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UNMIS CONDEMNS ATTACK ON AMIS TEAM SITE IN DARFUR

Khartoum, 30 September 2007: The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) strongly condemns the unprovoked and barbaric attack perpetrated yesterday by an armed group against a team site of the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) in Haskanita, South Darfur.

UNMIS is shocked at the unprecedented scale of the attack during which, according to AMIS reports gathered so far, over ten AMIS peacekeepers were killed and others were seriously injured. A number of AMIS peacekeepers have been reported missing. Additionally AMIS equipment, vehicles and property have been vandalized or looted.

UNMIS expresses its condolences to AMIS and the families of the soldiers who lost their lives while carrying out their noble duty in support of the people of Darfur, and wishes speedy recovery to those who were wounded.

UNMIS deplors the fact that the vicious attack on AMIS was carried out at a time when the international community, including the African Union, is exerting maximum effort to resume peace talks Darfur in Libya on 27 October and to deploy the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur to help put an end to the Darfur conflict.

UNMIS reiterates that attacks on AMIS constitute a serious violation of international law and relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and the African Union and urges all concerned to assist in identifying the perpetrators so they could be held accountable without delay.

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