



**REPORT OF CEASEFIRE AND TRANSITIONAL SECURITY  
ARRANGEMENTS MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM  
(CTSAMVM) AND OUTCOMES OF CTSAMVM  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN  
9 MAY 2024**

The CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting (CTC) was held on 9 May 2024 at the Beijing Juba Hotel in Juba. All Parties were represented as shown below. The Chairperson Maj Gen Hailu Gonfa Eddosa opened the meeting at 1010Hrs/12:30am.

ATTENDANCE		
<b>Outgoing Chair</b>	Maj Gen Hailu Gonfa Eddosa	CTSAMVM
<b>Incoming Chair</b>	Maj Gen Yitayal Gelaw Bitew	
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Brig Gen Yasser Hassab Alla	
<b>Representatives from the Parties</b>	<b>ITGoNU</b> Lt Gen Rabi Mujung Emmanuel Maj Gen John Daniel Maj Gen Gatkuoth Duop Kuich Maj Gen Wuoi Mayom Deng Maj Gen Thomas Gador Kic Wur  <b>SSOA</b> Maj Gen Jany Kaway Yoakhor Maj Gen Amos Amin Elia Maj Gen William Bol Kai Maj Gen Samuel Chan Mut Maj Gen Peter Rimy Mabuor Maj Gen Yuodo John Otor	<b>SPLM/SPLA-IO</b> Maj Gen Dr. Chuol Ruey Kompuok Maj Gen Johnson Mayen Maj Gen Andrea Mangu Adala Maj Gen William Deng Buom Col Jackson Juma Lasu Col Ezekiel How K Gatluack  <b>Former Detainees (FDs)</b> Maj Gen Bior Leek Kuareng (Online)





<b>CTSAMVM Secretariat</b>	Mr. Awgichew Fekade	
<b>CTSAMVM Staff</b>	Mr. Gummar Gabrielson Mr. Gilberts Awuzu Mr. Chen Wengen Mr. Wang Lixin Mr. Hassan A/Rahman Ali Ms. Beatrice Niwagaba Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Ms. Yasmin Elhashim Ms. Chara Bol Ms. Felix Kioko Ms. Samantha Minga Ms. Marta Mabior	COS Report Officer Report Officer Senior Advisor Chief Operations Head Fusion Cell Fusion Cell Head Gender Gender Advisor Head Legal Protocol HR
<b>In Attendance</b>	Maj Gen Etafa Raga Dr. Job Akuni	Defence Attaché RJMEC

The CTC then reviewed the proposed Agenda.

The agenda was adopted, the Chairperson proceeded with opening remarks:

Item
<p><b>Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:</b></p> <p>Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,          Incoming Chairperson,          Deputy Chairperson,          IGAD Representative,          RJMEC Representative,          Defence Attachés,          CTSAMVM Secretariat,          Observers,          Ladies and Gentlemen,</p>



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Good morning.

It is my great pleasure to highly welcome you to this CTC meeting. I also want to express my sincere gratitude for your presence today to address the critical issues affecting the peace process in the Republic of South Sudan.

**Honourable members, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I want to take this opportunity to introduce the incoming CTSAMVM Chairperson, Maj Gen Yitayal Gelaw Bitew. We are very happy to have him at CTSAMVM, and are fully confident that he will contribute positively to CTSAMVM and to the peace process. I kindly request that you accord him the same support that I have received.

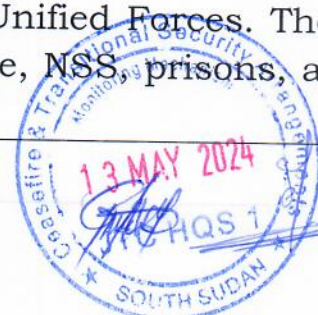
To begin, CTSAMVM continues to conduct its mandate in monitoring, verifying and reporting on the progress of implementation of the R-ARCSS, while diligently reporting to IGAD and RJMEC. We should remind ourselves that CTSAMVM Technical Committee meetings are crucial to the peace process in South Sudan.

**Honourable members, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

CTSAMVM performs its mandate in some very challenging places in South Sudan. We remain concerned about reports of tensions in Tambura County, Western Equatorial State that has put the lives of many innocent South Sudanese at risk. We welcome the decision of the WES Governor to deploy a security force to de-escalate the tension in that area.

There are incidents of reported violence perpetrated by suspected elements of the National Salvation Front (NAS) in Mundri Counties of Western Equatoria State, especially in Minga and Wiro Payam. About 6,000 people in Minga Payam were displaced to Kediba Payam, Mundri East County, and Rokon in Central Equatorial State.

At the last CTSAMVM Board meeting, the Head Secretariat of the Joint Defence Board provided details of the deployment of the Necessary Unified Forces. There was not much more than what was already known. No police, NSS prisons, and wildlife graduates have been deployed as of yet.





CTSAMVM welcomes the decision of H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit and his first deputy Riek Machar Teny. They have agreed to initiate the training of unified forces in phase two within the next two weeks.

Regarding the implementation of the pre-transitional tasks, CTSAMVM has observed no change in the status of Cantonment Sites and Training Centres. Commanders are still reporting a lack of logistic support.

CTSAMVM remains concerned about the continual occupation of civilian buildings by parties signatory to the Agreement. CTSAMVM reminds SSPDF to plan to vacate those areas and urges the Joint Defence Board to deploy the Necessary Unified Forces correctly.

**Honourable members, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We have one report to discuss today, which involves the alleged recruitment of soldiers by SSPDF in Mathiang Barracks in Aweil town, North Bahr el Ghazal State.

