussion: The Parties were invited to report to the CTC what actions they have taken and are taking to ensure all forces remain frozen in place.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that he briefed his CDF particularly on the behavior of the 5th division commander in the Wau area and efforts were underway to solve the problems. He denied the allegation that SSPDF had movement of forces in this area. Instead he learned from the CDF those were forces of Gen. Thomas Cirillo moving from the DRC going to attack positions of the SPLM/SPLA-IO. He also stated that a few challenges still exist but said there were mechanisms to handle such incidents especially if all parties adhere to the agreement.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that there was still movement of forces in the Wau area and wondered why his report on this issue was not captured in the CTC agenda.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided that:

- **Progress has been made but more needs to be done so as to avoid future clashes.**
- **CTSAMVM should continue efforts in monitoring and establish effective ways of communication between the parties.**

2. Immediate disengagement of forces in close proximity (NOT COMPLETE)

The third CTC decided:

- That the parties should take appropriate actions to disengage their forces.
- The CTC shall continue efforts on this requirement and report back on the status at the next meeting.

Further Discussions: The Parties were asked to report to the CTC what steps were being taken to disengage.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that the role of CTSAMVM is to monitor but not to order adding that this was the responsibility of the JDB. He therefore requested an immediate convening of the JDB meetings to stop any activities contrary to the agreement.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that they had frozen their forces as required by the R-ARCSS and were awaiting further instructions. He acknowledged the fact that they were in communication with each other regarding movement of forces in the Yei area and that a solution was underway.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- That there is need for the establishment of the JDB and JMCC to help solve the problems of movement of forces.
- CTSAMVM encourages IGAD to convene and facilitate the meetings of the JDB and JMCC.

3. Cease fire Map (ONGOING)

Unverified ceasefire maps were distributed to the parties.

CTSAMVM stated that it would be republishing a new legend for the maps.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that they were aware of the difficulty the mapping team faced, however commended the effort of the team in producing the map. He said they would share this map with the concerned body and other parties to verify the information on the map and report back to the CTC.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that they may not have the actual GPS points of their locations and requested CTSAMVM to task the MVTs to find those coordinates as they visit the forces on the ground.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- That Parties should give an update regarding the size of the force, GPS coordinates, contact numbers of the commanders on the ground.
- That CTSAMVM gives priority to the verification of the map and reports at the next CTC.

4. Cease recruitment and training (ONGOING)

The third CTC decided:

- That CTSAMVM should report on the status of recruitment and training in the above mentioned areas (Upper Nile and Unity States) at the next meeting.

Updates:

- CTSAMVM has met with the Commander of 4th Division SSPDF and had been told that the reintegration of forces loyal to FVP Taban Deng Gai is ongoing. When it is complete these forces will be assigned to the SSPDF, Police, Fire brigade, Wild Life, Prison Service. These forces in Tong say they are still awaiting their ranks.
- Maj Gen Samson Mabior commanding 4th Division SSPDF continues to deny CTSAMVM access to verify forces.

The senior representative of TGoNU denied the allegation that TGoNU was recruiting and training saying that they are instead considering demobilization of the forces. He said the only activity going on is the integration of forces loyal to the First

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Vice President, Gen. Taban Deng Gai. He apologized for the behavior of the SSPDF 4th Division Commander regarding denial of access to MVTs saying that the matter had already been put before the CDF to take action. Finally, he urged CTSAMVM to engage those who were not signatories to the agreement to bring them on board.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that it was regrettable that after serious deliberations in the last CTC, the SSPDF 4th Division Commander still denies MVTs access to do their work. He called for action to be taken to this problem once and for all.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that it would not be proper to separate the activities of forces loyal to Gen. Taban Deng from the government forces since they signed the agreement as one party.

The senior representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that they did not see any difference between the forces loyal to Gen. Taban Deng and government forces, urging CTSAMVM to take up the matter in order to avoid future clashes. He added that if such forces are not controlled by the government, then there should be someone at the CTC to account for the actions of such forces.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- **That all parties should allow MVTs to do their work without hindrances.**
- **That TGoNU should take action about these issues and report the progress at the next CTC.**

5. Parties will vacate all civil buildings; CTSAMVM will provide details of ongoing problems (ONGOING)

The third CTC decided:


- That a more comprehensive list of occupied facilities be provided;
- The parties will clarify and act accordingly,
- The CTSAMVM should continue investigating on this requirement and to report back on the status at the next meeting.

