

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

4 December, 2024

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting (CTC) was held on 4 December, 2024 at the Beijing Juba Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as shown below. The Chairperson Maj Gen Yitayal Gelaw Bitew opened the meeting at 1020Hrs/10:20 am with prayers.

ATTENDANCE		
Chairperson	Maj Gen Yitayal Gelaw Bitew	CTSAMVM
Representatives from the Parties	ITGoNU Lt Gen Rabi Mujung Emmanuel Maj Gen John Daniel Kipa Maj Gen Gatkuoth Duop Kuich Maj Gen Wuoi Mayom Deng Maj Gen Thomas Gador Kic Wur	SPLM/SPLA-IO Maj Gen Dr. Chuol Ruey Kompuok Maj Gen Johnson Mayen Maj Gen William Deng Buom Brig Gen Andrea Mangu Adala Col Jackson Juma Lasu Col Ezekiel How K Gatluack
	SSOA Maj Gen Jany Kaway Yoakhor Maj Gen Amos Amin Elia Maj Gen William Bol Kai Maj Gen Peter Riiny Mabior Maj Gen Yuodo John Otor Brig Gen Samuel Chan Mut	Former Detainees (FDs) Maj Gen Bior Leek Kuareng
CTSAMVM Secretariat	Mr Gunnar Gabrielsen Mr. Edmund Agaba	CTSAMVM COS CTSAMVM DCOS



CTSAMVM Staff	Mr. Roy William Mr. Gilberts Clement Awuzu Mr. Chen Wengen Mr. Awgichew Fekade Mr Getachew Jenbere Mr. Wang Lixin Mr Hassan Ali Mr. Felix Kioko Mr. Liu Bo Mr. Gebeyehu Asfaw Ms. Chara Bol Dr. Ebtihal Ahmed Ms. Samantha Minga Ms. Martha Mabior Ms. Paska John Amis	CTSAMVM Senior Report Officer CTSAMVM Report Officer CTSAMVM Report Officer CTSAMVM Secretariat CTSAMVM Human resource CTSAMVM Senior Political advisor CTSAMVM Chief of Operation CTSAMVM Head Legal CTSAMVM Fusion Cell CTSAMVM Fusion Cell CTSAMVM Gender Assistant CTSAMVM Gender Advisor CTSAMVM Protocol CTSAMVM HR CTSAMVM Procurement asst
In Attendance	Maj Gen Etefa Raija Brig Gen Bonny Bamwiseke Col Duncan Owino J Mr Solomon Mamo	DA Ethiopia DA Uganda DA Kenya Ethiopia Embassy

The COS then reviewed the proposed Agenda with the CTC members and adopted the Agenda without amendment. The Chairperson proceeded with opening remarks:

CTC/2024/DEC/4: Item 1 - Opening remarks by CTSAMVM Chairman
<p>Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,</p> <p>IGAD Representative,</p> <p>RJMEC Representative,</p> <p>Defense Attachés,</p> <p>Observers,</p> <p>Media,</p> <p>Ladies and Gentlemen,</p> <p>Good morning.</p> <p>Welcome to the CTSAMVM Technical Committee meeting. I express my sincerest gratitude for your attendance and contributions to addressing the issues affecting the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan.</p>



Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

During this reporting period, the ceasefire between signatory parties remains in effect in the areas monitored by CTSAMVM's Monitoring and Verification Teams. In making this statement, I chose my words with care and discernment. Within this reporting period, there was an armed exchange between elements of the state security services in Tongping - a Juba residential area.

As the circumstances of the incident emerged, I was partially relieved to discover that the exchange had not involved other signatory parties. CTSAMVM condemns in the strongest possible terms the employment of firearms in close proximity to civilian areas. My initial relief was quickly tempered by the news that some Juba citizens had been killed or wounded during the incident. I would therefore take this opportunity to reiterate the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's comments emphasizing the need to strengthen the existing security arrangements to prevent any repeat of this violent incident.

I have referenced before the need for the citizens of South Sudan to experience a tangible peace dividend. As members of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee, we have a duty to lead by example and nurture the peace process in South Sudan to fruition. We must be explicit in our messaging and beyond reproach in our actions. I, therefore, call upon all parties who desire sustainable peace in South Sudan to use the established mediation mechanisms and find peaceful solutions to resolve grievances.

Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, there is no report to discuss. I reported three weeks ago that CTSAMVM operational activities had been significantly impacted by the absence of flight safety assurances and the unavailability of an SSPDF national monitor to participate in planned patrols. The consequences of canceling or postponing Dynamic Air Operations or Long Duration Patrols will impose delays of weeks or months as CTSAMVM initiates fresh planning cycles and liaisons with partner organizations. The momentum lost during this period has yet to be recovered. I can testify that we are working continually to identify and remedy areas of procedural discrepancies to enable the timely investigation of allegations.



Despite these setbacks, CTSAMVM has conducted four Long Duration Patrols (LDPs) in this reporting period—one of each in Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Western Equatoria, and Upper Nile States. We have resumed Dynamic Air Patrolling and verified a Necessary Unified Force deployment in Upper Nile State.

Since the last meeting three weeks ago, we have received several MVT reports of insecurity in the Central, Eastern, and Western Equatoria States. In Tambura County, one man was killed in what was assessed to be an attempt on the life of the Tambura County Commissioner. This represents a concerted attempt not only to remove an official from office but also to undermine peace and security in Western Equatoria.

In Central Equatoria, on 8 November in Lasu Payam, the National Salvation Front (NAS) ambushed a commercial vehicle heading to market, injuring one female passenger. CTSAMVM condemns the continued targeting of civilians in transit and reminds signatory parties that they are responsible for acts of violence perpetrated by their forces, allies, or militia under command. In this instance, their obligations under Article 5 (Protection of Civilians) of the CoHA 2017.

Per the arrangements of Article 2.2.3.1 of the R-ARCSS, two civilian areas, namely, Kirwa Health Facility and Bori Primary School, located in Central Equatoria State, have been confirmed as vacated. This is a positive step toward compliance with the implementation process and the provisions of the R-ARCSS.

Esteemed Senior Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

During this reporting period, CTSAMVM has again demonstrated its versatility, providing support to forums and working groups operating in parallel or complementary to our mandate. On 19 November 2024, CTSAMVM was delegated to represent the IGAD Head of Mission to the Republic of South Sudan during a Community Violence Reduction (CVR) working group. The objectives of the CVR Technical Working Group meeting were to present findings on an assessment of ex-combatants in Central Equatoria State, to map best practices and lessons learned from past and ongoing CVR projects, and to discuss the methodology and timeline for the full implementation of the CVR program in South Sudan.



Closer to home, on 26 and 29 November, CTSAMVM provided an update on the unification of forces at the UNMISS-sponsored traditional/community leader's outreach events, a prompt to work on outstanding tasks to implement the R-ARCSS fully.

Last week, CTSAMVM also observed the Governor's Forum and can report on a structured conference that provided a timely reminder of the passion for peace that permeates throughout the country.

Yesterday, CTSAMVM hosted a workshop in Juba to mark 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, acknowledging this year's commemoration's central theme: unite, act, and be accountable. This theme calls on all of us to unite in our efforts, act decisively, hold ourselves accountable, and provide the necessary resources to bring an end to violence against women and girls - and the most vulnerable across South Sudan.

I commend the ongoing expansion of civilian space and political dialogue observed during this last month, and on that positive note, I declare this CTC meeting open and invite the Senior Party Representatives to share their comments.

CTC/2024/DEC/4: Item 2 - Opening remarks by Senior Party Representatives

The Senior Representative of the ITGoNU;

CTSAMVM Chair, Chief of Staff, colleagues, CTC members, distinguished guests, DAs, CTSAMVM Secretariat, and media

I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of my colleagues in the ITGoNU, to wish everyone a good morning and also because of this month we wish Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everybody. I believe this will be the last meeting this month as we will celebrate with our families. I hope that the new year will come and we shall start a new beginning.



From the remarks made, there is nothing further to discuss this morning; however, you highlighted a very important point of the violation incident that took place in Thongping. We also have the same feeling as you in the incident. I thank the leadership of this country for forming a board to investigate these issues and I believe the outcomes of the report of the investigation will indicate whoever violated and is found at fault, the law will take its course, and we in CTSAMVM will then get the information including the nationals and the international community. So we need to be patient as we await the findings from the committee appointed last week.

Since we don't have a report to discuss, it is a very good indication, to the chair that we need to maintain this kind of spirit, the report that has remained which is not investigated we are sure in due course the CTSAMVM staff will finish them and they will be presented to us but we appreciate if this is the spirit if there are no reports to be discussed, this is a very good sign that to be abiding ourselves with the provisions of the agreement and to maintain the peace agreement in place. For your information about violations in WES, this is the information brought by CTSAMVM MVTs to the HQs but we urge CTSAMVM should amplify these into violations and bring them for discussion in the next meeting.

