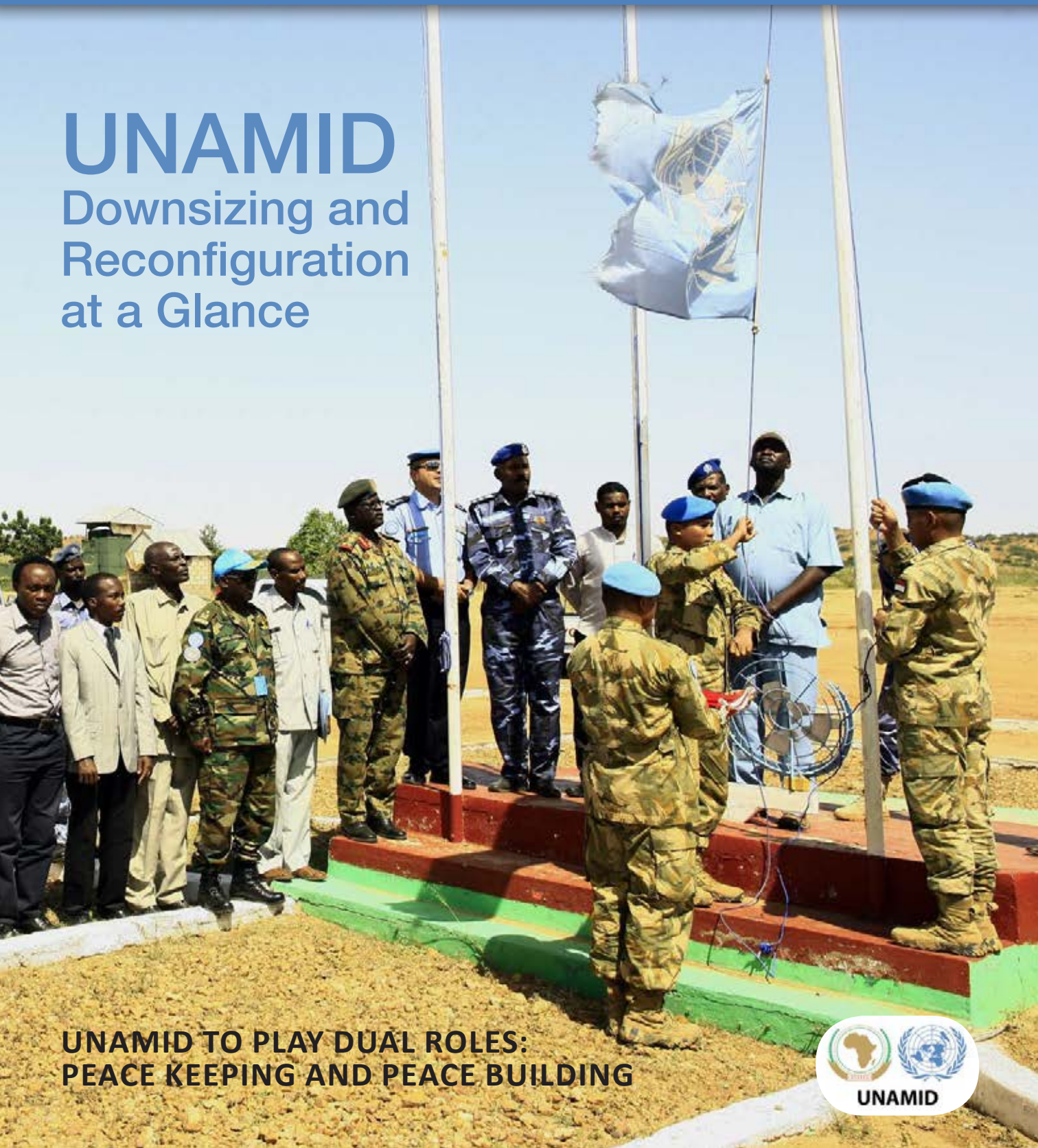


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**UNAMID TO PLAY DUAL ROLES:
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UNAMID FORCE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

May I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for the work so far done in the year 2017. The Military component will continue to work with other components of UNAMID and various stakeholders to ensure successful delivery of the mandate.

According to Security Council Resolution 2363 of 2017, UNAMID's strategic priorities remain: protection of civilians and facilitation of humanitarian access, while ensuring the safety and security of humanitarian personnel; continuous mediation between the Government of Sudan and non-signatory armed movements; and supporting mediation of inter-communal conflicts.

The Darfur region of Sudan has so far witnessed significant political developments, especially in the context of the national dialogue. This can be attributed in part to the concerted contributions by mission personnel and the strategic direction that the country has taken. The mission is in the process

of comprehensive reconfiguration to be in harmony with these political developments.

In this regard, I would like to thank peacekeepers in all sectors for their tireless efforts and exhibition of the highest levels of professionalism in handling various situations during the course of their duties. I would also like to thank our clients and the host for giving us a chance to serve them as we continue to deliver on the mandate. Lastly, I would like to implore on all to continue with the good efforts and uphold the principles of integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity in all undertakings. Our contributions as individuals and collectively are key in realizing the mandate for the betterment of the people of Darfur.

Leonard Muriuki Ngondi,
Lieutenant General,
UNAMID Force Commander



FROM THE DESK OF THE UNAMID DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER

UNAMID Military component showcases its presence in its Area of Responsibility (AOR) for implementation of the mandate for protection of civilians, protection of UNAMID personnel / assets and for ensuring a secure environment for safe passage of humanitarian assistance to the IDPs and the civilian population at large.

This year's UNAMID Force Magazine tends to project the activities of the military component. I am sure, this will enhance the image of force members who are relentlessly working for sustained peace in Darfur. I congratulate and thank Military Public Information Office for making such an effort and appreciate those who worked very hard to make it successful.

On average, UNAMID conducts more than 450 patrols a day and is working to provide physical protection to civilians in Darfur, during day and night. The military component is supporting IDPs within their capabilities to create a protected environment for the communities in close coordination with the humanitarian agencies. The Military component is helping IDPs to access basic humanitarian needs like food, water, shelter, healthcare and others from relevant humanitarian agencies.

Besides providing physical protection to the civilian population, UNAMID military component provides critical support during emergency.

In this year, we witnessed a massive outbreak of fire in

Korma IDP camp which caused significant loss to human lives and properties. UNAMID swiftly reacted to support fire-fighting efforts and managed to save precious human lives and properties.

Through UNAMID medical facilities, civilians are continuously given emergency medical care and first aid. The Military component is also relentlessly working on various CIMIC (Civilian-Military Coordination) projects in the fields of education, sanitation, healthcare and other humanitarian aspects.

With the able and dynamic leadership of the UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi, all members of the UNAMID military component are working with their utmost dedication to fulfil the mandate of the Mission at all times. Close cooperation and coordination between UNAMID Military, Police, GoS and UNAMID civil components are key to our success. Maintaining regular engagements, supporting the mediation effort, portraying a robust posture during military-related activities and working to materialize the core theme of the UN mandate at all levels, will bring sustainable peace in Darfur. Professionalism and commitment are the key to our success.