Updates:

- The Parties were asked to update the CTC on measures they were taking to withdraw and evacuate forces from civil buildings.
- There are only two further examples of occupied buildings which CTSAMVM will distribute.
- This is an ongoing issue. CTSAMVM will continue to report occupied civil buildings as a matter of course.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that the SSPDF had issued orders to all their commanders to vacate all civil buildings, a copy of which he read to the CTC. He however declined to give a copy saying he had to consult HQ for authorization. However a copy will be provided to CTSAMVM in due course.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that they did not have a list in

	<p>hand, but promised to provide one in the next CTC.</p> <p>The senior representative of the SSOA stated that there was need for a complainant so that the parties could be compelled to present such lists and also vacate civil buildings.</p> <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <p><i>The 4th CTC decided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a more comprehensive list of occupied facilities be provided; • The parties will clarify and act accordingly. • The CTSAMVM should continue investigating on this requirement and to report back on the status at the next meeting. <p>6. Facilitating better relations among Party representatives and commanders in Yei, Wau, and Bentiu (NOT COMPLETE)</p> <p>The third CTC decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CTSAMVM to continue efforts on this requirement and to report back on the status at the next meeting. <p><u>Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Satellite telephones have been ordered and will be provided as soon as possible. <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p><i>The 4th CTC decided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To immediately deploy liaison officers with CTSAMVM as focal points between the parties and CTSAMVM. • CTSAMVM will provide to the liaison officers the necessary equipment like desktops, office, accommodation, meals and any other needs related to their work. • That the liaison officers be equipped with all the necessary information from their parties. 	
3	<p><u>Status of Decisions from CTC Meeting No.3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As discussed at the 2nd and 3rd CTC meetings it is unhelpful to make allegations in the press. Allegations should be made to CTSAMVM. <p><u>Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since 24 October there have been no allegations made in the press. All allegations have been sent to CTSAMVM. <p>Discussion then moved to the issue of detainees.</p> <p>The senior representative of TGoNU requested the representative of ICRC to present the latest information regarding the detainees. The representative stated that a list from the former JMCC in 2016 had been provided to the ICRC of 165 SPLA PoWs and 59 SPLM/SPLA-IO PoWs.</p>	<p>All</p> 

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that they had come along with their list and were ready to share it with the CTC.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that they had already sent the list of their members still in custody of SSPDF to CTSAMVM.

The ICRC then briefed stating that up to 7 Nov 18 it had facilitated 27 releases of detainees:

- 16 Military Intelligence (MI) in Wau (TGoNU)
- 4 in SPLM/SPLA-IO in Mandang (handed to MI in Juba) at request of detainees
- 5 in MI Juba back to Yambio
- 1 in MI Juba to Juba
- 1 from SPLM/SPLA-IO in Equatoria (near Yambio) back to Yambio
- 40 civilians in Equatoria, Minyori (SPLM/SPLA-IO hands)
- Detainees 5 from NSS not facilitated by ICRC.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC meeting decided that:

- **The SPLM/SPLA-IO was requested to provide details of refusal to release of PoWs, abductees and political detainees and did so.**
- **The Government and SSOA are also requested to provide details of alleged refusal to release of PoWs, abductees and political detainees.**

Allegations from 3rd CTC:

Allegation:

- The taking of MUNDU by the SSPDF had already been the subject of a violation report discussed at the last CTC. Incidents at Mir Mir are the subject of ongoing investigations and events at NGOKU will be discussed at this meeting.

Updates:

- Bentiu MVT has yet to be able to access Mir Mir, however in their investigations so far they have found no conclusive evidence to suggest which Party was responsible for initiating the clashes in Sep and on 10 Oct 18.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- **That SSPDF and SPLM/SPLA- IO are requested to investigate the clashes in Mir Mir and report back at the next CTC.**
- **That SSPDF and SPLM/SPLA-IO work together to prevent such incidents in future.**

Allegation:

- Concerning the allegation from the SSOA, MVT Bunj has already discussed the alleged capture of Major General Kaway with the SPLM/SPLA-IO Sector 4 Commander and will visit Kuotkea when possible. However, it is recommended that the SPLM/SPLA-IO and SSOA discuss this issue and agree a solution.