Regarding NAS activities, we expressed our concerns previously. It is unfortunate that although NAS had committed itself to the Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities (ACoH) but continues to engage in violations. CTSAMVM is now having difficulties in reaching where they are so that they can also be investigated and reminded that they are committing these violations. It is essential to remind them that they are part of ACoH. We urge IGAD as the only mechanism to meet the leadership of NAS and talk about this and with the spirit of government delegation now negotiating with the opposition in the Tumaini agreement in Nairobi, and we also urge NAS to join these efforts so that we can achieve peace, security and stability in South Sudan.

As mentioned that CTSAMVM conducted a workshop on Gender, in the last CTC meeting, we emphasized the inclusion of some CTC members to share their experiences as well with the participants, note this point in the future. Concerning CTSAMVM observing the governors' forum, we commend and congratulate the RTGoNU for conducting the forum. We also listened to their deliberations and outcomes of the forum; we hope that it will be implemented and relieve the people of South Sudan from the challenges discussed.



Finally, Chairman, as usual, we expect resolutions and recommendations to be made by the end of the day. We the ITGoNU members are ready to discuss the agenda items and reach to a fruitful conclusion at the end of the day.

Thank you.

The Senior Representative of the SPLM/A-IO

Chairperson CTSAMVM, Deputy Chairman in absentia, COS, Distinguished Guests, Members of the DAs Secretariat, and members of the media, Good-morning.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas in advance let us all hope and pray for the peace to reign. May 2025 be a year of prosperity for the people of South Sudan and for all the regions.

I want to express my gratitude for the efforts CTSAMVM has been exerting to monitor the peace implementation and it is actually clear that though there could be some minor problems here and there, generally the ceasefire is actually holding. We are here to urge the principals to use the extension of the RARCSS as a positive way to implement the remaining provisions and we hope the leadership of this country will take serious note of this so that elections are conducted peacefully so that the people of South Sudanese enjoy the first election ever in the country.

We also urge the CTSAMVM to keep eyes on the situation of the events in the Nasir county and we encourage the joint field visit that was actually adjourned but given the volatility of the situation, a joint field visit is key to calm the situation and for the CTSAMVM's continue with its role and monitor the peace. We also urge all South Sudan to embrace peace and call on the holdout groups to join the Tumaini initiative and lay down their Guns so that we all embrace peace and we don't want to see violent conflict again. It is imperative that we work together to prevent further bloodshed in our country. People are tired, they need to go back to their normal life and continue to inculcate and build the brotherhood that had been in existence ever since immemorial time. Therefore we stand with peace.



As a representative of the CTC from the SPLM/A- IO, this should be our task to continue, we also urge the leadership to take note and append the signatures on the names that were submitted and their deployment so that a peace implementation continues.

Thank you all, and God bless you.

The Senior Representative of SSOA;

The Chairman, CoS, Senior party representatives, the Defence attaches, the RJMEC Representative, Good morning everyone,

I would like to begin by emphasizing on the need to the complete deployment of NUF, which is the key benchmark in addressing the security challenges in our country. And to project the force in all the states. The primary role of any state is the achievement of National security interests, there is need to have a strategic program to achieve this obligation by the RTGoNU. The deployment of NUF will enhance and boost our economic growth and diplomatic influence in the region. However, it is worthy to note that the ceasefire is still holding among the signatory parties across the country.

The second issue I would like to emphasize on is the issue of NAS. The activities of NAS in Central and Eastern Equatoria amount to acts of terrorism. To the best of my knowledge terrorists use violence, intimidation or threat to the public safety to achieve political and ideological objective.

The acts of abduction, kidnapping civilians especially in Yei - Lasu Road and some parts of WES hostage-taking, and bombing of civilian public transport along Juba-Nimule Road amount to an act of terrorism . I am urging NAS to commit themselves to CoHA signed in 2017 and 2020 Rome declaration. NAS should use the opportunity given and must take this opportunity provided by the government of South Sudan to participate in the Tumaini initiative.

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With these few remarks, I would like to welcome you all to the end of the year CTC meeting, thank you.

The Senior Representative of Former Detainees;

Thank you, CTSAMVM Chair, COS, DAs, observers, and dear colleagues from CTC, I greet all of you.

As we approach the end of 2024, we may be looking forward to going for Christmas, so I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas in advance.