Fida Hussain Malik

Major General

UNAMID Deputy Force Commander



NOTE FROM CHIEF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Welcome to the UNAMID Military Magazine for 2017. Time flies, as 2017 is ending. May it be a vintage year, and bring you both health and success. The magazine is now over seven years old that focused on specific areas of great interest to our readership.

UNAMID Military Magazine contains various news and features, it includes amongst other operational visits by UNAMID military leadership, CIMIC activities, training conducted in the mission, and Engineering activities.

The objective of UNAMID Military Magazine is to cover and publish up-to-date, high-quality, relevant and insightful events by disseminating well-balanced information on the activities of the mission to the local, national and international media.

A well-conceived and well-managed public information programme is an essential element of any successful peacekeeping operation. Ultimately, Mission operations by the military are largely dependent on public support and cooperation, which must be anchored by the Public Information Office. The UNAMID must work quickly and efficiently to provide the public with information. We must however accept that the media with its more complex

information gathering, verification and dissemination systems, will often be able to respond to news stories quicker than we can.

The UNAMID Force Magazine intends to inform the troops on the ground of what is happening in the mission in order to elicit greater support.

We welcome your feedback and comments. To send comments email to: unamid-hq-ssio@un.org

Erick Edward Komba,
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UNAMID DOWNSIZING AND RECONFIGURATION AT A GLANCE

On 31 July 2007 the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) passed Resolution 1769 that formally established the United Nations / African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) as a peacekeeping mission to support the implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement of 2006 (the Abuja Agreement) with a mandate to stem violence against civilians in the western Sudan's region.

On 23 May 2017, the Government of Sudan, African Union and the United Nations reached an agreement on gradual withdrawal of the mission from Darfur. Pursuant to UNAMID Exit Strategy and in accordance with UNSCR 2296 (2016) and the SG's letter of 28 Oct 16, an integrated team comprising representatives of the United Nations and African Union was in Khartoum and Darfur from 5-17 Mar 17 to conduct a Strategic Review of the Mission.

The Strategic Review team considered opportunities for the right sizing of the Mission by assessing the conflict dynamics, political developments, humanitarian situation in Darfur and progress on the strategic priorities of UNAMID. A joint report of the team which recommended reconfiguration of UNAMID was submitted to the African Peace and Security Council and the UNSC on 18 May 17.

The Strategic Review recommended a two pronged approach for a new concept of operation which combines peace building and peacekeeping tasks with a focus on protection of civilians, clearance of explosive remnants of war, emergency relief, support the building of rule of law institutions, mediation of inter-communal conflicts and follow up of security sector reform issues and implementation of the DDPD.

During Phase One of the Strategic Review (Concentration) which is from Jul-Dec 17, the Joint Mission Task Force consisting of 4 Battalions with the Headquarters at Zalingie will be estab-



On 17 October 2017, UNAMID handed over Habila Team site to the Government of Sudan. The handover documents were signed by Ohiozoba Ehiede (right), Human Rights Team Leader, Sector West, on behalf of UNAMID, while Muktar Abdulkarim, State Minister of Media, Information and Culture signed on behalf of the Government of Sudan. Photo by Muntasir Sharafadin, UNAMID.

lished. It would include a Temporary Operating Base to be established at Golo and incorporate the following 9 Team Sites: Zalingie, Nertiti(Sector Central); ShangilTobaya, Sortony, Kabkabya, Tawila(Sector North); Kass, Menawashi, KhorAbeche (Sector South).

The following 11 Team Sites have been handed over to GoS: El Fasher/ AbouShouk, El Fasher/Zamzam, Malha, Um Kadada, Tine, Mellit (Sector North), Habila, For Baranga (Sector West), Ed El Fursan, Tulus (Sector South) and Muha-jeria (Sector East).

In Phase Two (Stabilization), which will last another 6 months from Jan-Jun 18, military units will be withdrawn from the following 7 Team Sites and handed over to the FPU: Kalma (Sector South), Masteri(Sector West),Shearia(-Sector East), Sarafumra, Korma, Umm Baru, and El Serief (Sector North).

Shearia Team Site was handed over to the FPU in Sep 17.

UNAMID will maintain military presence with 4 Battalions in North, South, East and West Darfur. Each State capital will have one Battalion, which will be known as State Security Assistance Force (SSAF) and includes command and control elements. The HQ of the SSAF will be located at Nyala while the Force HQ will remain co-located with the MHQ at El Fasher.

At the end of Phase two, the military troops level will be reduced to 8 Infantry Battalions, with a total force strength of 8,735. Three Battalions are expected to end operations when the Phase is terminated. Additionally, the Central Reserve Battalion and 4 Reserve Companies located in the State capitals have been proposed to end operations at this stage.



LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEONARD MURIUKI NGONDI APPOINTED AS NEW UNAMID FORCE COMMANDER

On 8th August 2017, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and African Union Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahama announced the appointment of Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi of Kenya as Force Commander for the African Union United Nations- Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). He succeeded Lieutenant General Frank Mushyo Kamanzi of Rwanda who has been posted to UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) as Force Commander.

Lt Gen Ngondi has a distinguished career spanning over 39 years with the Kenyan Defence Forces. He has served as Commander of the Kenyan Army (2015-2016), General Officer Commanding Western Command and General Officer Commanding Eastern Command, Chief Instructor Defence Staff College, Brigade Commander and Commandant School of Infantry. Lt Gen Ngondi has also served as Force Commander in the United Nations Mission in Liberia (2012) and Commanding Officer, Kenyan Battalion (KENBATT) in the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (2000). He was also deployed as part of the Kenyan contingent in the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in Namibia (1990). Before this appointment, Lt Gen Ngondi was Commandant of the National Defence College, a position he held since 2016.

Lt Gen Ngondi is a graduate of the Kenyan National Defence College and Defence Staff College. He holds a Bachelors degree in Human and Social Studies from the University of South Africa and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in International Studies from University of Nairobi. The General is married and blessed with three children.



1 Incoming UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi receives the General Salute from guard of honour at UNAMID Headquarters, El Fasher, 11 Sep 2017.

2 Incoming UNAMID Force Commander Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi inspects the guard of honour at the UNAMID Headquarters, El Fasher, 11 Sep 2017.

3 Incoming UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi share a light moment with UNAMID Deputy Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hus-sain Malik. El Fasher, 11 Sep 2017.



UNAMID Acting Force Commander, Major General Fida Hussain presenting a plaque in honour of Lieutenant General Frank Mushyo Kamanzi (The outgoing UNAMID Force Commander) service with UNAMID during the Dinner Party held at the Nepalese Reseve Camp, El Fasher Darfur on 19 May 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

FAREWELL TO LT GEN FRANK MUSHYO KAMANZI

Lieutenant General Frank Mushyo Kamanzi is a role model for future generations of Military leaders on any mission

- Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik

It's a worldwide military ritual to changes in various appointments at a regular interval in every military setup.

The officers complete their tour of duty with a number of benchmarks; each of which may be considered important than previous ones. This remains the beauty of military philosophy and ethos.