Updates:

- MVT Bunj visited MANDENG on 3 Nov 18 and met with the SPLM/SPLA-IO civil and military leadership, and also were able to interview Major General Kaway and the officers captured at KUOTKEA on 20 Oct 18: FDP Div 1 Commander Maj Gen Riek Gach Luach and FDP Div 1 MI Brig Ochan Nuot Niach.
They were able to establish following:
- The SPLM/SPLA-IO authorities in MANDENG claimed that KUOTKEA had always been under their control. They admitted that they sent forces to take it on 20 Oct 18 because they claimed that the SSOA (FDP) had been recruiting there.
- Maj Gen (FDP) Riek Gach Luach said they had forces in KUOTKEA since 2015 when they defected from the SPLM/SPLA-IO, and before the attack on 20 Oct 18 they had 250 soldiers with 50 guns at KUOTKEA.
- Brig (FDP) Ochan Nuot Niach said they had forces in Koutkea since 2015 but later on were dispersed by the SPLM/SPLA-IO. They later on reorganised back in Kuotkea some two months ago in preparation for verification and any necessary training.
- Maj Gen Kaway (FDP/SSAF) admitted to CTSAMVM that his visit to MANDENG on 3 Oct 18 to visit relatives had not been coordinated with the SPLM/SPLA-IO.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO said that there was an executive order for the release of all the detainees that were still in their custody. And that they intend to follow through and ensure compliance.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- **SSOA and SPLM/SPLA-IO work together to release the three officers immediately and there is a standing order to release them. The SPLM/SPLA-IO will ask about the fourth officer (NDM) that the team did not meet. The SPLM/SPLA-IO LNO will coordinate the release of the fourth. The SPLM/SPLA-IO will release the officers currently detained in Mandeng to the ICRC and will work together with SSOA as a matter of urgency.**

Conflict in the Wau Area

The third CTC decided:

- To recommend to SSPDF HQ to take appropriate action against Major General Keer Kiir Keer, the Fifth Division Commander, in response to his repeated violations of the R-ARCSS.
- That a CTSAMVM Joint Field Visit to Wau be conducted as a matter of priority.

Updates:

- There have been further allegations from both the SPLM/SPLA-IO and SSPDF about continued fighting in the area.
- A Joint Field Visit is scheduled for 15th November 2018.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that he personally briefed the CDF

about this issue in particular and the findings of the CTC. He also suggested that a joint visit be arranged to Wau as the CTC awaits the decision of the CDF. He added that the NPTC has also been notified about the behavior of the SSPDF 5th Division Commander and was hopeful that action will be taken.

Decision:

The 4th CTC decided:

- **The CTC requests SSPDF HQ to address this matter of Maj Gen Keer Kiir Keer as a matter of urgency.**
- **That a joint field visit be conducted to the Wau area on 15th November 2018.**

Clashes and Abduction of Civilians in the Yei Area

The third CTC decided:

- SSOA/SSNMC and SPLM/SPLA-IO leadership engage urgently to stabilize the situation between their forces in the YEI area and ensure they understand and comply with the R-ARCSS.
- SPLM/SPLA-IO should ensure that Col Emmanuel Gadi releases those civilians he continues to hold in custody and that SPLM/SPLA-IO HQ take appropriate action against him and to report back to CTC.
- Requested SSOA to engage those now spoiling the situation and to bring them back under control.
- SSOA leadership should take appropriate action against Major General Khamis Nange(SSNMC) for the attacks on SPLM/SPLA-IO positions in Minyori and to report back to CTC.
- IGAD engage those outside the peace agreement and bring them on board and further engage General Thomas Cirillo to clarify the status of John Kenyi Loburon.

Updates:

- An investigation undertaken by CTSAMVM on 25 Oct 18 concluded that the attack against an SPLM/SPLA-IO position at MINYORI on 13 Oct 18 was indeed carried out by SSNMC forces under Brigadier Cons Lemi Michael and Major General Khamis Nange together with allied NAS forces. This led to the displacement of about 1,500 civilians.
- A Joint Field Visit took place to the area on 1 November and this will be addressed later in the meeting.
- CTSAMVM has received unconfirmed reports that Col Gadi has been executed.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that he could confirm that Col. Gadi was attacked on 23rd October by a joint force of Khamis Nange, Kenyi Loburon and Cons Lemi, and that Gadi was abducted together with some civilians, however, he said they were not sure of his status anymore. He added that these errant forces often receive medical treatment and supplies in Yei town, meaning that they were under the protection of another party. He also confirmed that the family of Khamis Nange are now back with him.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that Khamis Nange was no longer with SSNMC and therefore not with SSOA. He requested that another approach be

used to bring these elements on board.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- That CTSAMVM investigates the status of MG Khamis Nange, Kenyi Loburon, Cons Lemi Michael, MG Paloko Saki and Col Gadi.
- That the parties conduct independent investigations about the activities of the commanders mentioned above.
- That SSOA and SPLM/SPLA-IO provide available information to CTSAMVM regarding these elements.

Continuing denial of access to CTSAMVM teams

The third CTC decided:

- That the parties comply with the R-ARCSS and grant complete Freedom of Movement and access to CTSAMVM.
- That the parties must also give the necessary orders through their chains of command to ensure the verification process can proceed without further hindrance.
- That the parties' leadership should take appropriate action against the specific commanders who continue to deny freedom of movement to the MVTs.