As representatives of the FDs, we condemn the recent incident that occurred in Thongping, where shooting took place there. We are in a stage of peace and we don't wish to reach at such an incident in a very populated area which is at the heart of Juba Town. So we condemn any use of violence and we are against it, anything can be resolved through dialogue, or administratively, anything can be resolved so I stand against it I don't support violence.

Chairman, I am confused about the transitional government's extension, as there seems to be no clear plan for how we will proceed during this extended period. Especially with the time frame, the plan and how are we going to continue with the extended period, the longtime plan. Are we continuing with the implementation of RARCSS or we are waiting for Tumaini, now we have 3 months. Because the high-level committee chairperson is not around, he is in Nairobi with Tumaini, so I want clarity to the public on where we stand now, are we continuing with the implementation of RARCSS or waiting for Tumaini, no we have three months elapsed, and we still lack any plans and funding for the security mechanisms to carry out the implementation of the RARCSS.

I urge the high-level committee to brief the security mechanism, to brief the public about the timeline for the extension, I urge the government to fund the security mechanisms to carry out Phase 2 and deploy the NUF because we have witnessed the Shooting incident in Juba. If the NUF had already been deployed, this shooting incident might not have occurred. The government must release the necessary funds to ensure the deployment of the NUF and implementation of the agreements.



Thank you all.

Media Departs

CTC/2024/DEC/4: Item 3 - CTSAMVM Report - presented by Reports officer

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS:

The Ceasefire

The ceasefire continues to hold between the signatory parties in areas to which CTSAMVM Monitoring Verification Teams have accessed during this reporting period. CTSAMVM monitoring has identified the following noteworthy issues and trends since the previous CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) meeting.

Summary of Ctsamvm Violation Reports

Year ending 2022 - 24 Reports Submitted

Year ending 2023 - 16 Reports Submitted

Year ending 2024 - 11 Reports Submitted

Named Armed Groups

On 8 November 24 in Lasu Payam South West of Yei Town CES, National Salvation Front (NAS) ambushed a commercial vehicle heading to Libogo market. The driver drove off but one female passenger was injured.

In Yambio, the Minister of Local Government and Law Enforcement reported that NAS remains active in Mundri East WES. On 19 November 24, they allegedly abducted 26 youths in Lui Payam and are suspected to have taken them to DRC. The Minister reported that NAS presence extends from Tore and Rasolo CES to Minga and Kediba WES.

Organised Armed Groups

On 5 November at Moijo-Kangapol south of Kajo Keji Town CES, an organised armed group ambushed a SSPDF vehicle. One soldier was killed and one wounded.

In Yambio, the Minister of Local Government and Law Enforcement stated that the security situation in Tambura WES is deteriorating. He confirmed that on 18 Nov 24 three young males on a motorcycle were ambushed by gunmen, resulting in one fatality. He assessed the gunmen

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intended to target the County Commissioner who was traveling from Yambio to Tambura. The Police have made an arrest in connection with the ambush and investigations continue.

NUF Phase 1 and Phase 2

As previously reported, CTSAMVM has received confirmation from the Joint Defence Board (JDB) Secretariat that eight Military Battalion (Bns) of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) have been deployed. Additionally, elements of the VIP Protection Force have deployed to the Unity Oil Fields.

CTSAMVM understands that the Chairman of Joint Transitional Security Committee (JTSC) announced the preparation of a Bn of NUF for deployment to Nasir County UNS, to de-escalate the conflict, and increase the deployed force to nine Bns.

The deployment of NSS, Civil Defence, Wildlife and Prison Service Phase 1 graduates has yet to occur. The Police deployment referenced in the Inspector General of Police's letter dated 16 July has not been realized.

Phase 2 training plans have not been released. The Joint Military Ceasefire Commission (JMCC) considered that there will be no effective preparation for Phase 2 NUF training, prior to the deployment of the balance of Phase 1 graduates and confirmation of lists from other signatory parties.

VISITS AND VERIFICATIONS

MVT Yambio verified:

Maridi Training Centre (TC) - The centre has (112) instructors, of which three are female, most have returned home after Phase 1 training and are awaiting Phase 2 commencement. The instructors are not currently in receipt of salary. It is intended that the screening of Phase 2 trainees will be conducted at the CS before the commencement of the training. It will be mandatory for all Phase 2 trainees to bring their personal weapons to the TC. During Phase 1 screening 18 personnel were declared unfit for service.