For Lt Gen Kamanzi the numerous benchmarks were outstanding, little wonder the UNAMID Force deemed it necessary to honour him to a farewell dinner, with lots of encomiums to his performance.

At the event Lt .Gen Kamanzi thanked every one for the sup-

port provided during his tenure and stressed the importance of continuous work towards achieving the objectives of UNAMID.

During his Speech, the Outgoing Force Chief Of Staff, Brigadier General Kashif Naveed Abbasi said, "from military and operational perspective, I can comfortably say that General Kamanzi is a well composed military officer and bears a balanced approach of handling military issues in a multinational environment. His proven ability to deal with complex and multi-lateral issues at operational and strategic levels facilitated in achieving the

desired UNAMID mandate. The best military trait which I found in him is his ability to remain calm under odd situations, and his skill to offer sound judgment which always helped in achieving operational successes in Darfur”.

He continued by saying, “throughout my stay at FHQ, I have found him to be a thorough professional, meticulous thinker, a visionary leader and a humble and down-to-earth person”.

During his Speech, UNAMID Deputy Force Commander, Maj Gen Fidasaid “During this turbulent period of Darfur history, General Lieutenant Frank Mushyo Kamanzi undertook the onerous course of international peace-keeping and brought outstanding achievements to the multinational mission” also “Not only did he fully understand the seriousness of his task, he also possessed the conviction and competence to respond effectively to the process, proving that he had the experience and the capacity to take on this challenge”.

He proved to be an officer with a futuristic vision and a clear understanding of the dynamics of his work. With his rich and varied experience, General Kamanzi has climbed a constant gradient of sectioning and has maintained a recognized high standard professional capacity.

A dedicated soldier, a respected leader of men and an adherent of the highest military standards and values, Lieutenant General Frank Mushyo Kamanzi is a role model for future generations of military leaders on any mission.

The General also channelled his efforts to build a relationship of trust with his men, and this initiative has been highly rewarding within UNAMID for the cause of peacekeeping.



The outgoing UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Frank Mushyo Kamanzi handshaking with the outgoing Deputy Chief Of Staff (Personnel, Evaluation and Training) Col Shaharyar Saleem Khan during farewell bid event held in El Fasher, North Darfur on 19th May 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

From his personality perspective, he displayed an adaptable but firm disposition. As well as being a considerate person who has a caring attitude.

Lt .Gen Kamanzi is a witty person and holds a pleasant personality. At a number of occasions especially during morning briefs, when the atmosphere used to be encumbered amidst intricate service matters, one light remark from him turns the grimness into amusement, enabling us to find out a better solution to problems.

All UNAMID military, police and civilian personnel are grateful to Lt .Gen Kamanzi for the efforts and work done and wish him success in his new position in the neighbouring country of South Sudan, with the hope that with his professionalism and great experience, he will contribute to solve the problems of the crisis that faces our neighbour South Sudan.

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*- Brigadier General
Kashif Naveed Abbasi*



The group photo during 36th FCGM: From Centre, is UNAMID Acting Force Commander Major General Fida Hussain Malik, on his right is the Outgone Force Chief Of Staff, Brigadier General Kashif Naveed Abbasi, followed by Sector Central Commander Brig Gen Kamrul Islam and the outgone Sector West Commander Brig Gen Asrat AMAD. To the left of Acting Force Commander is Sector North Commander Brig Gen Syed Mazhar Hussain, followed by Sector East commander Brig Gen Sherif Moawad and Sector South Commander, Brig Gen Godwin Umelo. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

36TH FCGM: STRATEGIC REALIGNMENT OF THE MISSION: UNAMID TO PLAY DUAL ROLES: PEACE KEEPING AND PEACE BUILDING – MAJ GEN FIDA HUSSAIN MALIK

36th FCGM was held on 24-25 Jul 2017 at El – Fasher Super Camp under the administrative arrangement of Sector North.

Commander SN warmly welcomed the participants and expressed that it remained a matter of privilege for SN to host 36th FCGM at a time when UNAMID had already commenced the reconfiguration and downsizing process.

During his opening remarks Acting UNAMID Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik expressed his appreciation to the Commander Sector North for hosting the 36th FCGM at a short notice in a befitting manner. He emphasized on the importance of the event, as it pro-

vided an opportunity to mission senior military leadership to carry out periodic review of the prevailing situation in the Mission areas and understand critical issues that would require urgent solutions.

Acting UNAMID Force Commander elaborated on the cardinals of military reconfiguration strategy along with implementation timelines. Additionally, he encouraged all to understand that the reconfiguration would be an intricate and testing process which would require meticulous planning and conscientious execution at all tiers. He also encouraged all participants to use this moment to critically evaluate the success and failures in the im-

plementation of the UNAMID mandate since the last FCGM. He urged all to focus on discussions with an analytical approach so as to find solutions to some of the serious challenges.

Different Presentations were given by all Sector Commanders on understanding of the new mandate. As per Security Council Resolution, the cardinal of the new mandate to develop common understanding and interpretation by all and manifestation of peace-keeping and peace-building operations.

Concluding his remarks, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik thanked and appreciated all members for their participation.



The Head of Office, Mr Hassani Gibril (Seated in the middle) and Sector North Commander, Brigadier General Syed Mahzar Hussain (second from left) paying attention to one of the presenters (not seen on the photo) during the final program for the first quarter Sector Commander's Group meeting held in Sector North premises on 15th March 2017. Photo by Sgt Ansumana Colley, UNAMID Military Public Information Office).

PERFORMANCE APPRECIATED – BRIG GEN SYED MAZHAR HUSSAIN

On 15 March 2017, at ARC Town Hall, El Fasher, the Military Component of Sector North held its first quarter Sector Commander's Group Meeting (SCGM). The meeting was attended by all Commanding Officers, Officers commanding various military components under Sector North, MILOBs, and SOs.

In his opening remarks the Sector Commander extended his gratitude to the Sector North Head of Office (HoO), Mr Hassan Gibril, for gracing the occasion and welcomed all the participants.

The Sector North Commander appreciated the performance of

all the components and urged the Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) to continue working tirelessly in order to ensure smooth functioning of the Sector towards enhancing peace-keeping performance in the field. He was delighted to note that the PKFs were upholding the "highest global standards" of peace keeping in the largest sector of UNAMID.

A number of issues including operational and administrative matters were discussed. The Sector Commander underscored "singleness of conception" as the key phrase for the SCGM.

In his concluding remarks, the SN HoO expressed his gratitude to the Sector Commander, for organizing the SCGM, which he said was an important avenue to discuss issues affecting the Sector in its efforts to fulfil the Mission's mandate.

The HoO also expressed his appreciation to all participants for their effective contributions during the deliberations. He went on to say that the meeting was successful and hitch-free and that such meetings are of paramount importance in the implementation of operational duties and responsibilities in the delivery of the UNAMID mandate.

PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS: THE CORE MANDATE AND HEART OF UNAMID



UNAMID Military securitized Abushouk IDPs Camp, El Fasher, North Darfur. Photo by Mohamad Almahady, UNAMID.