Updates:

- It is apparent that in most areas the SSPDF and in one area the SPLM/SPLA-IO are continuing to deny CTSAMVM access for monitoring and particularly verification tasks as these recent (since the 3rd CTC) illustrate:

Positive areas:

- On 29 Oct 18, MVT Malakal visited 1st Division SSPDF in Renk and received by the Division Operations Officer Brig Gen William Tom Keil who agreed the MVT could conduct the verification exercise and promised to provide necessary support.
- On 05 Nov 18, MVT Bunj conducted forces' verification of SSPDF 101 Battalion in Jamam, a Unit under 1 Brigade with HQs in Bunj. The Battalion Commander, Col Stephen Achwel Malek together with his team cooperated well with the MVT Bunj members during the verification and volunteered the required information.

Instances of Denial

- On 24 and 25 Oct 18, MVT Torit was refused access to verify the SSPDF Battalions at PAJOK and PUGEE because they had received no orders from above.
- On 25 Oct 18, MVT Yei was told by the SSPDF Commander of Yei County, Brig Gen Malong Agot, denied access for CTSAMVM to verify his forces because he had not received authorisation from superior HQ.
- On 26 Oct 18, Bor MVT visited Yuai with the intention of conducting the

verification exercise, but State officials informed the team that the SSPDF Commander has not received instructions from the higher authority/command.

- On 29 Oct 18 the Commander of 4th Division SSPDF categorically denied CTSAMVM MVT Bentiu access to verify forces because he had still not received instructions from his superior HQ. This was despite his being shown the outcomes of the 3rd CTC meeting. The MVT checked again on 05 Nov 18 and he still had no instruction from his HQ.
- On 29 Oct 18, MVT Leer was denied access to verify forces by the SSPDF commander and referred them to 4th Division Commander.
- On 02 Nov 18 MVT Juba was denied access to verify the SSPDF Armoured Division at Gorom. The staff officer on duty was not informed about the verification and had no authority to allow access.
- On 02 Nov 18 MVT Bor met with the deputy commander of 10th Division SSPDF Brig John Danial and the Operation Officer 8th Division SSPDF Maj Autiak Achuil who reported that they have yet to receive orders about the verification of forces.
- On 03 Nov 18 the SPLM/SPLA-IO Sector 4 Commander in MANDENG Lt Gen Peter Thuk continued to refuse CTSAMVM MVT Bunj access to verify forces.
- SSPDF 5 Division continues to violate R-ARCSS by denying CTSAMVM access to verify the alleged attacks in Greater Baggari area since 08 Oct 18, and he also continued to deny CTSAMVM access to verify forces.
- SSPDF and SPLM/SPLA-IO should publish explicit orders to all their formations to comply with the articles of the R-ARCSS that guarantee CTSAMVM freedom of movement and access. CTSAMVM request that these orders are copied to CTSAMVM in order that they can be used by MVTs in the field.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that the CTC needed to clarify the reason why the MVTs were carrying out monitoring and verification. He said the SOP of all military facilities required authorization through the chain of command and therefore there was need to clarify the mission of the MVTs and communicate ahead of time. He added that some information especially about the size and location of the forces should be given at the CTC before the MVTs can verify due to the sensitivity involved.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that there should be clear terms of reference for the MVTs to avoid being misunderstood by the commanders. He however added that the parties should not obstruct the work of CTSAMVM whether National Monitors are present or not.

The senior representative of the SSOA urged the parties to respect the agreement and the implementation mechanism.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that the issue of denial of

access was based on the fear of the parties to expose the size of their forces. He suggested that CTC devises other areas of verification other than focusing on the sensitive ones.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- **All the parties should publish explicit orders to all their formations to comply with the articles of the R-ARCSS that guarantee CTSAMVM freedom of movement and access.**
- **CTC requested that these orders are copied to CTSAMVM in order that they can be used by MVTs in the field.**

Dissemination of the Agreement

The third CTC decided:

- That dissemination of the Agreement remains a key issue.
- That in order to comply with the R-ARCSS the parties must make every effort to ensure the full dissemination of the agreement, not only at headquarters level but also throughout the whole chain of command.

Updates:

- It is apparent that dissemination remains variable. CTSAMVM is observing improvements and real efforts being made, but there are still too many areas where both military personnel, civil officials and civilians remain uninformed of the R-ARCSS.