The TC has not received rations since September 2023. The medical facilities and shelters are not sufficient for the expected trainees. There is one functional borehole at the TC which is considered insufficient to support training. The TC is reliant upon SSPDF Div 6 for medical support.

During Phase 1, the TC staff reported that 450 graduates were armed and deployed to Tore, Yambio and Ibba WES.

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MVT Yambio verified

Bahri Cantonment Site (CS) – The CS is structured to accommodate the SPLM/A-IO Div 9A HQ and Brigade 2 HQ and three Battalions. There were no female personnel, nor designated accommodation observed during the site visit. Each soldier within the CS has his own weapon, weapons are retained at the CS during leave periods.

The last ration delivery was reported as December 2023. The soldiers cultivate land to produce their own food. The available accommodation facilities are considered insufficient for current occupancy. The CS has two boreholes which are both operational. The closest civilian community is located 0.5Km from the CS and boreholes are shared with the local community.

The CS is staffed by two nurses and is dependent upon a community medical clinic located in close proximity to the CS. The soldiers are not in receipt of salary and await notification for the commencement of Phase 2 training.

OCCUPATION OF CIVILIAN AREAS

Six buildings/civilian areas are considered occupied or are awaiting verification that they have been vacated. This represents a reduction of two, namely Kirwa Health Facility and Bori Primary School CES.

The list of currently occupied civilian areas and buildings are as follows:

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LOCATION	OCCUPIED BUILDING (School, Dispensary, etc.)	PARTY OCCUPING THE BUILDING	PLAN TO VACATE (If any)
Nasir	Wech Yaradiw (Nasir Town)	SSPDF	The Head Chief of Mitnyal Community in Nasir stated that Wech Yaradiw is traditionally civilian territory as ancestral land. The Wech Yaradiw Barracks was established in 2014, with forces deployed in 2018. A portion of these forces was stationed in NASIR Town to assist with the return of civilians to the County.
Nyirrol	Waat Payam	SSPDF	Military presence in proximity to civilian areas.
MVT YAMBIO			
Tindoka	Tindoko Primary School	NUF	Three rooms are occupied by NUF soldiers while students are present in the school.
Badi	Duduma Girls' Primary School	NUF	The building is occupied by NUF soldiers and located in the same compound as Badi 02 Private School which is not occupied.
MVT YEI			



Goli (Yei)	Goli Primary School	SSPDF	Last visited on 23 Apr 24, the Catholic Bishop of Emmanuel Christian College, The Payam Chief and local community had agreed for the soldiers to stay in the school buildings to provide security to the Community and the College. An alternative learning environment for the Primary School was located within the College Compound with a fence separating the Primary School from the rest of the compound. This arrangement was confirmed by the SSPDF Commander in the area
Lasu (Yei)	Lasu Payam HQs	SSPDF	On Dec 2023, the SSPDF were scheduled to leave the Payam HQs after their reconstructed barracks is completed.

SUMMARY

SER No.	MVT	OCCUPIED		
		SSPDF	SPLM/A-IO	NUF
1.	MALAKAL (Bor)	2		
2.	YAMBIO			2
3.	YEI	2		
TOTAL		6		

CTC/2024/DEC/4: Item 4 - DISCUSSION ON CTSAMVM REPORT – IMPORTANT ISSUES AND EVENTS, JMCO UPDATES TO INCLUDE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS, UPDATES AND INCIDENTS UNDER INVESTIGATION

Action

Chairperson

The Chairman opened the floor for discussion.

ITGoNU Representative

Sid that, during the opening statement, the Chairman condemned the violence that occurred in Thongping, however, he urged the chairman to retract his condemnation, suggesting that instead, it should be noted that CTSAMVM has registered the incident, which remains raw, and that verification by CTSAMVM is necessary before launching any investigation. He emphasized that condemnation is not within our mandate.

Secondly, the secretariat presented a summary of the implementation status, noting that by the end of 2022, 24 reports had been submitted. He stressed the importance of breaking down these reports to show the number of violations committed by each party, covering all years. He observed that the number of violations appears to be declining.



He also pointed out that the title "CTSAMVM Violations Reports" may be misleading, as it implies that violations were committed by CTSAMVM. He proposed that it should be reworded to "CTSAMVM Reports on Violations Committed by Parties Signatory to R-ARCSS" to clarify that CTSAMVM is not responsible for these violations.

