



UNMIS Press Statement

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On 27 August 2008, a British Embassy vehicle injured two UNMIS national security guards in the UNMIS compound. UNMIS investigated the incident comprehensively, concluding that the Embassy driver and close protection officer were in the wrong when refusing to comply with parking instructions that were provided to them by UNMIS security officers. Their attempt to forcibly park the vehicle in the wrong place led to the injuries sustained by UNMIS security personnel.

SRSG Qazi met with the British Ambassador to discuss the findings of the investigation. Reiterating her regret over the incident, the Ambassador indicated that her close protection team gave a somewhat different account of the incident.

In order to avoid similar incidents in the future, all diplomats visiting UNMIS compound are required to ensure that their accompanying personnel strictly comply with UNMIS security directives.

UN Headquarters have been informed of the findings and investigation.

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