The Security Council adopted Resolution 2363 (2017) which renewed the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) until 30 June 2018, while deciding to draw down the mission's troop and police strength over the next one year. The Protection of Civilians is one of the renewed core mandates of UNAMID.

Civilian protection is a crucial part of creating durable political settlement, as any peace agreement that tolerates continued violence against civilians will not provide a solid foundation to build a legitimate and sustainable future.

Since 2003 the language mandating civilian protection has increasingly appeared in Security Council resolutions, peace support doctrine, and humanitarian frameworks.

Civilian security is critical to the legitimacy and credibility of

*"No one on the earth
cares if we survive
except God and
sometimes UNAMID"*

*- International Refugee
Rights Initiative, June 2016.*

any peacekeeping operation since they have increasingly become the major victims of armed conflicts.

UNAMID Military has been explicitly mandated to "protect civilians under imminent threat of physical violence" by carrying out a range of activities including engaging with parties to the conflict and affected communities, providing physical protection and establishment of a protective environment.

UNAMID has continuously exhibited high level of commitment in discharge of core mandate of protection of civilians, UNAMID personnel / assets and humanitarian assistance in Darfur Region. The mission carries out an average of 450 PoC activities daily. In addition, UNAMID has continually held several meetings and consultations with the Government of Sudan to address serious security challenges in the region and IDP Camps.

The military component constantly shows its presence by dominating the Region with robust security patrols/escorts geared towards confidence building.

It is therefore hoped that the fragile peace being enjoyed today in Darfur would be sustained after the ongoing reconfiguration and change in concept of operations of UNAMID

TRAINING IS THE CORNER STONE OF OPERATIONAL READINESS



Nepalese Force Reserve Company (NEPFR-CXII) conducting Live Firing Exercise in GoS Military 6 Division Firing range. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

Operational readiness of any force is gauged through the level of training being conducted. In UN's environment, different countries participate with various levels of operational readiness. Therefore, conduct of multinational operations within

UN's Area of Responsibility (AOR) generates a variety of challenges. The major challenge is to establish a common standard of operations for staff work, orders, procedures and consequently of conducting the mission. Therefore, a common approach for military training within the Peacekeeping Forces (PKF) is essential to achieve the Force Commanders' (FC) Mission.

Training is the cornerstone of readiness!!! In the gamut of military operations or Peace Support Missions like UNAMID; continuous training is a critical key to success. The multinational-

size of UNAMID, underscores the importance of synergy and smooth interoperability. Supervision and assessment of training throughout the entire mission is done as the Chief U 7 Col Waleed Ahmed told that, Military Training Cell organizes and coordinates a myriad of training interventions by organizing courses, workshops and exercises (for Military Observers, Staff Officers and Combat Troops in the Field) to enhance interoperability, proficiency and sustain continuity in the discharge of all critical duties in support of the UNAMID mandate"

In UNAMID, Force Headquarters (FHQ), the MTC is the unique facility for all military related training activities. MTC conducts training field visits to the contingents to ensure constant performance appraisal of the administrative, logistic and

operational support staff. MTC has the responsibility of monitoring and evaluating all military training activities within UNAMID AOR through field visits with Evaluations & Inspection visits being conducted on a quarterly basis.

Training in UNAMID is provided by conducting operational courses. Training and refreshers of specialized topics is done by MTC normally on a quarterly basis. The cell carries out necessary coordination with other sections and extend support for training of military component.

Furthermore, once deployed in its individual appointment, every Military Member, Staff Officer (SO), Liaison Officer (LO), Military Observer (MILOB) and TCC Member of UNAMID must know that what he/she is required to do; how he/she is going to achieve the assigned tasks and take advantage of available support in any situation.

To achieve this, Pre-Deployment, Induction and Continuous Training as well as Exercises in the mission area are conducted to include Induction courses for new arrival SOs, MOs and LOs, U2 Refresher Courses, U3 Refresher Courses, AMLO Course, Logistic Courses, Gender Focal Point Courses, CRSV Courses and ToT Courses are also conducted for the training of contingents and SOs/ MOs and LOs.

MTC conducts the Training of Trainers Course (TOT) to train officers of incoming Battalions to effectively train other TCCs members and to ensure that UNAMID is self-sustained with trained soldiers in the fundamental concept of UN peacekeeping.

PHOTO GALLERY



UNAMID Joint Special Representative, Jeremiah Mamabolo handshaking with MILAD OMA, Lt Gen Carlos Loitey during operational visit to sector central- on 5th October 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



UNAMID Force Commander Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi attended as guest of honour to the photo exhibition and debate in Omdurman Islamic University, El Fasher, North Darfur on 25 September 2017 during International Peace Day. Photo by Mohammad Al Mahdi, UNAMID.



UNAMID peacekeepers interact with members of the local population during a patrol at Zam Zam camp for internally displaced persons, near El Fasher, North Darfur. As part of its protection of civilians mandate, the Mission operates daily patrols – numbering in the hundreds each week – that cover camps and villages across Darfur. Photo by Mohamad Almahady, UNAMID.



On 15 March 2017, a Strategic Review Mission on UNAMID concluded a one-week visit to Darfur. The team, composed of representatives of the United Nations and the African Union, visited all five Darfur states, meeting Government officials, internally displaced persons and the Mission leadership. In the photo, the team arrives in Zalingei, Central Darfur. Photo by Shadrick Ngonga, UNAMID.



On 21 October 2017, UNAMID Joint Special Representative, Jeremiah Mamabolo (centre) handed over the Mission's team site in ZamZam, North Darfur, to the Government of Sudan. The handover – which was attended by Abdul-Wahid Yousif Ibrahim, the Wali (Governor) of North Darfur (right) -- is part of the Mission's ongoing reconfiguration as mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 2363. Photo by Amin Ismail, UNAMID.



FIRE OUTBREAK IN KORMA TEAM SITE

UNAMID Dignitaries Team headed by UNAMID Joint Special Representative and accompanied by Acting UNAMID Force Commander, Sector North Commander, Chief Humanitarian Affairs, Regional Humanitarian LO, Representative from OCHA, Judicial Affairs and Office of the DJSR paid operational visit to Korma Team Site on 15th June 2017.

The delegation visited Korma IDP camp, where a large fire incident occurred on 9th June 17 resulted five people died and 15 injured. The JSR interacted with IDP leader, UMDA's and Sheikh of Sheikhs and assured support from the mission. Humanitarian Representative Madam EMMY added that all UN agencies are concerned by the disaster and mentioned that nonfood items such as buckets for water, blankets, cover for houses were already provided on 14th June and WFP sent food on 15th June to the victims.

Korma Team Site also provided water for the IDP camp. Interacting with the delegation, Sheikh / IDP leader highlighted that Korma faced more than 20 fire incidents during the last three years and UNAMID assisted in every case. He

stated that the reason of the recent fire incident was a family dispute.

The sheikh also mentioned that Arab herders occupied their abandoned villages and asked for reconciliation to return back to their homes. The delegation then visited Zulfa Medical Clinic and WFP distribution point,

and interacted with IDPs.

The doctor at the clinic reported lack of medicines and sought assistance. He also stated that the equipment needs maintenance. He stated that the people in the area have been suffering from many diseases, especially malaria.

