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**CEASEFIRE VIOLATION REPORT
ALLEGED ATTACK AND LOOTING
BY
JANJAWOOD / ARMED MILITIA
IN
UMM-BA'OOD VILLAGE**

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CFC CEASEFIRE VIOLATION REPORT NO. 07/05: ALLEGED ATTACK AND LOOTING BY JANJAWOOD/ARMED MILITIA IN UMM-BA'OU

References:

- A. Humanitarian CeaseFire Agreement of 8 Apr 04.
- B. Security and Humanitarian Protocols Signed on 9 Nov 04.
- C HQ/SECT 1/1/OPS dated 30 Jan 05.

INTRODUCTION

1. On 14 Jan 05, AMIS received a complaint from the Omda of Shangil Tobaya, Haroun Bashir Mohammed alleging that the Janjaweed/Armed militia attacked the Umm-Baoud and its environs on 10 and 11 Jan 05 respectively. The Omda claimed that during the attack on the village, 12 people were killed, 250 sheep and herds of cattle were stolen
2. A team of military observers was tasked on 23 Jan 05, to conduct an investigation on the alleged complaint. During the investigation, the team interviewed 2 witnesses to ascertain the facts.

ASSESSMENT

3. The team established that the Janjaweed/Armed militia attacked Umm-Baoud and its environ on 10 and 11 Jan 05 respectively. During the attack, 12 people were killed and many livestocks were stolen. The attack led to the intervention of the SLA who in an attempt to repel the attackers succeeded in recovering the livestocks stolen by the Janjaweed/Armed militia. The livestocks have since been released to the owners.

4 One of the witnesses account revealed that the Janjaweed/Armed militia attack on the village was supported by the GOS. This allegation cannot be substantiated. The Janjaweed/Armed militia attack in Darfur is on the increase, the GOS would not be completely exonerated from these allegations except it takes necessary steps to curtail the excesses of the Janjaweed/ Armed militia in Darfur.

CONCLUSION

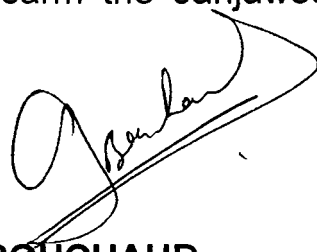
5 On 14 Jan 05, the Omda of Umm-Baoud filed a complaint to AMIS accusing the Janjaweed/Armed militia of killing 12 people and looting of livestocks in the village and its environ. A MILOB team was tasked to investigate the incident. The GOS have been directed to curtail the activities of the Janjaweed/Armed militia which is on the increase in Darfur.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that the GOS should disarm the Janjaweed/Armed militia in Darfur.

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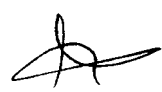
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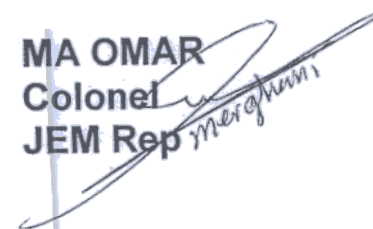
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Enclosure:

1. Report on the Alleged Attack and Looting by Janjaweed/Armed Militia in Umm- Baoud village within Shangil Tobaya.

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**INVESTIGATION REPORT – ALLGED ATTACK AND
LOOTING BY JANJAWEEED/ARMED MILITIA IN
UMM-BA'OU D VILLAGE WITHIN SHANGIL TOBAYA**

Reference:

- A. Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement of 8 Apr 04.
- B. Security and Humanitarian Protocols signed on 9 Nov 04.
- C. Hand written complaint dated 14Jan 05.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Omda (chief) of Shangil Tobaya, Haroun Bashir Mohammed, submitted a formal complaint dated 14 Jan 05 alleging that suspected Janjaweed/armed militia from North Nyala, west Marchin and East Kas attacked the village of Umm-Ba'oud and neighboring areas on 10 and 11 Jan 05. The raiders, who used camels and horses, were alleged to have looted 250 sheep, herds of cattle and killed twelve persons. Team B investigated the allegation in Umm-Ba'oud village on 23 Jan 05.