CTSAMVM highly values your opinions and recommendations. I ask you all to focus on the information and reports and discuss them in a cordial and professional manner. Most importantly, come up with realistic solutions to protect the ceasefire and the people of South Sudan.

I therefore declare the CTC meeting open and invite Senior Party Representatives to make opening remarks.

**Incoming Chairperson stated that;**

Good morning

My name is Maj Gen Yitayal Gelaw Bitew, the incoming Chairperson of CTSAMVM. It is my pleasure to work with you, and with God we will do our best with your collaboration and all the stakeholders.

Thank You





**The Senior Representative of the ITGoNU stated that;**

Dear CTSAMVM Outgoing and Incoming Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson

CTSAMVM COS

CTSAMVM Secretariat

CTC Members

Media House

Good morning,

On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to welcome the new CTSAMVM Chairperson. We, as ITGoNU, will work hand in hand with you to perform the mandate of CTSAMVM.

We would like to thank the Outgoing Chairperson for convening this important meeting. As said in the Chairperson's remark CTC is very important because we are monitoring and reporting violations and giving assurance to the international community, National community, and regional partners in how this agreement is going forward.

I thank CTSAMVM leadership for organizing this meeting on time and I am so happy that there are no more violations that we are going to discuss and as you have commended the parties for abiding by the cessation of hostility. This is encouraging. That is why the international community is funding CTSAMVM which is one of the effective mechanisms. It is for the incoming chair to take the responsibility to carry the mandate of CTSAMVM for the peace and stability of South Sudan.

As stated in the remark of the CTSAMVM Chairperson regarding the activities of NAS which caused the displacement of 6000 civilians in Mundri East, Our message to the National Salvation Front is that there must be a time to end violence and the time has come. Brother and sister of opposition shall take to the government and settle their difference for the sack of the people of this country.

Regarding the decision of the H.E the President of the Republic of South Sudan and his Vice President H.E Dr. Rieck Machar about the security mechanism, we are ready to support their decision but also request the government to facilitate the





support of the Joint Defence Board so that they start phase Two of the Necessary Unified Forces.

Lastly, we welcome the report of CTSAMVM about the alleged training, and we also know that all type of training is not considered violations as far as the agreement is concerned such as refresh training.

Thank You

**The Senior Representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that;**

Dear CTSAMVM Outgoing and Incoming Chairman

Deputy Chairperson,

CTSAMVM COS

CTC Members

CTC secretariat

Media House

Good morning,

On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I would like to welcome the incoming Chairperson, and may you feel at home. We also thank the Outgoing Chairperson for the effort and the time he has spent in South Soudan in implementing the peace agreement. I wish you well in discharging your duty and responsibility in your home country.

I would like to appreciate and thank the principals, the President of South Sudan, and the first vice president, for getting together and having the list submitted. I hope soon or later will sign the submitted list. This will help toward implementing Chap 2.

I will be also in a position to urge SSPDF in terms of having separate training, whether it is a refresh training or a recuts training, recruitment should not continue. Instead of recruiting SSPDF forces, it is much more important to look into the graduated Necessary Unified Forces to deploy them and take charge of responsibilities to harmonize activities and have peace in place. South Soudanes has suffered so much and we must build trust among ourselves and talk with open hearts and open minds to continue pursuing the path of



development and forget the suffering. We hope that the rest of the holdout group will also build trust in the implementation of the Peace of Agreement 2018. We call upon the holdout group to embrace the negotiation and continue the dialogue.

I would like to thank the attendees of this meeting and continue positively.

**The Senior Representative of SSOA stated that;**

Dear CTSAMVM Chairperson  
Deputy Chairperson,  
CTSAMVM COS  
CTSAMVM Secretariat,  
CTC Members  
Observers

Good morning,

I am grateful to welcome our new chairperson to CTSAMVM and feel that South Sudan is your home.

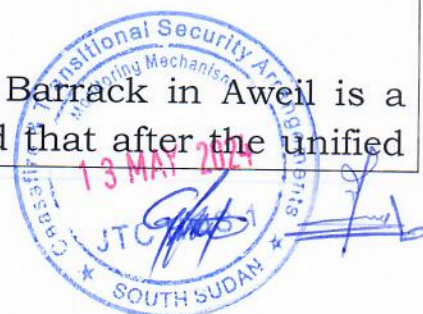
Outgoing Chairperson of CTSAMVM, Maj Gen Hailu, I would like to thank you for your duration in CTSAMVM, you did a wonderful job and we will not forget you.

I believe that CTSAMVM is in a normal condition now and we accomplished a lot of job through your leadership experience. God will lead you and peace be with you.

As CTSAMVM members, we are monitoring the peace in the way God directing us, and we are almost about to finalize what we started four years ago.

I appreciate the H.E. the President and his two deputies they initiated the peace last week and come to an agreement the two army to be unified. Necessary Unified Force Phase One should be deployed. After the complete deployment of Phase One, Phase Two NUF to start. The agreement said that the army should be unified and work together. We thank the H.E. the President and his two deputies for such an initiative.

Regarding the report, recruitment of SSPDF in Mathiang Barrack in Aweil is a complete violation because the peace agreement stipulated that after the unified





force has been deployed then the army should be unified. There is no need for recruitment in Mathiang in Aweil without the knowledge of the other parties. I will urge the Chief of Staff of the army to stop such a violation.

Thank you

**The Senior Representative of Former Detainees stated that;**

FD representative participated online.