SPLM/A-IO Representative

He acknowledged that there were no serious issues to be discussed. Following the opening remarks by the chairman and senior party representatives, the prevalent topic discussed was the presence of NAS in Central Equatoria State (CES) and Western Equatoria State (WES), which poses a significant concern for national security. He emphasized that addressing this issue is a collective responsibility for all institutions involved in the peace agreement. Similar to the current calls in Nairobi for NAS involvement, he suggested that the institutional mechanism, such as CTSAMVM, should recommend that NAS join efforts to curb violations and alleviate suffering in these counties.

He also stressed the need to prevent unnecessary shootings and killings. He mentioned that the effective deployment of forces is crucial for achieving total peace in the country. If different military groups operate independently, it becomes challenging to identify those responsible for the violence.

Regarding the Thongping incident, he stated that even if it stemmed from internal conflict, it needs thorough investigation to ascertain what happened, how it occurred, and who was involved before any comments are made on the issue.

Concerning the reports from 2022 to 2024, he highlighted a reduction in violations as a considerable achievement. The number of civilian facilities occupied by military forces has significantly decreased from 100 in 2018 to 6 at the present time, which he considered a positive outcome. He suggested that the reductions should be detailed by area for further analysis.

ITGoNU Senior Representative

He concurred that there was not much to discuss but did have observations. He agreed with the previous speaker regarding the implementation status summary of CTSAMVM violations. He questioned why the reports were stated as "the year ending," asking how many reports had been verified, investigated, or were still pending. With a total of 51 reports, he advocated for presenting this information in a matrix format.



As it is now 2024, he stressed the need to focus solely on the reports for this year, mentioning that the reports from 2022 and 2023 have little impact on current activities. He requested clarification on this matter.

Regarding the implementation status concerning NUF phases 1 and 2, he said, he understood that these forces had yet to be deployed. He requested information on the challenges involved and suggested that CTSAMVM communicate these issues to the Joint Defense Board (JDB). This would provide a rationale to present to RJMEC and IGAD, indicating why these forces are not deployed, and would allow for potential violations to be addressed.

In terms of civilian area occupation, He referenced that in the last meeting, a matrix was submitted to the Chief of Defense Forces (CDF) for verification purposes.

Finally, he recommended that wording be added to the recommendations to ensure they are clearly tied to specific statements.

SPLM/A-IO Senior Representative:

He said he would like to add his voice to the previous speakers, particularly regarding the summary of the CTSAMVM violation reports. It seems that the summaries are incomplete concerning the number of reports submitted. We need to know what happened to these reports: Were they investigated, acted upon, or resolved? What were the findings? How many reports were successfully communicated, and what were the outcomes? It is crucial to have clarity on these issues. I urge CTSAMVM to verify how many reports were successfully scrutinized, communicated, and resolved.

Regarding the occupied civilian areas, during the last board meeting, it was correctly noted that the areas in Yambio were supposed to be vacated. However, the chief for security reasons asked the military to remain. Was this area reassessed, and was there further discussion with the locals? The insecurity faced by the locals in the absence of proper security can be quite alarming. If this is a request from the locals, it should not be categorized as a violation. This issue has surfaced in other areas as well. What steps have been taken to address the failure of the parties to adhere to the provisions, so that we can consider these as violations?

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SSOA Representative:

He said, regarding the occupied buildings within Malakal, in the matrix it is indicated Malakal/Bor, which Bor is being mentioned here, is it the capital of Jonglei state? also, within Panyiking County, there is a Payam called Bur. We need clarification on which specific location is being referred to.

SRO:

Clarified that, regarding the situation in Tambura, WES, there has been increased tensions. Several updates have been received this week, and this will be discussed at the JMCO before being brought before the CTC. Likewise, in Nasir County, the postponed field trip still stands, and discussions are ongoing to potentially increase the frequency of DAP visits to MVT Malakal in order to enhance our presence to Nasir County.

All violation reports are available to CTC members and the public on the CTSAMVM website. It should be noted that all investigated reports have been discussed at all reporting levels, including the CTSAMVM board level, and are accessible online too.

The occupied buildings matrix has been used previously to show buildings that have been removed, and these were discussed at the JMCO before their removal. The situation regarding the buildings in Yambio has indeed been rechecked by the Yambio MVT, but the findings are yet to be reviewed by the JMCO before tabling to CTC

Chairman

Informed the meeting that, some of the issues raised are only for discussion, and we should take them as such. To begin with, regarding the Tongping shooting incident, I want to clarify that telling the government what to do or what not to do is not our task. We all understand this fact, and we appreciate the government's prompt action to restore calm to the situation. However, it is important to recognize that being proactive is better than being reactive, as these incidents significantly impact the international community in South Sudan and cause panic among the local people. We have already condemned the incident and are monitoring the situation, not just the actions of the Government of South Sudan (GOSS).



