



# United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

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## UPDATE

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### UNMISS “PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS” (PoC) SITES <sup>1</sup>

- As of 26 February, a total of estimated 75,643 civilians are seeking protection in 8 bases. Approximate figures of IDPs as of 26 February in PoC areas are as follows; 43,324 in Juba, 21,568 in Malakal, 4,891 in Bor and 4,523 in Bentiu.

STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central Equatoria, Juba	Topping	27,580
	UN House	15,744
Jonglei	Bor	4,891
Lakes	Rumbek	100
Upper Nile	Malakal	21,568
	Melut	1,178
Unity	Pariang	59
	Bentiu	4,523
TOTAL		75,643

### SECURITY AND PATROLS

- On the weekend of February 22-23 multiple patrols were conducted to Malakal. The patrol reported the town deserted, with signs of looting and burning, and observed a number of bodies scattered along the patrol routes.
- In town a number of civilian locations were visited, including churches and the Malakal Teaching Hospital, where the patrol team observed approximately 100 patients receiving medical attention.
- UNMISS continues to assist with the extraction of patients requiring urgent medical attention to its hospital within the UNMISS compound. Approximately 116 patients have been extracted since the weekend.

- The number of civilians currently sheltering in UNMISS Malakal PoC site is over 22,000
- On February 24 to address security related concerns at the Bentiu PoC site, a security search conducted by UNMISS formed police units (FPU) confiscated 800 litres of illegally made alcohol from the area.
- A 4-day long duration patrol between Raja and Timsaha (Western Bahr El Ghazal) was carried out to provide safety reassurance to communities.



**UNMISS FPU confiscating illegally made alcohol from the PoC site in Bentiu.  
Photo: UNMISS/Anna Adhikari**

### **ARRIVAL OF SURGE REINFORCEMENTS**

- 122 surge troops from the Ghana battalion (GHANBATT), arrived today in Juba from the UN mission in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI). A further battalion of 128 soldiers is scheduled to arrive on February 28. The 250 troops will be deployed in the coming day to Bentiu to reinforce the existing battalion of Mongolian (MONNATT) troops allowing them to conduct patrols further away from the town.
- It is expected GHANBATT will be augmented by additional troops in the coming months, to a total of 850 soldiers in South Sudan from Ghana.

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## UXO DISPOSAL OPERATIONS IN BOR

- The UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS) have deployed a contractor The Development Initiative (TDI) to Bor to carry out assessments of UN premises and conduct non-technical surveys NTS in villages to look for unexploded ordinances (UXO).
- To facilitate these operations the town has been divided in grid blocks. TDI confirmed UXOs have been identified in several block areas and the village of Lekyat.



UNMAS contractors assessing Lekyat village in Bor  
Photo: UNMISS/Shantal Persaud

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<sup>i</sup> Update on UNMISS figures in PoC areas are produced once a week