**Media Departs**

**CTSAMVM Report**

**Implementation Status – the Ceasefire**

- The ceasefire is holding, however, CTSAMVM monitoring revealed the following issues recorded since the last CTC meeting.
- There has been a clash at Minyral, Mayendit County, on the 2nd of May 2024. The County Commissioner stated that the fighting was between armed youth, with no SSPDF involvement. However, SPLM/A-IO alleged the involvement of SSPDF Div 12 who attacked their position. MVT Bentiu will investigate the matter. The situation remained calm since the incident.
- CTSAMVM received reports that the situation in Tambura County, Western Equatorial State is fragile. Several killings of innocent people were reported from 25- 27 April 2024 including the killing of a Priest-Fr. Luka Yugue in Tambura County. There is fear that the situation of the 2021 Tambura crisis may return. It is important that the Parties remain vigilant, and take all necessary measures to prevent any violence involving their forces or forces allied to them.
- CTSAMVM received reports that Mundri County has been experiencing National Salvation Army (NAS) activities, especially in Minga and Wiro Payam.



SSPDF forces have been permanently deployed to Minga Payam to protect civilians and defend the area from NAS activities. 6000 people in Minga Payam were displaced to Kediba Payam (Mundri East) and Rokon in CES because of the fighting.

**CTSAMVM observations:**

The Parties remain vigilant, and take all necessary measures to prevent any violence involving their forces or forces allied to them.

National Salvation Front to adhere to the Rome Declaration of 12 Jan 2020 and its follow-on resolutions

**Implementations Status – Necessary Unified Force (NUF) Phase 1 and 2**

- Since the last CTC on 12 March 2024, CTSAMVM invited Head Secretariat of the Joint Defence Board to CTSAMVM Board meeting on 23 April 2024 to inform the Board members about the development regarding deployment of Phase 1 and Commencement of Phase 2 training.
- Still, no Police, NSS, Civil Defence, Wildlife or Prison Service Phase 1 Graduates have been deployed. The status of Phase 1 deployment remains the same as that at last CTC meeting.
- The current state of affairs go contrary to the provisions of the R-ARCSS and specifically Article 2.2.1 and 2.3.1 on the training and deployment of NUF.
- HE the President of the Republic of South Sudan, Salva Kiir Mayardit and his first deputy Riek Machar Teny have agreed to initiate the training of unified forces in phase two of the security arrangements outlined in the revitalized peace agreement. Following a meeting at the presidential palace on 30 April





2024, both concurred to commence the training process for phase two forces within the next two weeks.

- CTSAMVM acknowledges the information about the commencement of phase 2. SPLM/A-IO Forces in Bhari Cantonment Site have already received instructions from SPLM/A-IO Div 9A Cmdr regarding preparation for phase 02 training within 02 weeks.

#### **CTSAMVM Observations:**

- Since the last CTC meeting, there have been no changes on the status of the deployment of phase 1 Necessary Unified Force (NUF).
- It would be helpful if the JDB could share date of commencement of phase 2 training since the principals have agreed.

#### **Implementations Status – Occupation of Civilian Buildings**

- On 6 May 2024, CTSAMVM MVT Yei conducted a Dynamic Air Patrol (DAP) to assess the status of the occupied building in Kajo-Keji.
- MVT Yei physically visited the resource center/Library and found that the SSPDF vacated the place.
- MVT Yei was not able to physically visit Bori primary school and Kirwa Health Center which was inaccessible due to the ground time.
- CTSAMVM will continue visiting the occupied buildings in the future to ensure Parties comply with Article 2.2.3.1 on the demilitization of civilian areas.
- CTSAMVM will report its finding in the subsequent CTC meetings.

#### **CTSAMVM observations:**

- Parties are reminded that occupying civilian areas is a continual violation of the R-ARCSS specifically Article 2.2.3.1. Parties are urged to vacate occupied civilian areas as a matter of urgency.
- JDB to develop a plan for forces to vacate occupied buildings and ensure they are deployed correctly.





S/No	MVT	OCCUPIED		
		SSPDF	SPLM/A-IO	NUF
1.	MALAKAL(BOR)	2		
2.	YAMBIO	1		2
3.	YEI	4		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>		

- CTSAMVM would like to again remind the Party that continual occupation of civilian areas is a violation of the According to R-ARCSS Art 2.2.3. 1. Civilian areas shall be immediately demilitarized. Therefore, forces of parties with the agreement shall promptly vacate from civilian facilities as fast as possible.

### CTSAMVM REPORT

#### CTSAMVM Report:

There is one CTSAMVM Reports written since the last CTC meeting. The report was discussed at the JMCO.

#### **2024/07 – Alleged recruitment of soldiers by SSPDF in Mathiang Barracks of Aweil Town, North Bahr El Ghazal State (NBeGS).**

- It was reported in the press on Monday, 1 February 24 that Hundreds of Recruits are being trained in Aweil again. In the post, a picture and video of a group of youth was posted on a morning run, being guided by men in Uniform.
- The 'recruits' estimated to be around 573, were initially promised integration into the SSPDF and are said to be undergoing training at the Mathiang facility within Aweil town.
- Historically, Mathiang was a base for the Sudanese army during the Second Sudanese war; With the signing of the CPA in January 2005, the ceasefire agreement of December 2004 came into effect, where parties agreed to international monitoring and verification of the ceasefire which included





redeployment of armed forces (from respective parties) and monitoring of military personnel deployed under the joint/integrated units.

