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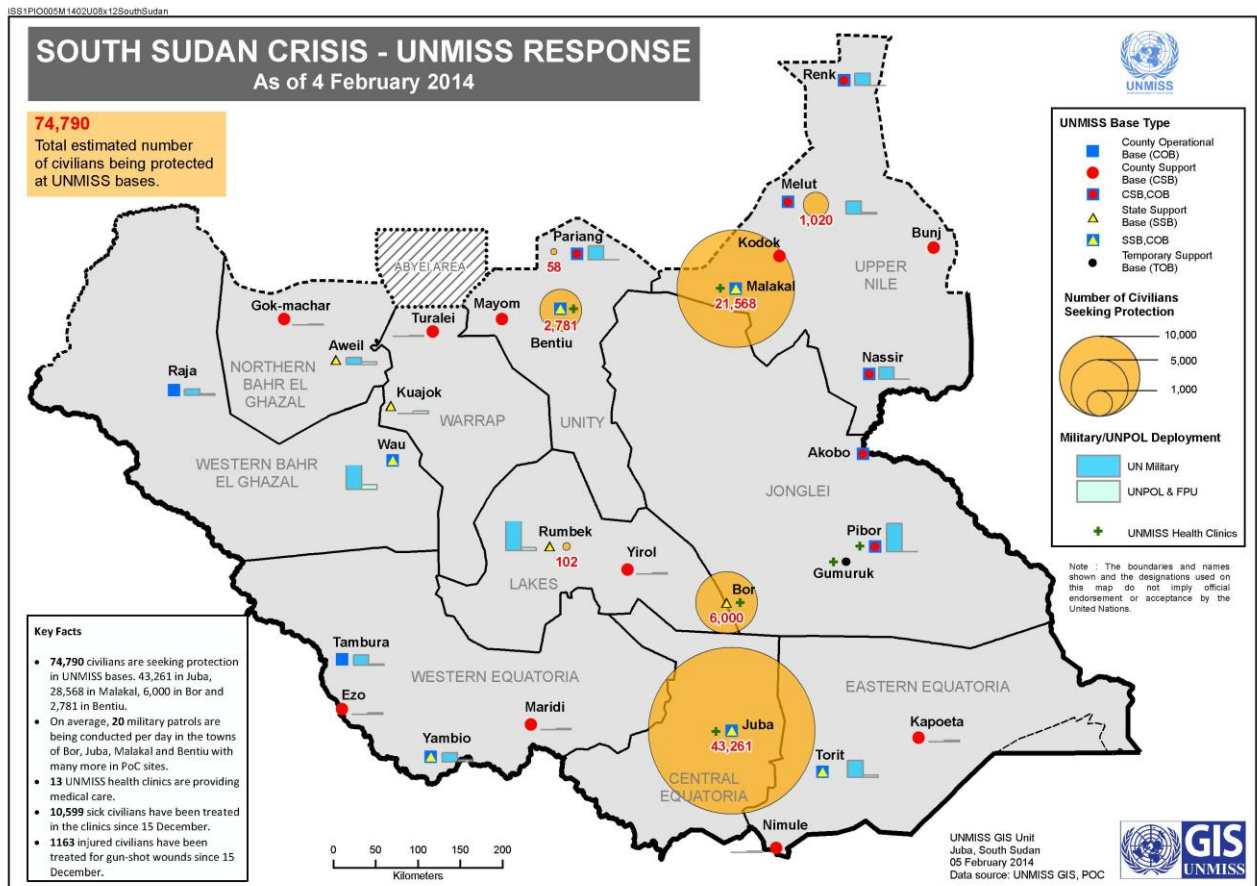
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## UPDATE

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### UNMISS "PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS" (POC) SITES<sup>1</sup>

- As of 4 February 2014, 74,790 civilians are seeking protection in 8 protection of civilians sites located on UNMISS compounds, including 43,261 in Juba; 21,568 in Malakal; 6,000 in Bor and 2,781 in Bentiu. The significant drop is attributed to civilians leaving the protection of civilians' sites in Malakal and Bor.