INVESTIGATION

2. On arrival the team met the Omda who expressed his displeasure on the team's late coming since the complaint was submitted on 14 Jan 05. The team leader however, explained to the Omda the tight commitment of the AU CFC. The Omda accused the Janjaweed/armed militia of violating the HCFA, Security and Humanitarian protocols by attacking, killing the locals and looting their property. He stated that it was not the first time that the Janjaweed/armed militia staged the attack since they had earlier raided Mazria and Hamda villages where they killed children and stole cattle.

3. An eye witness, Abdullah Mohammed from Umm-Ba'oud village told the team that on 10 Jan 05, Janjaweed/armed militia, numbering about 165 riding camels and horses came into the village in the night. They divided themselves into two groups and attacked the village of Umm-Ba'oud and the neighbouring

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village and looted 250 sheep. He further stated that on 11 Jan 05, they repeated their attack and looted 2000 heads of cattle, killed two men and a woman, injured 6 men and one woman. Nine people among the villagers who pursued the Janjaweed/armed militia in an attempt to retrieve their cattle were shot dead in the process. The total persons killed were twelve whose names are attached to the report as Annex A. SLA forces intercepted the Janjaweed/armed militia as they were leaving the village and recovered the 2000 stolen animals. The 2000 livestock were later returned to their owners by the Omda. The Janjaweed/armed militia headed towards Malam village.

4. Omda Haroun stated that the villagers in the area of Umm-Ba'oud had fled away leaving behind some of their belongings for fear of further attacks by the Janjaweed/armed militia. He also complained that the soldiers from the GOS camp at Shangil Tobaya constantly harassed women including school female teachers and requested for AU deployment in Shangil Tobaya. The team visited the injured woman by the name Jadaham in the clinic of Shangil Tobaya whose photograph is attached as exhibit 1.

ASSESSMENT

5. The team established the following:

- a. The 2000 stolen cattle were retrieved by the SLA and subsequently returned to the owners by the Omda.
- b. That the soldiers from the GOS camp constantly harass women including female teachers in the area.
- c. The Omda observed that there was no prompt reaction from the AU as the complaint was made on 14 Jan 05 yet the team got to the scene on 25 Jan 05.
- d. The civilians associated the Janjaweed/armed militia to the GOS claiming that they were the same forces.
- e. In the attack a total of twelve civilians were killed, 2000 cattle stolen which were later recovered by the SLA and 250 sheep stolen.
- f. GOS violated the ceasefire agreement in N'djamena and the protocol signed in Abuja.

CONCLUSION

6. The investigation team concluded that Janjaweed/armed militia attacked Umm-Ba'oud village and the neighbouring village on 10 and 11 Jan 05 respectively. The raiders stole 2000 cattle which were later recovered by the SLA forces. 250 sheep were also looted by the Janjaweed/armed militia. A total of

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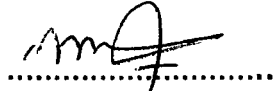
twelve civilians were killed in the process and one woman was injured. The villagers from Umm-Ba'oud and the surrounding areas fled their homes due to insecurity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. The team recommends the following:
- a. Confidence building patrol be constantly detailed to Shangil Tobaya and the neighbouring villages.
 - b. The GOS to internally investigate the conduct of their soldiers stationed in Shangil Tobaya.
 - c. The civilians in both GOS and SLA controlled areas should not be subjected to attack, harassment or looting by any party to the conflict.