- The ceasefire agreement gave the UN a prominent role in verifying and monitoring the ceasefire by calling for active participation of the United Nations in several bodies
- The Joint/Integrated Units (JIU) made up of the Sudanese Army and SPLA were positioned in Mathiang, while those opposed to the agreement remained in the bush. The area was vacated in 2011 and has not been recognized as a military base since.
- Mathiang is located in the center of Aweil, in a densely populated area, the location was designated as North Bahr El Ghazal State (NBeGS) University by a presidential decree issued in 2020, and the vice-chancellor of NBeGS University has been in discussions with military forces to vacate the area since 2020.
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### Findings:

- There is no evidence of SSPDF or police training **new** recruits in the Mathiang facility.
- Refresher training was held for army deserters when the government began paying soldiers in the year 2022, and deserters who returned were required to attend refresher training after which they were redeployed to SSPDF Div 3 units.
- The SPLM/A-IO state secretary still claimed recruitment is ongoing in Mathiang, with approximately 4,000 soldiers under the governor's supervision. CTSAMVM did not find any trace of these 4,000 recruits.
- Pantit Training Center is the only recognized Training center in the State but closed after NUF graduated, now only a few instructors remain and no training currently taking place in Pantit or Mathiang.
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**Assessment:** CTSAMVM assesses as follows:

- Except for ongoing Police refresher training, there is no evidence that the government is training new recruits in Mathiang.
- Mathiang and Freedom Square is an urban setting and cannot be used to train military recruits within the town of Aweil.

**Conclusion:** It is the conclusion of CTSAMVM that

- There was no substantial evidence of any military recruitment and training in Mathiang or elsewhere in the State contrary to Article 2.1.8 of the R-ARCSS since the Pantit training center is currently empty.
- Mathiang and the Freedom Square are in the densely populated center of Aweil town, making it impractical to train new recruits.

**Ongoing Investigations:** Ongoing investigations include:

Updates:

- **Fatal incident in Unity State:** on 29 January 2024. CTSAMVM MVT Bentiu conducted a long-duration Patrol to the area. The investigation was completed and the report received. JMCO need further consultation and discussion to finalize the report.
- **Alleged attack by the SSPDF against SPLM/A-IO positions near Wunaliet, 12 February 2024.** The Investigation is ongoing; MVT Juba has not yet interviewed SPLM/A-IO officers. The location has been water logged to rains posing access challenges both by air and road. This has also been exacerbated by communication problems due to poor coverage. Currently, the area is now dry and efforts are underway to have the officers interviewed.
- **Killing of SSPDF soldiers and resultant alleged revenge burning of civilian houses and SGBV by the SSPDF in the Wonduruba Payam on 5**





**February 2024.** The MVT is ready to visit and investigate once JVMM clearance for the flight is secured.

- **Clash in Mirnyal:** On 3 May, MVT Bentiu reported that there was an armed clash in the area of Mirnyal in Mayendit County. The County Commissioner stated that the fighting was between armed youth, with no SSPDF involvement. However, SPLM/A-IO alleged the involvement of SSPDF 'Brigade 12' who attacked their position. MVT Bentiu will investigate the matter.
- **Tambura Incident:** A report indicated that several killings of innocent civilians occurred from 25 – 28 April 2024 including killing of a Priest-Fr. Luka Yugue in Tambura County. These killings are alleged to be done by the Azande and Balanda ethnic groups. There is fear that the situation of 2021 Tambura crisis may return. CTSAMVM MVT Yambio is monitoring the situation.
- **Allegations of training in Central Equatoria State:** On 11 March 2024 CTSAMVM received a letter dated 6 March 2024 from the Deputy Chairman of the SPLM/A-IO containing a series of allegations of military training by Government security forces in Central Equatoria State.
- The letter alleged secret training and recruitment by SSPDF along Juba-Torit road at Jebel Mulwa, Mobil Military Barracks along Juba-Terekeka road, Jebel Lado north west of Juba and along Juba-Bor road. They also claimed presence of Ugandan Forces in Luri Barracks.
- **Updates:** The Embassy of Uganda in Juba affirmed that there were no Ugandan forces in South Sudan. The Juba MVT Visited the locations alleged in the letter and obtained the following information although some of the named locations could not be easily established on ground:





- There is no Mobil barracks along the Terekeka-Juba road, but there is Mobil checkpoint after the Lado Payam HQs, composed of Joint Operation Forces responsible for movement regulation along the Juba-Terekeka.
- The organized forces in the area include the Commando Unit in Nyuwa Boma, disarmament forces in Kwerjik and the anti-land grabbing force in Molobur Boma.
- There is no recruitment and ongoing training in Mobil Barracks.
- The Joint Operation Force was deployed in the area to reinforce ground security and contain land grabbing on 03/04/24.
- There were no Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) or any other foreign forces in Luri Training Centre.
- There is no recruitment and training along the Juba-Bor road.

### **CTSAMVM Suggested recommendations:**

#### **Ceasefire:**

- That the Parties continue to remain vigilant, and by all measures avoid involving their forces, allies or militia in violence.
- That JDB takes immediate remedial action for any clashes that may occur, they need to take interest in the current Minyral clash and Tambura County Killings.
- National Salvation Front to adhere to the Rome Declaration of 12 Jan 2020 and its follow-on resolutions

#### **Necessary Unified Forces NUF:**

- That clear deployment schedule for the balance of NUF Phase one Graduates and other organised forces be shared and effected so as to curb the spate of clashes in different states.





- That JDB shares the date of commencement of phase 2 training since the principals have agreed.

### **Occupied buildings:**

- Parties are urged to vacate occupied civilian areas as a matter of urgency to avoid continual violation of the R-ARCSS.
- JDB to develop a plan for forces to vacate occupied buildings and ensure they are deployed correctly.

