



UNMIS Press Statement

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UNMIS calls for immediate cessation of hostilities in Abyei

The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) is deeply concerned over the troop build-up and reported fighting, including the use of heavy artillery and bombing in the Abyei area.

UNMIS calls upon all parties to protect civilians in the affected area and to take all necessary measures to ensure they are not targeted.

UNMIS urges all parties to immediately cease hostilities and requests the withdrawal of all unauthorized forces from the area in compliance with the CPA Ceasefire Agreement and the Kadugli Agreements.

We strongly encourage all parties to resume dialogue towards reaching a lasting political settlement.

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