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UN MILITARY ADVISOR VISITS SUDAN

Khartoum, June 6, 2011: Lieutenant General Babacar Gaye, the Military Advisor to the United Nations Headquarters, visited the troubled Sudanese region of Abyei and the other two likely flashpoints of the country, namely the Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile States on 02 and 03 June 2011. The General was accompanied by the UNMIS Force commander, Major General Moses Obi.

The General reached Abyei on the morning of the 2nd and met the UNMIS military and civilian personnel. He was received by the Deputy Force commander and the Head of Office who briefed him on the developments in the region since the SAF take over. He was also briefed on the activities of the UN personnel in the wake of the crisis. The military advisor appreciated the efforts of the peacekeepers and said that the personnel and commanders on ground were the best judges of the actions that needed to be taken to deal with any situation. He said that protection of civilians was a most important duty that had to be discharged with utmost dedication. He later visited Kadugli in the Southern Kordofan State where fresh trouble is feared following belligerent statements on the part of SAF and the political leadership of North Sudan. The General was briefed on the latest situation by the Sector commander. He later went on a tour of the town to assess the situation himself.

General Babacar visited Ed Damazin in the Blue Nile State on 03 June 2011 and was briefed on the situation. The General lauded the efforts of the peacekeepers and expressed confidence that they would continue to perform their duties with the same dedication.

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