### **CTSAMVM Report 2024/07**

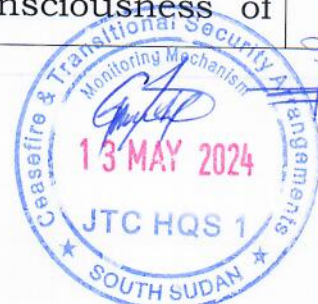
- SSPDF 3 Division's Military Police (MP) should exit Mathiang facility to the newly allocated area so that the NBeGS University can fully commence its operations.
- Refresher training should be reported well in advance so as not to cause panic among the locals.

## **DISCUSSION ON CTSAMVM REPORT – IMPORTANT ISSUES AND EVENTS, JMCO UPDATES TO INCLUDE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS, UPDATES AND INCIDENTS UNDER INVESTIGATION**

Action

### **SPLM/A-IO Representative**

- Requested clarification on the suggested recommendation of members of CTC tasking their monitoring staff within CTSAMVM to coordinate investigation on all pending tasks to timely handle them, who are these members, and why not be specific if it is MVTs that have been meant.
- **The Reports Officer clarified that;** due to delay in completing tasks, the recommendation was meant to awaken the consciousness of





members to remind their representatives in the MVTs to work as a team in planning tasks so that correct persons are identified for interviews to quickly windup allegations that have remained unverified and be finalized with comprehensive reports from MVTs if well planned.

**Chairman affirmed that;**

- The issue is to deliver the CTSAMVM report on time, sometimes the problem is the challenge of the proper person to participate in the investigation oftentimes our MVT members become sick or not ready due to some security issues, and our liaison officers are available to facilitate the issues accordingly.
- This is therefore to give attention to the issues so as to immediately participate in them.
- In a simpler way more often our MVTs fail to get proper persons to interview to accurately conclude investigations yet our National monitors have to facilitate the proper person to answer or brief the team on a particular incident that would be critical for finalizing an investigation, this poses a challenge.
- Members are requested to communicate this information to their respective National monitors in MVTs to always identify such persons to interview in the planning stage.

**SPLM/A-IO Representative**

- Said that, I think the last point is not the fault of the parties, if there is a need for any adjustment, it should be done at the headquarters in case there are any complaints, they should be handled at the headquarters not in this meeting. It is new to him that there is this problem.





- It is true sometimes our investigations are overdue and we don't investigate on time, the problem is not the MVTs, we always blame the UNMISS because they don't allow us to investigate our allegations on time. It is not an issue of national monitors.
- But now why should there be differentiation since there is no difference in tasks and we work under you the chairman both international observers and national monitors are all doing the same work.
- So when the request has been pushed to CTC, it shows we are not under you, if you truly think we are under you, it is the duty of you the chairperson to call all of us three liaison officers to your office and discuss the issue if there are any complaints like this. Now it is just a surprise.
- The issue cannot even be the national monitors, they need to be appreciated because they do a lot of work in the field. When somebody is absent, you don't need to mention so now if they hear that they have been blamed, they can even refuse to work. when it was decided it was not good.

### **SSOA Representative**

- Said that it is not clear about the clashes in Mirnyal in Bentiu and Tambura; the point mentions that fighting is between armed youth without SSPDF involvement, however, SPLM/A-IO states that SSPDF Bde 12 attacked them, how do we look at this, and who is attacked? It is not clear.
- The Tambura incident looks clearly like only civilians are fighting each other without any party signatory, it seems we parties don't have anything to discuss on that matter.





## **SPLM/A-IO REPRESENTATIVE**

- Wondered about the low attendance at the meeting and adjudged if it was due to non-publicity. He requested clarification as normally finalized reports are to be presented and discussed in the CTC meeting but has noted that ongoing tasks that are still under investigation are presented to the meeting, like training in Jebel Lado, the presence of Uganda Army, Training in Juba-Terekeka road. Also, there is an update that there is no Ugandan Army presence, and no recruitment in Mathiang what could this be now?
- He asked to know whether the ongoing issues will be discussed. If it is an update then it is still under investigation, the secretariat needs to present a credible report only to be discussed, not ongoing issues. He asked the Chair to clarify if it could be discussed or not.
- On the issue of occupying civilian facilities he said, it has been discussed over and over but Soldiers are still occupying these facilities to date which is very unfortunate, how many years now and still the facilities have not been vacated he said, it seems some people are refusing to obey orders, especially the SSPDF side because in the military when an order is issued, it must be followed.
- He said, soldiers are still occupying Schools, Hospitals, Health centers, and others. It is unacceptable for us to always be repeating ourselves here, but action is not taken by the concerned authorities he said.
- The issue of Wunaliet needs to be closed he said, citing that the location is accessible even by pedestrians from Juba. In every meeting, it is reported that this particular task is yet ongoing and it does not sound serious. If there is something wrong, it should be communicated because the location is even outside the military base which was where





some soldiers of SSPDF had committed the violations. This needs to be closed.

- He said he was not clear on the issue of Bentiu and JMCO consultations, what kind of consultation is done at the JMCO level? If the report is generated at the MVT level and submitted, it should be brought to the higher level here and will be discussed, there is no need for consultation at the JMCO level but only get consensus and the report should be forwarded. It will be discussed and whatever happened will be verified here in the CTC meeting because if there is insistence for a consultation then it becomes something different which is not the work of CTSAMVM because CTSAMVM is always neutral and impartial and we work according to the guidance by R-ARCSS. Let JMCO sit and bring the report forward or leave it and not bring it here to be discussed he said.

