

This report is produced by OCHA in collaboration with humanitarian partners. It covers the period from 6 to 8 June 2011. The next report will be issued on 9 June.

I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- Heavy fighting between SAF and SPLA reported since 6 June in Kadugli and other parts of South Kordofan State
- Some 7,000 people displaced by fighting in Kadugli have sought refuge outside the UNMIS compound
- Large displacement of civilian population has been reported in Kadugli and other outlying towns and villages
- Humanitarian partners plan to distribute food and NFIs to the 7,000 people outside the UNMIS compound once security conditions permit

II. Situation Overview

Heavy fighting between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in South Kordofan State erupted on 6 June and has continued over the past 48 hours in Kadugli, the state capital, as well as in some outlying towns and villages.

UNMIS reported that its' military contingent has deployed to various locations around Kadugli town, including to the airport- which had been temporarily shut down several times during the day- and the WFP warehouse, and has conducted air patrols across the State to assess the situation.

As a result of the violence, many civilians have fled Kadugli and other villages. Reports indicate that most civilians of villages such as Talodi and Um Durein have taken refuge in neighboring mountainous areas. Reports also indicate that most of the population of Dilling town has fled.

In Kadugli itself, part of the population has fled into the bush, with people observed moving north. People that fled in vehicles are reported to have reached El Obeid in North Kordofan. Inside Kadugli, clusters of displaced people were initially reported at different locations such as the Police Hospital (3,000 people), the way station for returnees (88 people) and the Catholic Diocese (200 people). UNMIS-negotiated safe passage allowed most of these displaced people to move out of town. Many have joined the growing flow of people who have sought refuge outside the UNMIS base, on the outskirts of Kadugli. An estimated 7,000 people are now believed to be present at that location. It has been reported by UNMIS that some of these may be carrying weapons.

The Secretary General of the Government of Sudan's Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) visited the area next to the UNMIS compound earlier today and urged people to remain calm and requested all those with arms to hand their weapons over to security personnel in an effort to make the area arms-free. Low flying jet fighters created a temporary moment of panic, with people scattering in the bush before returning to the area.

Humanitarian assistance for the displaced people at the UNMIS compound will commence as soon as the area is secured. WFP and HAC are making preparations for food distributions for 6,000 people for two weeks while emergency shelter and NFI for 7,500 people are being put on stand-by. The Ministry of Health (MoH) has provided a mobile clinic in the vicinity of the base.

Some 250 relocatable staff and employees of NGO and UN agencies in Kadugli, have been relocated to the UNMIS compound. Reports indicate that some non-relocatable staff have fled the town.

SAF is providing security for some of the humanitarian emergency stocks that had been pre-positioned in warehouses in Kadugli. This includes food for 50,000 people for a month. UNMIS has transferred shelter and non-food items (NFIs) from the way station in Kadugli to the UNMIS compound for 7,500 people. These

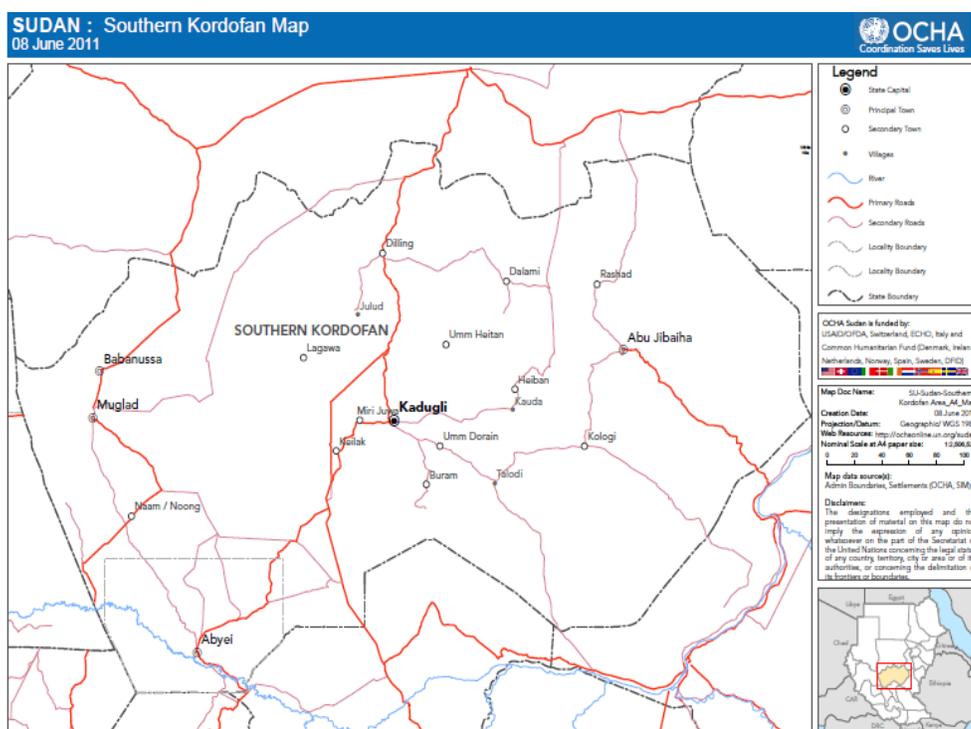
will be distributed by agencies with presence on the ground to the displaced people outside the UNMIS compound.

Water is a pressing concern for the displaced people outside the UNMIS compound, as the supply from Kadugli has been interrupted..

III. Coordination

The Humanitarian Coordinator is leading a joint UNMIS/UN Country Team (UNCT) mission to Kadugli on 9 June along with two OCHA staff that will remain in Kadugli to support the humanitarian response. The mission will also be bringing some therapeutic food supplies and NFIs.

The main objectives of the mission are: to reiterate to state authorities their responsibility to protect civilians and ensure unhindered access for humanitarian workers in Kadugli and other affected areas; to strengthen coordination on the ground; to establish an information network with UNCT/NGO staff located outside of Kadugli (Kauda, hills area, Um Derein, Dilling, El Obeid, etc) in order to obtain a more precise understanding of population movements.



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