



Highlights

All recovered explosive ordnance was successfully destroyed by UNMAS.

All confiscated weapons and ammunition were successfully destroyed by UNMAS, following the mandate of Abyei Free from Weapons.

UNMAS completed with manual mine clearance and ground preparation activities in Todach.

National Community Liaison Officers are actively communicating within their communities, providing safety messages and collecting information on any explosive hazards found.



Ground Monitoring Mission at Tishwin



EOD inspection at Todach



Non-technical Survey (NTS) in Diffra

Stats **MARCH 2025**

76 Newly arrived uniformed and civilian members of UNISFA received safety induction briefing

178,850 Square meters of land made safe from explosive hazards

15 Ground monitoring missions supported by UNMAS ensured full implementation of the JBVMM mandate

89 Explosive ordnance risk education sessions provided among the Abyei area community members

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ABYEI THROUGH ART - TRAINING

In the lead-up to the International Day for Mine Awareness on April 4, 2025, UNMAS, PIO, and CLO concluded an art training program led by cartoonist Adija Acuil Adija, who originates from Abyei.

Held from March 24-26, the workshop engaged 19 participants from the Abyei area under the themes "Safe Futures Begin Here" and "Peace Begins With Me." Supported by TCC personnel, it culminated in a community-wide art collaboration, with the top five trainees selected to paint murals that capture peacebuilding through art on the UNISFA headquarters perimeter wall. The initiative promotes mine risk education while fostering unity and respect through art.



Group photo after the training

BATTLE AREA CLEARANCE (BAC) IN THE ABYEI AREA

In response to damaged roads caused by seasonal rains, UNISFA requested UNMAS to conduct Battle Area Clearance (BAC) operations on several borrow pits for road maintenance work on the main supply route (MSR) North in the general area of Goli. The team cleared three borrow pits close to Goli, clearing 33,958 sqm of land.

Once the road connecting Sudan and South Sudan is repaired, it will significantly boost the flow of essential goods, improve transportation, and stimulate the local economy. Improved infrastructure will empower communities by making it easier to bring goods to markets, fostering trade, and creating new opportunities for economic growth.



Battle area clearance

A CASE OF DISCOVERY AND REPORTING OF A SUSPECTED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Seleman Fadulela, a 15-year-old boy, was born into a nomadic Misseriya family in Sudan. His family moved seasonally between regions, adapting to the environment. Recently, they settled in Todach, an area with a history of conflict and explosive remnants of war (ERW). The region had seen intense fighting, leaving behind landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO).

On March 18, 2025, while collecting firewood, Seleman discovered an explosive remnant of war. Initially, he considered moving it to protect his siblings but remembered a crucial lesson from an explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) session provided UNMAS. He had learned about the dangers of UXO and the importance of not touching suspicious items.

Seleman's cousins, former soldiers, had also shared stories of losing friends to landmines, reinforcing the lesson. Recalling these warnings, Seleman decided to report the discovery to the nearby UNMAS team. The team investigated and confirmed it was a 60mm unexploded mortar shell and subsequently destroyed the item on site.

The team later debriefed Seleman, who explained his knowledge from the previous EORE session and his cousins' experiences. This combination of EORE and personal stories gave him the confidence to act appropriately.

Seleman's quick thinking highlighted the importance of EORE. His actions demonstrated the value of such education in preventing tragedies. In areas like Todach, ongoing education is essential to ensure everyone, especially children, knows how to respond to potential hazards. Seleman's story underscores the critical role of EORE in keeping communities safe from the dangers of UXO.



Interview with Seleman



Found mortar prior to its destruction

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