**Chairman guided that:**

- Ongoing reports are not concluded but are brought just for information to the CTC on how far the investigations have been conducted. The updates are to support the JMCO on what is going on, and to know it; there is no CTSAMVM conclusion provided, only it indicates allegations and updates on what has so far been got about the matter.
- At this stage, we are not going to discuss the details of the issues at this meeting. it will be discussed when it is presented here as a report with CTSAMVM conclusion.
- The Tambura issue is the same thing he said. Regarding consultation with the JMCO, we may use what has been said in this meeting as input to adjust how the ongoing tasks are reported to the CTC meeting.





Otherwise during the JMCO process, always there is a need for consensus before the report is tabled at the CTC meeting, although sometimes the reports are delayed.

- In JMCO, sometimes members raise issues that have to be clarified, in this circumstance they are given a chance to clarify and when the report is agreed by all members of the JMCO, it is finalized and presented to the CTC.
- He informed members that, JMCO is to facilitate smoothening the issues to bring out different matters gathered to conclude allegations.
- If one party is not ready or asks for more time, they are always given time so as to solve the problem other than forwarding the report. Our JMCO members here have listened and will use this as input about the suggestions from all the parties.

#### **The fusion cell clarified that**

- On the matter of Myryal the county commissioner said SSPDF was not involved but only armed youth clashed among themselves, CTSAMVM communicated with SPLM/A-IO and they said they were attacked by Brigade 12 of SSPDF, this is an allegation that MVT Bentiu has been tasked to investigate and bring us a report to clarify.
- Regarding the Update, CTSAMVM has always given updates on allegations indicating how far we have gone with getting facts about the allegations so that if there is any input from the members they can give suggestions to improve on the way the investigations can be done. As already responded by the Chairman always all reports go through the JMCO to review and identify if there is any gap in the report, or if some





vital information to be obtained from a particular person is skipped, if there is a gap, it is normally referred back to the MVT to get a particular information needed.

- Always JMCO members consult together to streamline the reports before tabling to the CTC.
- On occupation of civilian buildings, we always report the official buildings, we are working on adjusting our data, already CTSAMVM visited and confirmed that Keji keji has been vacated, and now only 9 facilities are occupied, we are working hard and will visit all these sites and update on the matter of occupied buildings accordingly.
- The situation of Tambura has been there for a long and the incident of 2021 where it was said Signatory parties were involved. This was brought out to make members aware that the situation of 2021 was very bad and the current incidence may transform to a state similar to that of 2021. This is to make members aware and urge them to work among themselves to see that it does not escalate.

**The chairman further affirmed that:**

- As CTSAMVM our concern and mandate is guided by Chapter 2 of R-ARCSS and through the chapter we are to see what is going on with the parties and if they have committed any agreement violations as CTSAMVM we can suggest or advise to prevent any violation and avoid any further unexpected clashes among the communities.
- Our role is to monitor and give advice. Our mission is limited to our mandate.





- On attendance he said all representatives are here and there is no party missing, only defense attaches are missing, if they wish to be there, they will come and attend.
- It is the CTSAMVM Board meeting that has more people including the civilians. The membership of this meeting in the house is 99%.

### **ITGoNU Representative**

- He requested to clarify on the report of Bentiu that it was presented to the JMCO and one party disagreed with the report, and the other parties had no objection.
- What was found out was that one commander from SPLM/A-IO who was the commander at the location of the incident went to Garia which is at the Border with Sudan, but the sector commander responsible for the forces is in Bentiu and was interviewed.
- When the report was presented at JMCO, there was no objection on their part, but the SPLM/A-IO representative objected and wanted the MVT to go to Garia to interview that person.
- The location is inaccessible even by air. He believes the higher commander is at Bentiu why would it not be that he is interviewed, why is it that they particularly want the commander who went to Garia to be interviewed?
- The suggestion was that the chairperson would be consulted, and hopefully, the report would be given to him to make decisions.
- He is surprised the report was not presented to the CTC today, he believed the obstacle was because the Senior Liaison Officer for





SPLM/A-IO was represented at the JMCO, otherwise, the report would have been presented.

#### **Chairman guidance:**

- He informed the meeting that he has to discuss it with the JMCO members and the political parties which will be on the next day, the decisions can be twofold; One, to discuss with the SPLM/A-IO representative the issues to continue to get the time to interview the person in Garia and/or Secondly, to include the suggested recommendation and objection to report can be brought otherwise the issues will be discussed at the Headquarter.

#### **ITGoNU Representative**

- He said that the report is clear, the buildings occupied by the SSPDF have been reduced and this is positive progress. The issue of recruitment in the report is clear that there is no evidence.
- The concern here is about the public speech by the Senior Party Representative SSOA, who said 'he read the report very well and concluded there is a violation of recruitment in Mathiang'. When the report is read, in the conclusion it is clearly stated there is no recruitment in Mathiang with all the details.
- He now wonders how well the SSOA representative read his report yet the information he communicated will go to the public, which is not good. He said according to the report, Mathiang is within the center





not outside or hidden place, and everybody can get access to this information.