Concerning the Wonduruba issue, it is still ongoing, and we appreciate if we should have the freedom to monitor and report what happens there but as stated in my opening remarks, the hiccup we got when we missed the opportunity to go for the Long Duration Patrol has led to setbacks, all processing has to begin afresh and it takes time to synchronize with other supporting agencies.

Regarding the relationship between R-ARCSS and Tumaini, it is our intention to arrange a high-level committee briefing. This is essential, and as we agreed in our last meeting, we will discuss future tasks and expectations from the CTSAMVM plan for the next 24-month extension. We have sent our recommendations and are also working as usual. However, we shall need a clear briefing as CTSAMVM to proceed in the extension.

I appreciate all the comments and feedback you have shared, and I value the candid discussions we have had. I feel that the confidence among all CTSAMVM members has aligned towards common objectives instead of engaging in unnecessary topics. I accept your commitment to working for the South Sudanese people and wish you a Merry Christmas. I invite the senior party representatives to a short meeting at the JTC tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

FD Senior Representative

He said, sometimes, when we raise issues, we must reflect on what has happened. During our meeting at the RJMEC Consultative Meeting, we were asked as parties to the agreement to provide our plan during the extension period. This was challenging for them to address, as the principals had no plan. They had to wait for Hon. Martin Elia, who had to bring what he had. By yesterday, none of the parties—ITGoNU, IO, SSOA, or FD—had developed a plan.

ITGONU Representative

Reiterated that, regarding the Tongping shooting, he believes it should not be merely condemned by CTSAMVM, as we are monitors. However, what happened that night should be condemned by everyone; it was unacceptable. In the remarks, it was not clearly stated whether CTSAMVM has conducted a verification or investigation, nor was it indicated whether it is a violation. As CTSAMVM, we should verify and investigate these occurrences to report accurately; we should not limit our response to only condemnation.

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SPLM/A-IO representative

Said that, here is not much to discuss here, but it is good to meet each other and extend greetings, as Christmas is also approaching. There are some topics that we do not need to discuss in this setting. Sometimes, we stray into irrelevant matters during our discussions. Issues related to Tumaini are not our concern, especially since the CTSAMVM leadership was not invited to participate in the talks. During the Rome talks, the CTSAMVM team was present, so it is not appropriate for us to discuss Tumaini, as it is outside our purview.

Regarding tensions, we cannot create plans about them, especially since the tension lies at the presidential level. If they do not provide us with any plan, there is little we can do. However, as CTSAMVM, we will continue to monitor the ceasefire. We should avoid discussing matters that are beyond our mandate. Once the principals agree and inform us about how to proceed, we can take action.

It is good to hear that you will meet with the senior representatives tomorrow; there are indeed important issues to discuss as we approach the new year

ITGoNU Senior party representative

Said he wished to clarify that the incident that took place in Tongping does not involve any members of the signatory parties. That is why I insisted that CTSAMVM should strive to address the matter. However, I believe it is the responsibility of the security forces of the ITGoNU to investigate these issues. I do not see CTSAMVM as having a duty to verify or investigate this incident. Once the report is released, CTSAMVM can gather information from the report. It is important to avoid any interference in the responsibilities of the respective parties.

FD Senior Party Representative

Pointed that he was not prepared to discuss any issues that arose, but was the one who raised the topic of extensions. It's relevant because these are the questions that have been asked when we attended the RJMEC consultative meeting just yesterday, and he needed to consult his principal. We are tasked with implementing the agreement, but there is still no clarity regarding the funding for Phase 2 NUF training. Everything is interconnected with the extensions, and those responsible for carrying out these duties are currently in Nairobi. Without funding for the cantonments, everything is at a standstill. We need to ask these questions because our progress depends on understanding the extension. Furthermore, how will CTSAMVM conduct its monitoring mechanisms in the field?



As a citizen of the country, he has the right to ask about the extensions and the direction of Tumaini. That is why he is here. My principal has given me the authority to respond flexibly to any questions, which is why he raised it here. Yesterday, he was asked many questions, and did not have the answers to.