Positive developments:

- On 25 Oct 18, MVT Aweil conducted a patrol to CHELCO (Jumjuer) of Aweil East. And found that instructions given by the Governor of what is known as Aweil East State to promulgate the agreement were being followed by the County Commissioner.
- On 26 Oct 18, Bor MVT reported that during DAP to Yuai, the Bieh state officials informed the team that immediately after the signing of R-ARCSS, they called all the Chiefs and Elders and told them about the agreement.
- On 30 Oct 18, after the workshop conducted by MVT Yei, the SSPDF Commander, Brig Malong Agot, urged his soldier to take the message communicated to them seriously because they are all working for lasting peace in South Sudan.
- On 01 Nov 18, Torit MVT reported that the governor of Torit State started to disseminate Peace agreement in the State and continue doing that at low level.
- On 05 Nov 18, Peace celebrations were held in Yei and the Vice President Wanni Igga graced the occasion. The VP said that he had brought a message from the president to the people of Yei that this was the final agreement

signed and urged the County Commissioners and Community leaders to disseminate the agreement to the grassroots.

The following are instances of failures to disseminate:

- On 24 Oct 18, MVT Bor called SPLM/SPLA-IO Deputy Commander of Division 7 Maj Gen Samual Jock Kuay in New Fangak to discuss dissemination of the new agreement. The general said that they have no instructions nor copies of the agreement from their high level HQs and they are waiting for it.
- Bentiu MVT reported that while conducting SDP to Unity Oil Fields on 24 Oct 18, the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Michael GAJUNG, briefed the Patrol Team that they heard about the last Revitalized Peace Agreement but there is no official person who has informed them about it.
- On 25 Oct 18 MVT Bor called Brig John Daniel, the SSPDF Deputy Commander of Mechanized Division 10 and was told that Mechanized Division 10 and Infantry Division 8 still had no instructions about the dissemination of the new agreement.
- On 29 Oct 18 Bentiu MVT observed that the R-ARCSS is not being disseminated in GUIT and CTSAMVM issued the first copy to the Executive Director.
- Leer MVT reported that neither the TGoNU nor the SPLM/SPLA-IO have so far organised no programmes to reach out to their forces and affiliates to disseminate the agreement.
- On 02 Nov 18, Bentiu MVT while conducting integrated SDP to TONG Bde and TONG Payam, RUBKONA County in Northern Liech State, and found out that the agreement is not being disseminated in TONG Payam, the community only gets information through radios. The government needs to do more effort on the dissemination of R-ARCSS.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO requested that CTSAMVM provides more copies of the PCTSA, the matrix and appendices (Chapter 2) and the preamble of the R-ARCSS.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- **Copies of the PCTSA, the matrix and appendices (Chapter 2) and the preamble of the R-ARCSS will be provided by CTSAMVM.**
- **It was recommended that the Parties re-double their efforts to disseminate the agreement, using all means at their disposal.**
- **The publicity associated with the 31 Oct Peace Celebrations provides an ideal opportunity to push forward with dissemination.**

Child Soldiers

The third CTC decided:

- That the parties continue to look at this issue and report at the next meeting.
- CTSAMVM independently verify the issue of child soldiers in Unity State.

Updates:

- It was reported to the 3rd CTC that MVT Bentiu received information there were Child Soldiers with the IO in Unity State. At the 3rd CTC the IO stated they had no Child Soldiers.
- MVT Bentiu was tasked with investigating the issue, and were told by 4th Division SSPDF that 91 Child Soldiers had been found in the ranks of forces loyal to FVP Taban Deng being integrated into the SSPDF, and that there is an ongoing programme of demobilisation being organised with the appropriate UN agencies.
- MVT Bentiu has not so far been able to verify this information.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that the SSPDF does not have child soldiers within their ranks. He requested that CTSAMVM verifies these allegations through DDR and UNICEF. He further insisted that the CTC gives a verification report on the child soldiers in the ranks of SPLM/SPLA-IO as an earlier decision before focusing on the report of the existence of child soldiers within the FVP Taban Deng Gai forces in the process of being integrated into the SSPDF.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO reminded the parties that it was within the mandate of CTSAMVM to monitor and verify compliance and should therefore be accorded the necessary support from the parties.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that CTSAMVM be allowed to verify the allegation of child soldiers. He appealed to all parties to acknowledge that children are within their ranks and work towards rectifying the illegality with the relevant authorities instead of continuously denying.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided:

- **That MVT Bentiu liaise with SSPDF 4th Division in order to verify the Child Soldier demobilisation programme.**
- **CTSAMVM independently verify the issue of child soldiers in Unity State as reported in the 3rd CTC by the MVT Bentiu, concurrent with their other tasks.**
- **That all MVTs continue to look for evidence of Child Soldiers in all parties as they carry out their monitoring and verification activities.**

Gender Issues

The third CTC decided:

- That parties should commit their armed forces to understand the impact the conflict has had on civilians
- The parties also commit to their responsibility and duty to protect civilians, especially women and girls

- CTSAMVM will continue to monitor as an issue on the ground.

