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## UPDATE

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### UNMISS "PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS" (POC) SITES<sup>1</sup>

- **As of 31 January 2014:** an estimated **85,187** civilians are seeking protection in 8 UNMISS protection of civilians' sites on UNMISS compounds, including **43,261 in Juba; 27,783 in Malakal; 10,000 in Bor** and **2,537 in Bentiu**.
- In **Bor and Malakal**, numbers are changing with continuous in-and-out movements
- In **Pibor**, the arrival of 425 civilians into Pibor UNMISS protection site resumed on 30 January following rumors of the presence of anti-government forces in the areas of Likuongole and Gumuruk over the last two days. The civilians in the UNMISS protection site are primarily of women and children from Pibor town.

STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central Equatoria, Juba	Tomping	27,517
	UN House	15,744
Jonglei	Bor	10,000
	Pibor	425
Lakes	Rumbek	103
Upper Nile	Malakal	27,783
	Melut	1,020
Unity	Pariang	58
	Bentiu	2,537
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>85,187</b>



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*85,187 is the highest numbers of civilians protected by UNMISS  
since the beginning of the conflict on 15 December*

### ***SOUTH SUDAN POLICE AND UNMISS EFFORTS TO REBUILD TRUST***

- On 29 January, the South Sudan National Police Service (SSNPS) presented a “Confidence and Trust Building Strategy” aiming at restoring the trust of the citizens of South Sudan in the Police. The initiative, supported by the UN Police (UNPOL), will focus on restoring confidence and rebuilding relations of the South Sudanese Police with the public, and ultimately facilitate the return of displaced persons to their homes. The pilot program will start in Juba before extending to other states.

### ***UN HEAD OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS ASSESSES SOUTH SUDAN CRISIS***

- The UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Valerie Amos, was in South Sudan from 27 until 29 January. She took this opportunity to visit UNMISS protection of civilian sites in Juba and Malakal. “Many of those seeking protection at the UN protection sites fear they may be targeted and some have already requested to be evacuated to their areas of origin or outside the country” she said.
- While in Malakal, Valerie Amos visited the looted and destroyed warehouses of the UN World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). “There are tens of thousands of people in the town who need our help. Because of the looting, we cannot help as many as we would wish” Valerie Amos said, adding that worrying reports of interference in humanitarian activities were affecting humanitarians’ ability to assist all people in need. “Aid agencies have assisted over 300,000 displaced. While this has save many lives we have not been able to provide assistance to many others due to continuing insecurity” Amos stressed.
- Valerie Amos was accompanied by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator Toby Lanzer, who described efforts as “a race against time to preposition assistance ahead of the rainy season, prevent disease outbreaks and foster reconciliation.”
- Valerie Amos also held meetings with President Kiir and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs to discuss the overall humanitarian situation in the country.

*According to figures released by OCHA during Valerie Amos' visit:*

- *An estimated 702,000 people are currently displaced within South Sudan*
- *85,187 of the civilians have found shelter in UN protection sites on UNMISS bases*
- *Aid agencies have assisted over 300,000 displaced persons*
- *123,000 refugees have fled to foreign countries (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees/ UNHCR)*

### ***UNMISS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ON POC SITES***

- At the UNMISS Indian military field hospital in **Malakal**, 976 patients have been treated since December 23. Over 134 major surgeries have been carried out and 29 babies were delivered with the assistance of Indian doctors who are providing medical and protection assistance to the protection site.
- On January 28, the UNMISS Mongolian battalion in **Bentiu** conducted medical check-ups for children displaced in UNMISS protection site. Mongolians peace-keepers handed out stationary, yogurt, biscuits and oranges to the children while also organizing recreational activities. The day ended with a movie show.

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<sup>i</sup> UNMISS will be providing and update on figures and the Mission's activities on its PoC sites twice a week