UNAMID Joint Special Representative, Mr Mamabolo Kingsley greeting some women who were affected by fire incident that occurred on 09th June 17 in Korma Team Site. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



UNAMID FORCE COMMANDER VISITS AT SECTOR CENTRAL



UNAMID Force Commander , Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi share a light moment with RWANDBATTS 48 during his Operational Visit at NERTITI Team Site on 30 September 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



Sector Central Commander, Brig Gen Kamrul Islam giving welcoming remarks to UNAMID Force Commander , Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi and his Entorage at NERTITI Team Site during his Operational visit to Sector Central on 30 September 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

UNAMID FORCE COMMANDER VISITS AT SECTOR WEST



UNAMID Force Commander , Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi giving votes of thanks to Sector West Members for the well welcoming and hospitality showed during his Operational Visit on 1 October 2017.



UNAMID Force Commander , Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi inspects the Guard of Honour prepared by INDONESIA Coy after he arrived at Sector West on 1st October 2017 in SWHQ, ElGeneina. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

UNAMID DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER VISITS AT SECTOR SOUTH



The group photo: Seated From Centre, is UNAMID Deputy Force Commander Major General Fida Hussain Malik, on his right is the Sector South Commander, Brig Gen Godwin Umelo and to the left of Deputy Force Commander is Sector East Commander Brig Gen Sherif Moawad. Photo by Lt. Selemani Semuny.

TANZBATT 11 Commanding Officer, Lt Col William Sandy welcoming UNAMID DEPUTY Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik with entourage while visited Khor Abeche for Operational Visit on 7th November 2017. Photo by Lt. Selemani Semuny.



ACTING UNAMID FORCE COMMANDER VISITS AT SECTOR EAST



UNAMID Acting Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik planting the pawpaw tree at PAK BATT 4 at sector east during his Operational Visit on 24 May 17. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section



UNAMID Acting Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik on a conference with the Officers of PAK BATT 4 on 24 Mar 17, discussing the challenges they face. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

UNAMID HONOURED NEPALESE AND KENYANS UN PEACEKEEPING MEDAL



The outgoing UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi, looking at the parade marching, during joint Kenyan and Nepalese contingents medal ceremony on 6 April, 2017 at Nepalese Ground Parade-FHQ, El Fasher. Photo by UNAMID Public Information Section.

A United Nations Peace Keeping Medal Parade is one of the most anticipated events for uniformed personnel in the Mission's operation area. Medal decoration serves as the ultimate recognition of a peacekeeper's dedication and sacrifice during one's deployment in a foreign land.

The UN Peace Keeping Medal is one of several international decorations conferred to military personnel of different nationalities who participate in UN international military and police operations such as peacekeeping, humanitarian efforts, and disaster relief. In this year, UNAMID top leadership decorated members of Kenya, Nepalese, Rwanda, Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Pakistani with UN Medal.

In this regard, The outgoing UNAMID Force Commander, lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi, on 6 April, 2017 awarded UN peace keeping medals to troops from the Kenyan and Nepalese contingents. The ceremony took place in the Nepalese Force Reserve Company.

Addressing guests, the outgoing UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi, reiterated that the "a prestigious medal is a symbol of one's commitment, sacrifice and devotion in any military undertaking. From today (onwards) all Medal recipients will wear the earned 'Peace Medal' and project themselves as the true Ambassadors of Peace all over the World".

In his welcoming remarks, the Nepalese Senior National Officer, Col Santosh Raj Pandey indicated that Nepal, became a member of the United Nations in 1955, and since then, Nepal has been an active participant in most UN peace keeping operations. Noting that participation of the Nepalese Army, in UN peace support operations, spans over half a century, covering some 42 different UN missions, in which over one hundred and sixteen thousand Nepalese peacekeepers have participated. "I assure you, we have and will always respond to the call from UNAMID whenever needed," he added.

Addressing the same gathering, Ken-

ya Senior National Officer, Colonel Iddi stated that peace support operations, within the Kenya Defence forces, can be traced back to 1973 when the United Nations requested the Republic of Kenya to contribute forces for peace support operations in the volatile Middle East after the 1973 the Israel-Arabs wars. "The first comprehensive participation of Kenya Defence Forces in peace support operations was in 1979, when the Commonwealth requested the Republic of Kenya to contribute troops for a peace mission in Rhodesia (Now Zimbabwe)," he added.

Since then, Kenyan peacekeepers have served in UN operations in 16 different countries in Africa, The Middle East, The Balkans and Asia.

The first UN Medal was awarded during the Korean War between 1950 and 1953. Since 1955, many additional Medals have been created and awarded for participation in various United Nations missions and actions around the world.

CHENGCOY-13 MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY



CHENGCOY 13 Members saluting while the AU / UN anthem was played. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



FORCE Chief of Staff, Brig Gen Denis Rutaha decorates the Commanding Officer, CHENGCOY 13 during the medal ceremony held at Nyala SC, South Darfur On 10 Oct 17. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



CHENGCOY 13 marching out from Parade Ground. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

RWANDAN PEACEKEEPERS IN DARFUR DECORATED WITH UN MEDALS



Deputy Joint Special Representative Bintou Keita decorating RWANBATT-50 Commanding Officer, Maj Emery Kayumba on 4th July 2017 with UN Medal. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

Rwandan peacekeepers serving under African Union United Nations Hybrid Operations in Darfur were decorated with UN medals on 4th July 2017 to RWANBATT 50, and on 19th Oct 2017 RWANBATT 48 in recognition for service carried in bringing peace and stability in Darfur region.

While officiating the colourful UN Medal Ceremony, Madam Bintou Keita the outgoing Deputy Joint Special Representative acknowledged RWANBATT's contributions to the implementation of the UNAMID mandate and also recognised the high level of professionalism displayed in supporting Darfuris people since their deployment in November 2007.

She expressed thankfulness to RWANBATT50 for constructing and handing over of a pre-school located at El Nasrudar village in El-Fasher on 20 May 2017.

She appreciated it as an excellent example of the activities that contribute to create a conducive and enabling environment for peace, because without education there can be no prospect for sustained peace.

On behalf of the Joint Special Representative, she thanked the Government of Rwanda for its important contribution and sustained commitment to UN peacekeeping operations as these ef-

forts make Rwanda one of the top troop contributing countries with over 6,000 Rwandan Peacekeepers deployed in UN missions worldwide.

Madam Bintou Keita commended and witnessed the development of Rwanda after Genocide and recommended it as an inspiring lesson of hope to Darfurians, Sudan and for Africa in

general. 23 years later, Rwanda which is 20 times smaller than Darfur and 70 times smaller than the entire Sudan has been radically transformed.

She added that, Rwanda is a reference in various areas such as: women participation in politics, Kigali is Africa's cleanest city, Regional IT Hub, free education, strong economy, health among others"

UNAMID Deputy Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik decorates the Commanding Officer, RWANDBATT 49 during the medal ceremony held at Kabkabya SC, North Darfur On 12 Sep 17.