Updates:

- Although CTSAMVM reported to the 3rd CTC that there has been an apparent decrease in the reported number of SGBV cases, MVTs have received two reports of SGBV incidents since the last CTC.

Recent SGBV cases reported to CTSAMVM:

- 22 Oct 18: The gang rape of 2 young women in Tutnyang Village in what is known as Southern Liech State by 5 Armed Youth affiliated to the SSPDF unit in Rubkuay.
- 25 Oct 18: The rape by the SPLM/SPLA-IO of a pregnant woman and a young girl in Kenyira (Yei area) during a clash.

Survivors of rape continue to report that they have little faith that they will receive justice. Their perception is that they have no access to justice mechanisms.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that it was disturbing to hear such incidences and said they would follow up on this matter and ensure that such acts are stopped.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that it was unfortunate that this happened and promised to follow through and make sure this behavior is stopped.

Decisions:

The 4th CTC decided that :

- **The SSPDF and SPLM/SPLA-IO ensure that the cases mentioned are properly investigated and give feedback to the CTC.**
- **All parties ensure that action is taken against any of their personnel accused of any form of SGBV.**
- **Ensure that survivors of rape were given access to justice mechanisms and receive the justice and support they need.**

Any Other Business from the 3rd CTC:

The third CTC decided:

- That CTSAMVM seek clarification from IGAD on the issue of inconsistency between provision 2.4.6 in the Agreement and the Implementation Matrix.

Updates:

This issue was discussed. It was not within the scope of CTSAMVM to address what is a political level issue, however CTSAMM will continue to engage with IGAD and seek clarification.

Implementation Status Key provisions of Chapter 2

Ceasefire Status

CTSAMVM can report that in most areas the ceasefire continues to hold. Overall, **there has been a decrease in reported incidents since the 3rd CTC meeting** and it is assessed that the successful peace celebrations in Juba on 31 Oct 18 had a positive effect in the country as a whole.

However, tensions remain and there has been continued conflict. CTSAMVM has also received an increased number of allegations from the Parties.

Tensions in Unity State appeared to have diminished however only yesterday CTSAMVM received a new allegation of conflict between the SPLM/SPLA-IO and SSPDF. **There has been no improvement in the Wau area**, and issues between the SSOA and SPLM/SPLA-IO in the Yei area and in Upper Nile State have yet to be resolved. Allegations have also been received about further tensions between the SPLM/SPLA-IO and SSPDF in the Yei area.

New Allegations

CTSAMVM received seven allegations since the last CTC meeting.

1. 24 October 2018: Press Release from Col. Lam Paul Gabriel, SPLA SPLM/SPLA-IO Deputy Military Spokesperson, alleging that on 23 Oct 18:

- SSPDF in Mundu attacked SPLM/SPLA-IO position in Limuro, wounded 2 SPLM/SPLA-IO soldiers and caused civilians' displacement and exodus to Uganda for refugee.
- At 09:30 am, SSPDF from Garti and Mapil with landcruisers and tanks, attacked SPLM/SPLA-IO positions at Bazia and Baggari County. Allegedly, SSPDF soldiers looted and burning houses of Ngovendeko.

2. 27 October 2018: Whats App message from MG Martin Abucha (CTC Member – IO), alleging that:

- SSPDF are advancing from Kajo Keji to attack SPLM/SPLA-IO forces in Pageri County, Eastern Equatoria State

3. 29 October 2018: Letter from Maj. Gen Majier Deng Kur, Chairperson of JMCC, alleging that:

- On the morning of 29 Oct 18, SPLM/SPLA-IO forces attacked SSPDF position at Wath Lel, South East of Wau, and they were repulsed by SSPDF.

4. 29 October 2018: Whats App message from Maj Gen David Nyang, the senior representative of SSOA, alleging that:

- Since 25 Oct 18, SSOA camp in Kiarkukeni Boma, Moguwo Payam, Yei River State has been under series of offensive by IO.

5. 30 October 2018: Email from MG Martin Abucha (CTC Member – IO), alleging that:

- According to intelligence interception on the radio message that SSPDF in Waat sent out message to GHQ that they will move out of their trenches in

Waat to Luony on 31 Oct 18, which is under the SPLM/SPLA-IO controlled areas by all means.