- The communication by the SSOA representative is just to tarnish the image of other parties and is not good he said. He requests the report to be distributed seven days before the meeting to read it line by line because if they are given the report only in the meeting, they can't have what to discuss.
- The update that the UPDF is not deployed in South Sudan and indeed he had earlier said it has now been confirmed by investigation. The allegation was brought by the Deputy Chairman of a party, where did they get such information? The allegation that training is being conducted at Juba Terekeka Road and Bor Road, these are pen places if training were to be conducted, it could be in a hidden place, not the road where everybody passes which was also found to be false.
- He asked to know if people who give false information are not committing violations, because when a party always reports false information it is termed as a violation of the agreement.
- He implored that before alleging such issues there must be some evidence. Any information about training, the location was visited by a team and nothing was found. By the time a team was formed to go and pay Soldiers indeed many turned up and they were to go through a refresher course and it happened, also in Maridi and Rongu in SPLM/A-IO were having refresher course which is good since the forces will be joint.
- On occupied buildings, yes, he said, it is a violation but in some of the buildings when you consult the security around, you find they support the soldiers living in the places due to security reasons. Although





according to the law (agreement), it is a violation it is accepted but vacating them is being planned. He further called on anyone who knows the location of the UPDF in south Sudan should lead us and we go and see them because South Sudan has no war and is not looking for any foreign forces for support.

- If there is anyone who knows the location of training grounds let him also lead us we go and verify, because a training field is not just like a football ground, the area must be large and activities of training must be visible so that we see the evidence, if there is need for more verification, we can have it so as to make objective reports.

#### **Chairman guided the meeting:**

- He wished to correct that we need to defend and make statements on our official reports which depict what we as CTSAMVM did, but sometimes someone may have our opinion especially now we are all military and convening a technical meeting today if the issues in this report reach the political parties, they make many of their statements and explain it in many ways that is politicians business, we can not control what they will say using our reports but only if what they say depicts what we portray in the reports. Because all references are taken from our reports so for public consumption and Public Relations, politicians can say anything and you all know this.
- We have to only focus on CTSAMVM conclusions, which are often clear. But some political parties and stakeholders sometimes try to punch holes in our conclusions, though we welcome them sometimes, but is not our stand as CTSAMVM conclusion.





- The issue of allegation cannot be stopped and if it is found not to be true, CTSAMVM makes its finding and presents it as a report, there is nothing CTSAMVM can do beyond bringing the facts out, it's the Political parties who can raise concerns on such false allegations, not CTSAMVM. We have to understand each other over that.

**SSOA Senior representative:**

- Wished to Clear the point of condemning the Mathiang training, that sometimes when you read the articles you can misunderstand at some point. He said that to state training in Mathiang as a violation is because Mathiang is an old training center for Sudan Forces.
- When Sudan was yet unified with South Sudan it was the headquarters of the Army, secondly, there was mention of the Army deserters who were absent for a long time and came back to Mathiang, what did they come for, to be refreshed really?
- As mentioned in the CTSAMVM recommendation the refresher course should be reported well in advance so as not to cause panic.
- If it was the headquarters of the Army for a long not and deserters came and started training there, on the outside it would appear to the civilians as training is taking place.
- Because the civilian community does not know who is a recruit or a soldier on a refresher course, they will treat it as training, this now seems like a training place and that's why he condemned it.
- If we go to detail, was it really true they were deserters or new recruits? we can't know, only the SSPDF knows.





- Sometimes there are accusation that comes to be true and some allegations that are not true, but we depend on the reports.

### **SPLM/A-IO Senior representative**

- Noticed the way things repeat themselves, those being disputed, he said if the document is read well, he could not know if it is an ongoing investigation or if these are conclusions.
- Because training can be conducted and trainees passed-out yet the ground can remain empty. What exactly could be the difference between the refresher training and actual recruitment? Are they being separated in the R-ARCSS? If there is refresher training it should not continue and be counted as a violation.
- He said that, the state secretary made a clear statement of 4,000 trainees in Mathiang, this was pointing to something. All in all we need to help ourself and come to terms that some of the things we do are enough and must stop, or people will think that there is something on going without the other party knowing. And the confidence building cannot be done in isolation, we have to do things with open hearts.
- Because even just yesterday there was a graduation in Renk County which was Televised. Think we need to be extra careful with some of these actions. Thus, an independent investigation is of necessity.
- There is need for conclusion and clear the doubts on what is really happening. We should not create fear and allow peace to move on without fearing what the other party is doing contrary to the R-ARCSS.





## **SPLM/A-IO Senior representative**

- Welcomed the new Chairperson, and implored all that what we are here for is peace, arguing all the time he said something is not true because we have not been honest with ourselves we know what happened in 2013, 2016 and we are all South Sudanese we are not coming from nowhere, we know what is happening, this issue of recruitment and training is continuous. We know any commander of the army will create his forces, same for governors. We should not hide these things and indeed the forces of South Sudan are not yet unified yet. It is clear why we are not unified till this time and we know it.
- In the report it was trying to keep the forces out of the problem, it is as an exception that there was no training. well knowing all of us South Sudanese on this table we are not responsible for this, those responsible are not here. Even though training is expensive and requires feeding and other logistics how can people be kept in the training? If we know anything we should bring it out otherwise seemingly those making the report are not independent but only they seem to be avoiding getting into problems.
- If they report the correct thing well it will be good. Even if a false report is presented it will also be seen here. That is why there is a need for CTSAMVM to have an accurate independent body if something happens all South Sudanese from all the parties and the international observers to go and see and verify.





**Chairman further guided that:**

- He said that he likes the way of delivering ideas to each other about the national obligations, he said it is a good thing and today nothing is unclear on the CTSAMVM report and we are discussing on trust building issues, parties are to deliver and address their concerns to each other in a good and scholarly manner.
- But today CTSAMVM technical report does not have many issues because it is short and clear to be understood.

