**UNMIS condemns the killing of two AMIS soldiers in Gereida, South Darfur**

**Khartoum, 7 March 2007:** The United Nations in Sudan condemns the killing of two AMIS soldiers and the injuring of one other on 5 March 2007 in the town of Gereida, in South Darfur. The killings bring the number of AMIS casualties to a total of 11 military personnel, in addition to tens of cars hijacked since it started deployment in 2004.

UNMIS extends its condolences to AMIS and to the families of the two soldiers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

UNMIS expresses deep concern at the repeated attacks targeting those who are assisting the people of Darfur, in particular AMIS and humanitarian workers.

UNMIS calls on all parties to the Darfur conflict to respect the neutral and impartial status of AMIS and recalls that any attack against the African Union personnel deployed in Darfur is a serious violation of international law and relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

UNMIS stresses the urgent need to identify those responsible for the killing of AMIS soldiers and to hold them accountable. In this regard, UNMIS deplores the fact that those who carried out previous attacks and carjackings remain unidentified and at large.