6. On 02 Nov 18, CTSAMVM received a letter allegation from SSPDF 5th Div Commander, MG Keer Kiir Keer, alleged that:

- On 22 Oct 18, SPLM/SPLA-IO forces (rebels) laid land mine between Mboro and the Network tower.
- On 29 Oct 18, 02 soldiers were injured between Iyat and Ngoku.
- On 30 Oct 18, SSPDF 5th Div Chief of Ops fell into Ngoku SPLM/SPLA-IO ambush, 1 soldier sustain injured between Ngisas.
- On 30 Oct 18, SPLM/SPLA-IO forces attacked SSPDF in Wathalel base, 2 SPLM/SPLA-IO soldiers were killed in action, and another 2 AKM rifles were captured.
- On 31 Oct 18, SSPDF fell into ambush between Wathalel and Wau, 01 SSPDF soldier was killed in action and 01 was wounded.

7. On 06 Nov 18, CTSAMVM received a letter allegation from SSPDF 4th Div Commander, MG Samson Mabior, alleging that on 05 Nov18 “rebels of Riek Machar came out from their bases at Wichmond and Kun this evening, and clash with our recce at Bil Payam of Kuergeng County at 03:21 PM, the details of their clashes is not yet verified and we will let you know later.

The senior representative of TGoNU thanked the CTC for the information and said that this was not acceptable for such shameful acts to still be ongoing. He urged the parties to stop all forms of hostility that leads to loss of life and undermined the dignity of the people they should be protecting. Regarding the message sent by senior representative of SPLM/SPLA- IO, there was no such movement. He observed that while they have the good will to implement the agreement there were spoilers who may want to deter the process, and therefore all parties should be careful. He promised to present these issues before the CDF and Chairman of the National security committee so as to pave a way forward and report at the next CTC.


The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that it was important to allege but also investigate, stressing that the information he passed on to CTSAMVM was accurate. He added that the issue of Wau was mainly as a result of uncontrolled movement of forces.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that the group that was attacked was SSNMC and that the attackers were elements whose allegiance is unclear.

The representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) said that there not had been any landmines in the area since the start of the current conflict and it was not true that landmines were planted by SPLM/SPLA- IO and that Gen. Keer Kiir Keer should provide the serial numbers of the recovered landmines so they can be traced.

Incidents:

- On 16 Oct 18 Maj Gen John Sebadere, Deputy Commander Sector 6 of IO, called MVT Yambio complaining that Brig Alex Gasi had been arrested by the NSS. Following representations made to the SSPDF and the state governor by the MVT, the TGoNU authorities

	<p>investigated the case and Brig Gasi was released. CTSAMVM commends the TGoNU for this conciliatory gesture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 28 Oct 18 a four-vehicle convoy from the NGO Mines Advisory Group was ambushed along the Juba – Lainya road. One person was killed and 9 have been abducted. MVT Juba carried out an initial investigation on 2 Nov 18 and will report in due course. <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <p><i>The 4th CTC decided that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parties should take immediate steps to resolve the outstanding violations discussed at the 3rd CTC. CTSAMVM would present a report on the Lainya road ambush at the 5th CTC meeting. <p><u>Humanitarian Access</u></p> <p>Since the 3rd CTC meeting CTSAMVM has observed two cases of the denial of Humanitarian Access contrary to Article 8 of CoHA of 21 Dec 2017, and R-ARCSS article 3.1.11 of 12 Sept 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 18 Oct 18 MVT Leer reported two members of an NGO were arrested by SSPDF forces at RUBKUAY under the command of Brig Gatkoang Bawar Thiech. They were carrying out a humanitarian assessment. Although later released they were denied access to RUBKUAY, the civilian population of which was therefore denied their humanitarian services. On 25 Oct 18 MVT Torit observed while visiting POGEE that NGO's were denied access to the area by the SSPDF. This has been the case since the SSPDF displaced the SPLM/SPLA-IO from POGEE in June 18. <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <p><i>The 4th CTC decided that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that the Parties ensure unrestricted Humanitarian Access as guaranteed by the R-ARCSS. CTSAMVM would endeavor to report incidents of denial of Humanitarian Access to the CTC when they are known so the Parties can take the appropriate action. 	
4	<p><u>Report on Joint Field Visit to Yei:</u></p> <p>On 01 Nov 18, CTSAMVM Sector 1 Coordinator together with SSPDF, SPLM/SPLA-IO, SSOA Representatives conducted field visit to the Yei River state. During the visit, the delegations visited IO HQ in Panyume, SSPDF HQ in Gimunu Yei River County.</p> <p>In both Locations the three representatives from the Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reiterated their commitment to the peace process and immediate freezing of forces. Called upon their affiliates to respect the implementation process and 	






