




Highlights **APRIL 2023**

 **89 km**
of routes assessed as safe
from explosive hazards



Mechanical clearance



352,092
square meters cleared in
the Abyei Area



Battle Area Clearance



12 Explosive Remnants
of War destroyed



One of explosive remnants of war recovered and destroyed



37 Explosive Ordnance
Risk Education
sessions provided



Explosive Ordnance Risk Education session in Koledit



7 Ground Monitoring
Missions supported



Ground Monitoring Mission in Tishwin

CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR MINE AWARENESS AND ASSISTANCE IN MINE ACTION

Under the campaign banner “Mine Action Cannot Wait”, the United Nations Mine Action Service component of UNISFA, acknowledged the significance of the 4th of April by organising events and activities covering several days, with the support of mission leadership and its military and civilian components.

Celebrations of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action at UNISFA headquarters featured a Cricket match between the Indian and Pakistani battalions on 2 April. The Pakistani team emerged victorious in a thrilling match attended by more than a hundred people, as the first of its kind in Abyei to be held in the evening hours and under spotlights.

On the same day, the semi-finals of the Basketball competition were held and the Indian Battalion Team and the UNISFA Civilians Team were the finalists. In the evening of 3 April, the basketball court hosted the flying banners of UNMAS and an amazingly enthusiastic UNISFA family, cheering up their favorite team in the presence of the Mission Acting Head of Mission/Force Commander, the mission Chief of Staff, and other civilian and military senior officers. Both teams granted the public a nail-biting performance and the match was ultimately won by the Indian Battalion.

In the very early hours of 4 April, chants and trampling reverberated across the lanes of the UNISFA mission headquarters, with the convergence of battalions, international military observers and civilians heading to the start line of the UNMAS Mine Action Day Fun Run. During what has become a true UNISFA tradition, participants ran or walked the 5 km route and the first three in the male and female categories received medals.

The Mission Acting Head of Mission/Force Commander, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Sawyerr, and the UNMAS Chief of Mine Action Programme, Mr. Jes Lockett, presided over the awards ceremony, which concluded with a spontaneous celebratory dance by the winners of the Cricket competition.

The observance of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action at UNISFA also included a static exhibition of mine protected vehicles and demining equipment, hosted by the UNMAS Implementing Partner, and a photo competition under the theme Mine Action Cannot Wait, which received 57 entries.

UNISFA enhanced multiculturalism and participation in all phases of the events around 4 April have doubtlessly contributed to it becoming a memorable observance.



Equipment display



Awards ceremony



UNMAS Team



Cricket winner



Basketball's final match



Fun Run medalists with dignitaries



Fun Run

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