**DECISIONS CTSAMVM CTC on 9 May 24:****The CTSAMVM Technical Committee decided that:*****Regarding the CTSAMVM Report 2024/07;***

- *CTSAMVM is urging SSPDF 3 Division's Military Police (MP) should exit Mathiang facility to the newly allocated area so that the NBeGS University can fully commence its operations.*
- *The parties are urged to reported well in advance about Refresher training so as not to cause panic among the locals.*

***Regarding the Ceasefire:***

- *That the Parties continue to remain vigilant, and by all measures avoid involving their forces, allies or militia in violence.*
- *That JDB takes immediate remedial action for any clashes that may occur, they need to take interest in the current Minyral clash and Tambura County Killings.*
- *National Salvation Front to adhere to the Rome Declaration of 12 Jan 2020 and its follow-on resolutions*

***Regarding the NUF Deployment:***

- *That clear deployment schedule for the balance of NUF Phase one Graduates and other organised forces be shared and effected so as to curb the spate of clashes in different states.*
- *That JDB shares the date of commencement of phase 2 training since the principals have agreed.*





**Regarding the Occupied Building:**

- Parties are urged to vacate occupied civilian areas as a matter of urgency to avoid continual violation of the R-ARCSS.
- JDB to develop a plan for forces to vacate occupied buildings and ensure they are deployed correctly.

**Any Other Business:****SSOA Senior Representative**

- He has a humble question for all members of CTSAMVM and CTC that one year ago when the outgoing Chairperson was having a farewell all leaders were invited and attended, recently there was a farewell for the Senior reports Officer Mr. Nigel Melverton and only 3 members of CTC attended, he believes its not good, because when a member is leaving the CTSAMVM, he expects all colleagues to attend, he asked if it is only leaders who are invited?
- The Chairman retorted that it depends on the capacity and for this coming one will depend on the COS and the incoming Chairman, but it may not be possible to invite all members because of different limitations.

**SPLM/A-IO Representative**

- He appreciates the efforts of the outgoing Chairman saying when he took over office, moods of members was not the way he was leaving them. These days, the level of cordiality will be attributed to the outgoing chairman's efforts and there is a need for the incoming successor to be briefed.
- He noted that other ongoing issues had not yet been accomplished like the issue of the 2 closed MVTs, the incoming chairman should be made aware of where you had reached with their reopening, and there was a request for Insurance, ID card, and some gadgets that were to be issued from the office. He also noted that though Lt Gen Rabi left, he had highlighted that, there is





a need for a meeting of senior representatives with the Chairman before the outgoing Chairman leaves. And wished him a safe journey in advance.

**The chairman informed the members that:**

- For ID, the decision to issue was made, and members should bring their photos. There is no guarantee yet for insurance until the budget is in place. Whatever will be available the outgoing chair will leave with the incoming but he cautioned members to place demands for what is within the limits of the chairman to do, if he cannot afford there should not be any push.
- Try to be part of the solution he implored. He explained the incoming Chairman is a smart officer more experienced in the region.
- As officers and human beings, we are always trying to solve problems, but if we fail it should be understood.

**INCOMING Chairman** (Major General Yitayal Gelaw)

- Gave a brief to members about his background stating he has 33 years of military service experience, Prior to being the CTSAMVM Chairperson, he was Chief of Ethiopian National Defense Research and Development Center from April 2012 to March 2024. He served as Deputy commander of Ethiopian Air Force for Human Resource between 2018 and 2022.
- Other senior leadership positions in which he has served include: Deputy Commander for Air operation in Northern Command Air Base, Mekele, from 2014 to 2015; Ethiopian Air Force Eastern Air Base commander, from 2012 to 2013; Deputy Commandeer for Air Operation at Eastern Air Base, Diredawa, from 2009 to 2010. Other previous assignments include Chief of Commissary, protocol and Transit division; Inspector General Ethiopian Air





Force HQ, Debrezeit; Flying Crew, serving as Navigator; and Chief of the Aerial Survey section in Ethiopian Air Force.

- He also participated in UN Peace Support operation in UNISFA –Joint Border Verification and Monitoring as a Sector 2 Commander, Kadaguli, Sudan, (2013/14). He attended Ethiopian Defense Command and Staff College (2008-09) and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Military Science and Leadership and holds a Master of Arts degree in Peace and Conflict studies from Mekele university.
- He participated in different workshops in different countries across the region. He said he was glad to work with members in the next assignment here in South Sudan.
- On sustaining the peace in South Sudan he noted that the security situation in the region is volatile, but for each of us and all the parties taking into consideration there are people behind you so accordingly we do our best despite the challenges. If we consider the regulations we shall be better. Transparency will make things run smoothly. Managing conflict matters from individual to individual, group from group.

### **ITGoNU Representative**

- He welcomed the new CTSAMVM Chairperson and appreciated the efforts and contributions of the outgoing CTSAMVM Chairman. He requests both Outgoing and incoming Chairmen to exercise a proper handing over with the focus on outstanding issues. He equally asked the incoming chairperson to conduct CTSAMVM workshop on how all CTSAMVM and particularly National Monitors/MVTs, CTC Members to stand abreast on their mandate of monitoring, verification and reporting item, he pointed to the and request for





the proper use of of the meagre resourses at CTSAMVMs disposal he wished the incoming chairperson to carry his duties as a chairperson of CTSAMVM with a different style of leadership from his predesessors.

- He also commend the work of secretariat and ask for improvement.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

The date for the next meeting; **19 June 2024**

Meeting End: 1330

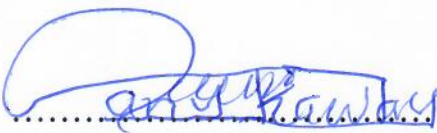
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