	<p>proposed immediate coordination between the ground commanders from all parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called for the parties to allow and cooperate with CTSAMVM in the discharge of its duties. <p>The Joint Field Visit had a positive impact in the implementation process as all delegates preached peace, commitment and reconciliation. The parties emphasised that their top leadership had already shown commitment and therefore the rest of their affiliates should follow what the leadership has agreed.</p> <p>The report on this visit will be sent to members of the CTC.</p>	
5	<p><u>Community Engagement – Community mobilization</u></p> <p>Since inception in September 2018 to date, Mobilizers have interfaced with a total of 4158 persons, including women members of Parliament, Teachers, Police officers, vocational and University students, Community and Traditional leaders, Youth representatives as well as leaders of Mahad IDP camp.</p> <p>Feedback from Communities: The general public has welcomed the idea of promoting awareness of the recently signed peace Agreement through Community Mobilizers. However, they are concerned about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Revitalized Peace Agreement will be respected when some opposition parties including did not sign it? • That there are gross human rights abuses like rapes and defilements; what role CTSAMVM is doing to ensure that perpetrators are punished? • What will CTSAMVM do to parties that have not signed the peace Agreement? • Whether mobilization focuses only on those in South Sudan or even in the diaspora e.g. Refugee camps in Uganda? • What is CTSAMVM going to do to those that violate the peace Agreement? • Why CTSAMVM is not giving out enough copies of the Revitalized Peace Agreement? <p>Whereas Community Mobilizers are doing a commendable job of intensifying the awareness campaign, there is need to engage communities in areas where ongoing tension is reported, for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leer • Yei • Wau • Fai mauna in Juba. <p>The 4th CTC decided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTSAMVM continues on this effort and updates the CTC. 	
6	<p><u>Security Mechanisms</u></p> <p>The Table below was presented to the CTC in order to illustrate deadlines which have passed concerning the formation of security mechanisms as a matter of concern. The parties then made the following comments.</p>	

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The senior representative of TGoNU thanked the CTC for including this illustration in the report. He said they would go and share the concerns with the principal in Juba. He however asked for clarification as to who should facilitate the JDB meetings and added that CTSAMVM should ask IGAD to take the initiative to convene the JDB and JMCC meetings since they are overdue by 60 days already.

The senior representative of SPLM/SPLA-IO stated that CTSAMVM should write to all the principals stating the delay.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that there was confusion about the nomination of their members to the JDB and that the issue should be clarified.

Status of Formation of Security Mechanisms

Name of Mechanisms	R-ARCSS Articles	Timeframe (Date to be Implemented)	Date Due / Days Late	Responsible Bodies
Joint Defense Board (JDB)	2.4.2	D-Day + 5 days	17 Sep 18 / - 51 days	All Warring Parties
Joint Transitional Security Committee (JTSC)	2.4.3 (2.2.4 thru 2.2.8)	D-Day + 10 days	22 Sep 18 / - 46 days	JDB and All Warring Parties
Strategic Defense and Security Review Board (SDSRB)	2.5	D-Day + 30 days	12 Oct 18 / - 26 days	All Parties and Stakeholders
Joint Military Ceasefire Commission (JMCC)	2.4.4	D-Day + 10 days	22 Sep 18 / - 46 days	JDB and All Warring Parties
Area Joint Military Ceasefire Committees (AJMCC)	2.4.4	D-Day + 10 days	22 Sep 18 / - 46 days	JDB and All Warring Parties
Joint Military Ceasefire Teams (JMCT)	2.4.4	D-Day + 10 days	22 Sep 18 / - 46 days	JDB and All Warring Parties

D - Day was 12th September 2018

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Activities Due in the Next 2 Weeks, through D + 56 Days (per the Implementation Matrix)

CTSAMVM presented only as a reminder in terms of forward planning that the following tasks are due within the next two weeks:

Article 2.1.7 Ensuring the departure of all non-South Sudanese armed groups from the territory of South Sudan.

Article 2.2.3.2 Collection of long and medium range heavy weapons.

Article 2.2.3.3 Cantonment of all forces, Supervision by monitoring bodies.

Article 2.2.3.5 Screening for recruitment into army, police, national security, other services and demobilisation.

D+60 Days:

Article 2.2.9 Commencement of joint training of the necessary unified forces of the

	military, police and other security services.	
8	<u>Any Other Business</u> NIL	
9	The preparation of CTSAMVM Technical Committee report for the CTSAMVM Board will be on 20 November in Khartoum and the Date of next CTSAMVM CTC Meeting – 22-23, November in Khartoum.	

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