IO REPRESENTATIVE

We are here expecting a report on what happened in Wonderuba. It has been almost a month now when the incidence occurred, and we still haven't received an update from CTSAMVM or the government. We need to hear about it and know who is responsible because those who lost their loved ones are suffering and need answers.

Regarding the Tong-ping shooting, it is not connected to CTSAMVM's mandate. As the senior representative of ITGoNU stated, it is an internal issue with no other parties involved. Therefore, it is not necessary for CTSAMVM to investigate the incident. Nonetheless, CTSAMVM's recommendations are important. Any security concerns affecting the nation should also be of interest to CTSAMVM. If something happens concerning security, it should be brought to CTSAMVM's attention, as for NAS, we should be concerned to know if they are participating in the Tumaini process so that we understand the peace process is continuing in the right direction.

Decisions of CTSAMVM Technical Committee on 22 October, 24:

Ceasefire:

Signatory Parties are urged to actively promote mediation through dialogue in order to prevent an escalation of violence involving their forces, allies or militia under command.

The National Salvation Front is urged to adhere to Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) 2017 and the Rome Declaration of 12 January 2020 and its resultant resolutions.

NUF:

Urge the RTGoNU to alleviate delays in the deployment of the remainder of Phase 1 Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) graduates and the commencement of training of Phase 2 NUF which runs contrary to the provisions of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS), specifically Article 2.2.1 and 2.3.1 on training and deployment.

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The Joint Defence Board (JDB) is urged to provide updated information on NUF deployment locations and strengths, along with plans for the commencement of Phase 2 training.

The Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGoNU) and National Transitional Committee (NTC) are urged to support the JDB with the necessary resources to alleviate the current living conditions within the training centres.

Occupied buildings:

CTSAMVM Urges the Parties to vacate occupation of civilian areas is a violation of the R-ARCSS Art 2.2.3.1. Namely, civilian areas shall be immediately demilitarized.

That named forces are urged to vacate the currently verified occupied buildings and are be deployed in compliance with the R-ARCSS.

CTC/2024/DEC/4: Item 5 - Any Other Business:

ITGoNU Senior representative

As any other business, he mentioned that he wanted to remind the chair about the need to meet with senior party representatives. This request was made some time ago, and rescheduling the meeting would be appreciated. As we approach the end of the year, I would like to highlight that during Gen Dusta's chairmanship, the senior party representatives would regularly meet to compile a report for assessment and evaluation every three months, as well as an annual report, which we would sign. This practice ceased after Gen Dusta's leadership. It is important that we discuss the significance of rejuvenating these reports, as they serve to remind the parties of the periodic implementations of the R-ARCSS.

Now that the year is coming to a close, he said he is reflecting on how we deliberate and discuss issues. While we may excel in some areas, there are also points where we fall short. The CTC could benefit from an assessment and evaluation, especially in light of this year's challenges. He proposes that the CTC and the secretariat hold a workshop to review our progress from January to date, focusing on both our strengths and weaknesses. This will allow us to capitalize on our strengths and address our weaknesses, ultimately enabling us to develop a more robust strategy for the next year, especially with the two-year extension ahead of us. I believe there are valuable insights to be gained from this self-evaluation process. As an AOB, he said he was about to remind the chair of the issue of meeting with the senior party representatives. Because it was also a request sometime back and it's good to reschedule it, is well appreciated. This is the end of the year, but wish to bring to your attention that during the chairmanship of Gen Desta, we



the Senior-party Representatives used to sit and compile a report of assessment and evaluation on a 3-month basis as well as an Annual Report and sign, this ended during the leadership of Gen Desta. We need to discuss the importance of and how to rejuvenate these reports. This will remind the parties of periodic implementations of the R-ARCSS.

CTC/2024/DEC/4: Item 6 - Date of Next Meeting:


The date for the next meeting: **22 January 2025**

CTC/2024/DEC/4: Item 7- Closing:

The Chairman thanked all members for their contribution and said, what has been raised as an AOB shall be discussed in the Senior Party representatives meeting. He also said all views expressed during this CTC meeting will be taken into account and wished all members a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year 2025. He declared the meeting closed.

The meeting ended at: 12:00pm/1200 hrs

Signed on 06 December 2024.



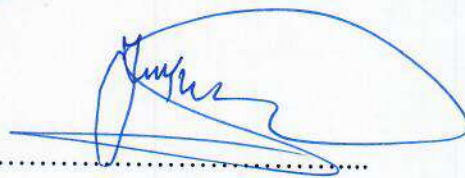
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