PAKBATT-4 AND PAKBATT-5 MEDAL DECORATION CEREMONY

Pakistan is one of the largest UN troop contributors, and has rendered high sacrifices amongst peacekeepers, with over 7000 troops in UN peacekeeping operations, Pakistani troops have remained steadfast in fighting inequality, intolerance; unethical acts and violations against humanity. So far, Pakistani contingents have been deployed in 41 UN Peacekeeping missions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe with approximately 200,000 peacekeepers.

Acting Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik on his speech pointed out that “Since their deployment in UNAMID in Aug 2016, PAKBATT-5 has been very organized and professionally competent. The Battalion has contributed to the UNAMID mandate by bringing peace and stability in one of the most volatile areas of Darfur”. He further said “It has been the most extensively deployed battalion in UNAMID”. This medal is presented to people who have the privilege to serve in peacekeeping operations”. He added that “by fulfilling your mandated tasks and ensuring peace in your area of responsibility, you have made your country proud”.

Pakistani Contingent Commander Brigadier General Syed Mazhar Hussain on his part said that Pakistan’s commitment to global peace stems from the vision of their Founding Father “Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah”. PAKBATT-5 has been deployed at the challenging team sites of Kutum and Malliet and has been the most stretched and widely dispersed Battalion in UNAMID (before the Force Reconfiguration).

PAKBATT-4 has
excelled as a true
Professional troops

- Lt Gen Frank Kamanzi



UNAMID Acting Force Commander, Major General Fida Hussain Malik decorating medal to PAKBATT-5 Commanding Officer on 6th Aug 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

PAKBATT-5 has been very organized and
professionally competent

- Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik

The outgoing UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi inspecting the parade with the Pakistan parade commander on the 23 Mar 17. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



CONGRATULATIONS ETHBATT-19 ON RECOGNITION OF YOUR SERVICE TO UNAMID



ETHBATT-19 soldiers marching while passing the saluting dice. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



UNAMID Acting Force Commander, Major General Fida Hussain Malik inspects the guard of honour prepared by ETHBATT-19 on 3rd Aug 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



UNAMID Acting Force Commander, Major General Fida Hussain Malik decorating ETHBATT-19 Commanding Officer, on 3rd Aug 2017 with UN Medal. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

BANSRIC-8 MEDAL PARADE CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY



UNAMID Deputy Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik salutes while the AU - UN national Anthem was played during the medal ceremony held at Nyala SC, South Darfur On 19 Oct 17. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



UNAMID Deputy Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik decorates the Commanding Officer, BANSRIC-8 during the medal ceremony held at Nyala SC, South Darfur On 19 Oct 17. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



A group photo of BANSRIC-8 members with UNAMID Deputy Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik during the medal ceremony held at Nyala SC, South Darfur On 19 Oct 17. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

NIBATT 46 AND NIMED 14 LEVEL 2 HOSPITAL MEDAL PARADE CEREMONY



NIBATT 46 Guard of Honour. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

In his welcoming note, the Commanding Officer, NIBATT-46, Lt Col Jimoh said, “Our presence in Sudan is in pursuance of Nigeria’s foreign policy which has its major focus on Africa and the world at large”. Nigeria troops were first deployed in Congo immediately after independence in 1960. Over the years, Nigeria has contributed well above two hundred thousand men and women in various UN operations in Lebanon, Somalia, Yugoslavia, Chad, Rwanda, Mali, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Sudan among others.

However, Nigeria’s contribution to UN is a selfless service which at times amounts to paying the supreme price. The Sector South commander, Brig Gen Godwin Umelo, underscored the engagement of various tasks by NIBATT-46 and Nigeria Signal Detachment-4 in different capacities geared towards supporting peace operations emphasizing that all Nigerian personnels have served with dedication and commitment”.

The event was indeed a unique occasion with dual significance. The ceremony coincided with the “Ceremony of 57th Independence Day of Nigeria”.

NIMED 14 has been a prominent contributor in UNAMID since their arrival on 1 Mar 17. As pointed out in his speech, the Sector commander commented that “NIMED-14 played a vital and prime operational role in Sector West in the implementation of UNAMID mandate, as they approached all operational challenges with a strong positive attitude.”

After decoration, the UNAMID Force Commander in his speech emphasized the need to support the Government of Sudan. He further stated that “We must change Challenges into opportunities for working together with people of Darfur”.

The UNAMID Force Commander admired the sacrifice of their time in support of healthcare in the mission.

UNAMID Force Commander Lt Gen Leonard Muriuki Ngondi, decorating Brig Gen Godwin Umelo with the UN Medal. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



UNAMID CONDUCTS A PHOTO EXHIBITION AND MUSICAL CONCERT IN FHQ



The Military Chief Public Information Officer, Lt Col Erick Edward Komba giving details on how the peacekeeping mission in Darfur engaged in CIMIC activities, Training, Protection of Civilians and other community engagement to the outgoing UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi during an exhibition administered by CPIS in collaboration with the offices of Military and Police Public Information on 9-10 April 2017, held at the Mission's headquarters in El Fasher, Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

UNAMID's Communications and Public Information Section (CPIS) organized a two-day photo exhibition, an installation of a Darfuri village and a handicrafts sale on 9-10 April 2017 at the Mission's Headquarters in El Fasher, North Darfur. Some 31 women participated in the event which is part of the Darfur Women Talk Peace campaign and is aimed at empowering Darfuri women through income-generating activities.

The exhibition was administered by CPIS in collaboration with the Offices of Military and Police Public Information.

On the side of the Military Component, the photo exhibition highlighted the activities of the peacekeeping mission in Darfur such as CIMIC activities, Training, Gender, Protection of Civilians and other community engagements.

This is a platform CPIS uses annually to engage UNAMID staff (international and national) to understand and appreciate the culture and lifestyle in Darfur.

The platform is also an opportunity for UNAMID staff to interact with the host community and exchange ideas on the mandate of the Mission.



The outgoing UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi cuts a tape to symbolize the official opening of the Photo Exhibition ceremony on 9-10 April 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

UNAMID OBSERVES UN PEACEKEEPERS' DAY WITH THE THEME "INVEST IN PEACE AROUND THE WORLD"



The Wali of North Darfur and the Minister of Culture and Environment – North Darfur State, Mr Hamza Abassi, receiving salute from Gambia Guard of Honour during the UN Peacekeeping Day, on 29th May 2017, at FHQ-El Fasher. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

On 29 May 2016, the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) commemorated the yearly United Nations Peacekeepers' Day. The Celebration was attended by the Wali of North Darfur and the Minister of Culture and Environment – North Darfur State, Mr Hamza Abassi, Acting UNAMID Force Commander, Maj Gen Fida Hussain Malik, Police Commissioner- Madam Priscilla Makotose, and other official dignitaries.

The day is observed to pay tribute to all men and women who have served and are still serving in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. The theme for this year's celebration was "Invest in Peace around the World".

The Mission lost a total of 21 Peace Keepers making an increase of 5% from 30 May 16 to 29 May 2017. Out of 21 peace keepers, nine (9) were military, five (5) police and seven (7) civilians.

