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Press Release

AU-UN Joint Special Representative meets with Governor of South Darfur State to review security at Kalma IDP Camp

The African Union/United Nations Joint Special Representative and Head of the United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), Mr. Rodolphe Adada met with the Governor of South Darfur state Mr. Ali Mahmoud in Nyala on Sunday, 25 November 2007 to review the security situation at the Kalma camp for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Both sides agreed that arms in IDP camps pose a security threat not only to other IDPs but also to humanitarian workers delivering assistance.

Mr. Adada and Governor Mahmoud agreed to form a joint commission to examine the situation at Kalma and work out a plan to peacefully disarm any armed elements in the camp.

The Joint Special Representative hereby notes the cooperation of the Government of the Sudan in this matter and looks forward to a peaceful resolution of the situation at Kalma.

Before leaving Nyala to return to Khartoum later in the day, Mr. Adada paid a visit to the newly deployed UNAMID forces from China and Bangladesh. He welcomed the Formed Police Unit (FPU) from Bangladesh and the advance engineering unit from China. The newly deployed forces expressed gratitude to the Head of Mission for visiting them barely two days after their arrival in Darfur.

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