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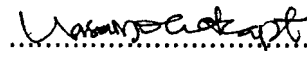
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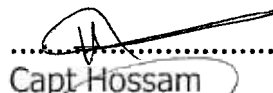
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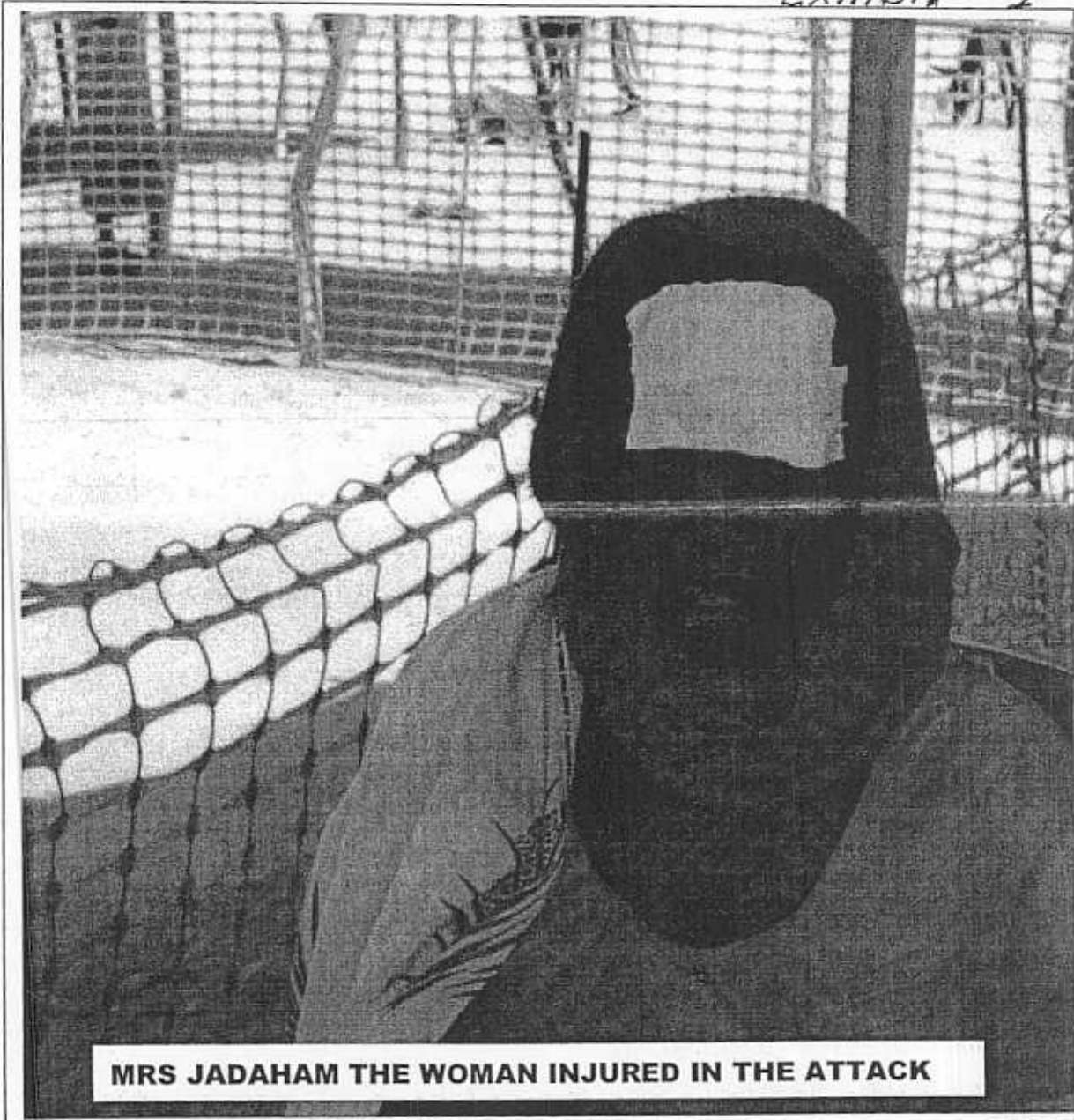
Annexure:

- A. Names of civilians killed.

Exhibit:

1. Photo of the woman injured during the attack.

EXHIBIT 1



MRS JADAHAM THE WOMAN INJURED IN THE ATTACK

ANNEX A TO
HQ/SECT1/1/OPS/G
DATED 30 JAN 05

The List of 12 People Killed in the attack

1. Faisal Ahmed El-fahal
2. Musa Zakariya.
3. Abdalla Abdel-Shakour.
4. Abdalla Hassan
5. Hassein Mohammed Mahmoud.
6. Adam Jalba.
7. Mohammed Juma Salih.
8. Al-Sadiq Ismail Fadl.
9. Mohammed Ahmed Shadda.
10. Arja Baggari.
11. Ahmed Baggari.
12. Ahmed Baggari's wife.