In his speech, Mr Hamza Abassi-Representative of Wali of North Darfur and Minister of Culture and Environment – North Darfur State appreciated the

efforts of UNAMID in bringing peace in Sudan, and particularly in Darfur. He reiterated the commitment of the Government of North Darfur to cooperate with UNAMID for the cause of peace.

The Deputy Joint Special Representative Bintou Keita, conveyed the UN Secretary-General's Message, which carried the theme "Investing in Peace".

Part of his message conveyed reads "To date, fifty-four UN peace operations have completed their mandates. Two more, in Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia, will soon close, joining a long list of successful operations in Angola, Cambodia, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste and others. Looking forward, we are aiming to do more to end operations that have achieved their goals. We are also reforming and adapting our peacekeeping missions to improve their effectiveness in the increasingly challenging environments in which they work".

The UN Secretary General's message also revealed that partnership is central to the success of peacekeeping missions. Therefore close cooperation is

vital if the UN is to continue delivering on the promise of lasting peace.

About the issue of gender balance and equality the UN Secretary General conveyed that he has prioritized ensuring that women play a far more active role in peace operations, as troops, police and civilian staff. This is because, Gender parity is essential for its own sake, and the presence of women increases the chances of sustained peace while reducing incidences of sexual abuse and exploitation".

Day of United Nations Peacekeepers was established by the General Assembly in 2002, to pay tribute to all men and women serving in peacekeeping, and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace. The Assembly designated 29 May as the Day because it was the date in 1948 when the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), the world body's first peacekeeping mission, began operations in Palestine. Related events were organized by the Mission in all sectors across Darfur and in Khartoum.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY ON THE FORMATION OF UNMAS



Participants of 20th anniversary for International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action marking the celebration of UNMAS on 30 March 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Office.

UNAMID Ordnance Disposal Office (ODO) organized a series of events to commemorate the International Day of Mine Awareness and Mine Action Assistance, observed annually by the UN and partners across the globe on 4th of April every year. The colourful event, which took place at the Mission's Headquarters in El Fasher, North Darfur, brought together about two hundred participants from the five states of Darfur to participate in the "Fun Run".

The commemoration marks twenty years since the first signing of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty which culminated in the establishment of UNMAS (United Nations Mine Action Service) as the global focal point for Land Mines and Explosive Remnants of War in the free world. Similar events were held same day in the other four sectors, including the delivery of the message of the UN Secretary General.

The theme for this year's celebration "Needs Driven, People Centred" highlighted UNMAS commitment to saving lives, which is what UNAMID ODO has been doing over the last 10 years of operations in Darfur. "The Fun Run brought together civilian and uniformed staff

who enjoyed the mid-morning run in the not so friendly temperature. The run ended happily without any casualties" said Mr. Suleiman Nyamwaya, the Chief of Operations, UNAMID Ordnance Disposal Office. In 2016, UNAMID ODO arranged a football tournament, which was enriched by the participation of UNAMID PKF and FPU units in El Fasher. This year's Fun Run, held inside the UNAMID Super Camp in El Fasher, honoured the victims of Explosive Remnants of War and Risk Education (ERW-RE) victims in Darfur and globally.

UNAMID ODO has focused on supporting the Mission towards achieving its protection of civilians' mandate, by locating and destroying unexploded ordnance or providing ERW mine risk education to local and nomadic population, as well as internally displaced persons.

For many years, the work of UNMAS has been driven by the needs of affected people and tailored to the threat of explosive hazards faced by civilians, peacekeepers and humanitarians. UNMAS works to save lives, to facilitate deployment of UN missions and the delivery of humanitarian assistance, to protect civilians, to support the voluntary return of the internally dis-

placed and refugees, to enable humanitarian, recovery activities, and to advocate for international humanitarian and human rights law.

The vision of the United Nations is a world free of the threat of landmines and Explosive Remnants of War, where individuals and communities live in a safe environment conducive to development and where the needs of victims are met.

UNMAS began its operations in Darfur in 2005, initially under the name of Western Regional Mine Action Office. On 1 January 2008, UNMAS became an integral component of the United Nations-African Union Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), and changed its name to Ordnance Disposal Office (ODO) has its main office in El Fasher with its presence in the five sectors: North, South, West, Central and East.

The UN recognizes that much remains to be done in Darfur with regards to sensitization and disposal of UXOs. "We acknowledge the critical role of donors in supporting our efforts and those of the host government. We ask that they continue their partnership with us, do as to achieve a lot and save lives", Mr. Nyamwaya, ODO Chief of Operations added.

UNAMID GENDER MAINSTREAMING: NEED FOR ACCELERATED EFFORTS TO ATTAIN REGIONAL PEACE AND PROSPERITY



The participants of gender training course conducted on 23-25 Oct 2017 at IMTC, El Fasher, North Darfur. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

Gender mainstreaming was established as a major global strategy for the promotion of gender equality in the Beijing Platform for Action from the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995.

Gender mainstreaming has increased significantly within UNAMID. The importance of giving greater attention to gender perspectives in peace operations is clearly an essential component for securing human rights and social justice for women as well as men. Force Gender Advisory Section is committed to ensure that Force delivers its best and remains optimistic that gender will be effectively and efficiently mainstreamed through integration of gender perspectives in diverse Mission operations.

In an interview with Military PIO (Public Information Office), the Force Gender Advisor stated that, in collaboration with the civilian Gender Advisory Unit, their sections have managed

to create gender awareness amongst Mission staff. Constant advice is being given to the military leadership and various Commanders on how the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR 1325) on Women, Peace and Security should be implemented. Above all, capacity building is key to ensuring that gender is mainstreamed in all aspects of police operations.

“Various training programmes on gender mainstreaming have been conducted at all levels within the mission targeting all military peacekeepers” added Major Kofa.

The lack of women’s participation in conflict resolution fora promotes the victimization of women through a culture of impunity and gender inequality, which makes sustainable peace more difficult to attain. Widespread gender bias and the perpetual violence committed against women, continues to prevent women from making great strides as peace builders

within conflict affected communities.

“Although the number of female military peace keepers is much low compared to the male counterparts, contingents have been conducting patrols with mixed teams, consulting both men and women in the local population. Before planning for patrols, the population is consulted and even sometimes take part in the planning to ensure maximum protection is provided” insisted Major AsmaKofa

These women are in the majority in IDP camps and many of them widowed while children are orphaned. Thus the family unit is compromised, and many widows fall into cycles of poverty. Despite the significant role that women have played and are still playing to support their families and cope with the detrimental ramifications of conflict, the critical value they would bring ‘in the conflict resolution process continues to be marginalized.

CIVIL-MILITARY COORDINATION IN PEACE BUILDING OPERATIONS

Civil-Military Coordination (CIMIC) is a military staff function that facilitates the interface between the military, police and civilian components of a UNAMID mission, as well as between the military force and all other civilians in the mission area, including humanitarian and development actors, local authorities, donor agencies, non-governmental organizations, the host national government, and civil-society organizations.

It is a strategic effort that is important in managing interactions among the players involved in the peace process ensuring that tasks are not duplicated and resources are used efficiently.