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<i>STATE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>Number of civilians seeking protection</i>
<i>Central Equatoria, Juba</i>	<i>Tomping</i>	27,517
	<i>UN House</i>	15,744
<i>Jonglei</i>	<i>Bor</i>	6,000
	<i>Pibor</i>	425
<i>Lakes</i>	<i>Rumbek</i>	102
<i>Upper Nile</i>	<i>Malakal</i>	21,568
	<i>Melut</i>	1,020
<i>Unity</i>	<i>Pariang</i>	58
	<i>Bentiu</i>	2,781
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>74,790</b>

### *HEAD OF UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN SOUTH SUDAN*



**Herve Ladsous arriving at Juba International Airport 2 February, 2014**  
**(UNMISS Photo: Shantal Persaud)**

- On 3 February, Hervé Ladsous, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General (USG) for Peacekeeping Operations concluded a two-day visit to Juba, South Sudan. The USG had previously attended the African Union summit in Addis Abeba.

- In Juba, USG Ladsous met with the President of South Sudan. “There can be no other solution to the crisis in South Sudan than a political solution” he said after meeting with the President, insisting that “priority must go to the agreement signed on 23 January for the cessation of hostilities”
- USG Ladsous also visited the UNMISS protection of civilians site located on the Topping compound sheltering over 27,000 civilians. He met with community leaders who expressed their deep appreciation of UNMISS’s commitment to protect them. “Seeing thousands of people safe at the UN facilities is a clear indicator that the Mission has made the right decision to open its doors to civilians seeking protection in Juba or elsewhere in the country” USG Ladsous noted
- Hervé Ladsous reiterated the Mission’s priorities during the ongoing crisis as “protection of civilians, human rights and facilitation of the provision of humanitarian assistance.”

## *REINFORCEMENTS*



**Military reinforcements from Nepal include 10 female troops**

**(UNMISS Photo: Billy Isaac)**

- On 4 February, a contingent of 266 peacekeepers from Nepal arrived in South Sudanese capital, as part of the inter-mission cooperation. Troops include 10 women troops, two of which are

doctors, and three nurses. They will be deployed at the UNMISS UN House protection site in Juba, currently hosting 15,744 civilians.

- The current deployment is in line with the 24 December 2013 resolution of the UN Security Council to reinforce UNMISS military and police components by an additional **5,500 troops and 423 police**, and bring the total number of authorized troops up to 12,500 peacekeepers and **up to 1,323 police**. The Security Council had also encouraged “**inter-mission cooperation**” for needed troops and assets to be transferred from other UN missions to UNMISS.
- So far, all additional authorized police arrived in Formed Police Unit and were sent to Bentiu, Bor, Malakal and Juba in the course of January. On the military side, an advance party of 25 peacekeepers had landed in the South Sudanese capital earlier this month to assess conditions and prepare the ongoing deployment.

### *HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR APPEALS FOR US\$1.27 BEFORE RAINS*

- On 4 February, Toby Lanzer, the Deputy Representative of the UN Secretary-General (DSRSG) and Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan launched a US\$ 1.27 billion appeal to assist some 3.2 million South Sudanese worst affected by recent hostilities. The appeal is meant to cover the ongoing crisis until June this year.
- UNMISS is currently holding discussions with authorities on different ways to deal with the situation of thousands of civilians in what Toby Lanzer characterized as “acutely overcrowded” protection sites as well as with the “impending disaster that could be caused by coming rains”.

*“The conflict has had devastating humanitarian consequences and the lives of millions of citizens have been shuttered. Almost nine hundred thousand people have left their homes and thousands more have been hurt or wounded as a direct consequence of hostilities.” Toby Lanzer, DSRSG and Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan said during a press conference held in Juba on 4 February.*

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<sup>i</sup> UNMISS will be providing and update on figures and the Mission’s activities on its PoC sites twice a week