CIMIC is also about managing of transition from conflict to peace and from military to civilian dominance. Often time the conflicts also touch on the competition of the limited resources hence UNAMID with partners plays a role in supporting social service projects in Darfur.

In 2017, UNAMID and stake holders completed and handed over a number of social service projects which are aimed to support the long term peace solutions in Darfur Region. The Project Implementing Partners (UNAMID TCC and Locals) in all five (5) sectors of Darfur Region played an important role in ensuring that projects are completed as scheduled and with maximum professionalism.

SECTOR CENTRAL

On 10 September 2017, UNAMID handed over a completed Women's Development Centre to the community in Mukjar locality, Central Darfur. The centre, one of the Mission's Quick Impact Projects, aims to strengthen the capacity of local women and promote their participation in community development. Photo by Kone Mouroulaye, UNAMID.



SECTOR SOUTH

A UNAMID NIBATT 46 provides dental and Fumigation services as part of a free medical outreach campaign that targeted some 150 inmates and officials at a Prison in Nyala, South Darfur. The initiative is part of the Mission's ongoing efforts to promote health services across Darfur. Photo by Mutaz Munafal, UNAMID.



Medical Service to Civilians.



Fumigation to the Nyala Prison Premises

SECTOR WEST



FLOOD PROTECTION – ARDAMATA VALLEY

The significance of Ardamata Valley stands out from the rest since it is housing IDPs who are in need of shelter. The Valley is prone to seasonal flash floods, which has caused devastating effects in the past by Embankment erosion. This not only poses a threat to the metaled road but also IDPs camp.



EL-GENEINA AIR PORT RING ROAD

Al Geneina airport has vital significance in supporting UNAMID operations as well as move of civilian personnel. The access road to the airport was affected by seasonal rains, the 'causeway' to the airport was flooded and the approach to airport used to become inaccessible during rains. Moreover, in order to enhance the security paraphernalia of the airport, a need was felt to establish a Ring Road for the Air Port Security Force. Pakistan Engineer Company -9 was tasked to undertake this important task and ensure completion of the ring road within the stipulated time frame.



INAUGURATION OF “GARUDA MOSQUE” AND “MEDICAL ASSISTANCE”

On 9th April 2017, Sector West Commander with Indonesian ambassador and Wali west Darfur inaugurated “GARUDA MOSQUE” and “MEDICAL ASSISTANCE” in ALFIRDAUS IDPS CAMP. The purpose of the activity was to make good relationships between UNAMID and villagers around ALFIRDAUS IDPS CAMP. The visitors interacted with local people and asking him about the village condition and population. And gave 135 mats, 130 AL – Quran, 500 dress, 30 caps, 90 children's clothing, money 5000 SDG for the villager.

SECTOR NORTH



Rwandan (RWANBATT 50) Peacekeepers serving under the UNAMID together with UNAMID Queen of Peace Catholic Parish members inaugurated and handed over GUBBA pre-school constructed for Darfur community on 20 May 2017. The school can accommodate over 200 Children is located at El Nasrudar village in El-Fasher, North Darfur.



On 19 April 2017, RWANBATT 50, deployed in North Darfur serving under African Union - United Nations Hybrid Operations in Darfur (UNAMID) concluded training programme for internal displaced Women on construction of energy serving stove at Abushouk in EL fasher, North Darfur.

HARNESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF STRESS MANAGEMENT AND WELFARE PROGRAMMES IN UNAMID

Globally, research has shown that stress is and will continue to pose a serious health challenge on the general well-being of workers especially in a war theatre or crisis zones. Stress is considered being an external event, a stressor that happens to the individual. The current downsizing and reconfiguration of UNAMID is a very good example of a stressor, a factor that cause stress.

In United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, as well as in the majority of contemporary work places, long-term stress can have an extremely negative effect on leadership as well as lower employee's overall dedication to work. Stress can lead to poorer productivity, impact attendance levels negatively and lead to more frequent staff turnover. Therefore, the importance of welfare and recreation for United Nations peacekeepers cannot be overemphasized.

The primary purpose of establishing welfare and recreational facilities in Mission areas is to provide a safe and stress free environment for the sole use of peacekeeping personnel including local staff of the Host Country as well as other United Nations entities operating in the Mission area.



UNAMID Force Commander Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi decorates a medal to one of UNAMID Police member from Egypt as recognizing his participation on preparation to mark year 2017 United Nations Day Celebration held in Police Egyptian FPU Camp, El Fasher, North Darfur on 24 October 2017 during United Nation Day. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

Gambia Company and Nepalese Company football teams standing firms ready to be inspected by Guest of Honour, UNAMID Force Commander Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi to mark year 2017 United Nations Day Celebration, held in UNAMID Police Egyptians FPU football ground -El Fasher, North Darfur on 24 October 2017. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.



It is on this backdrop that the UN-AMID leadership has initiated various welfare and recreational activities/programmes to boost morale and ensuring the well-being of its staff. These programmes among others include Sporting competitions, Gym, Club House, Lounge/Library, Training, Leave, National Events Celebration and Cultural Show/Display.

Recently, the Military Welfare in conjunction with the Staff Counselling and Welfare Unit organized welfare/sporting activities to mark Year 2017 United Nations Day Celebration.



We must win. Photo by UNAMID Military Public Information Section.

GAMBIAN MILITARY, THE GIANTS OF UNAMID SPORTS

One way of promoting peace, understanding and tolerance among people is through sports. In a peacekeeping arena it's not only key to healthy life style but also contributes positively in preventing mission related stress disorders.

The Gambia Military contingent (Gamcoy 20) were crowned champions of 2017 Nelson Mandela Day Football

Tournament and the United Nation Day football competitions respectively. Additionally, Gamcoy came out first and second positions in the female category marathon in addition to second position of the male category. The contingent was awarded with trophies and medals for their outstanding achievements.

UNAMID Force Commander, Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuku Ngondi with The Gamcoy 20 first eleven squad- The Giants of UNAMID Sports.



UNAMID FACES



My name is Maj Oarabile Mosimanegape from South Africa.

I recently joined the UNAMID and the CIMIC office at the Force Head Quarters (FHQ) on 11 September 2017.

Two month in the mission, I am already overwhelmed by the current positive energy and sprit of my colleagues discharging the mandate of UNAMID which is aimed at securing the lasting peace in Darfur. More commendable is the relentless efforts of my colleagues particularly the members of TCC and local partners that are working hard to implement the Quick impact projects in their respective area of responsibility.

My name is L / Cpl Bimala Pokharel, I am from Nepal. I have been working in UNAMID mission as a part of the Nepalese Contingent since June 2017. This is my first opportunity to serve abroad.

I am very happy to get the opportunity to work for the peacekeeping mission in my first international tour of duty.

I am very touched by the efforts of the UNAMID and other UN agencies in providing security and life support materials and services to the people in need. The feeling of being a part of this noble effort appeases my pain of being away from home and family. During this time I made many good friends from around the world.



“Our most serious shortcoming – and here I refer to the entire international community – is our inability to prevent crises. The United Nations was born from war. Today we must be here for peace.”

Secretary General, António Guterres





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