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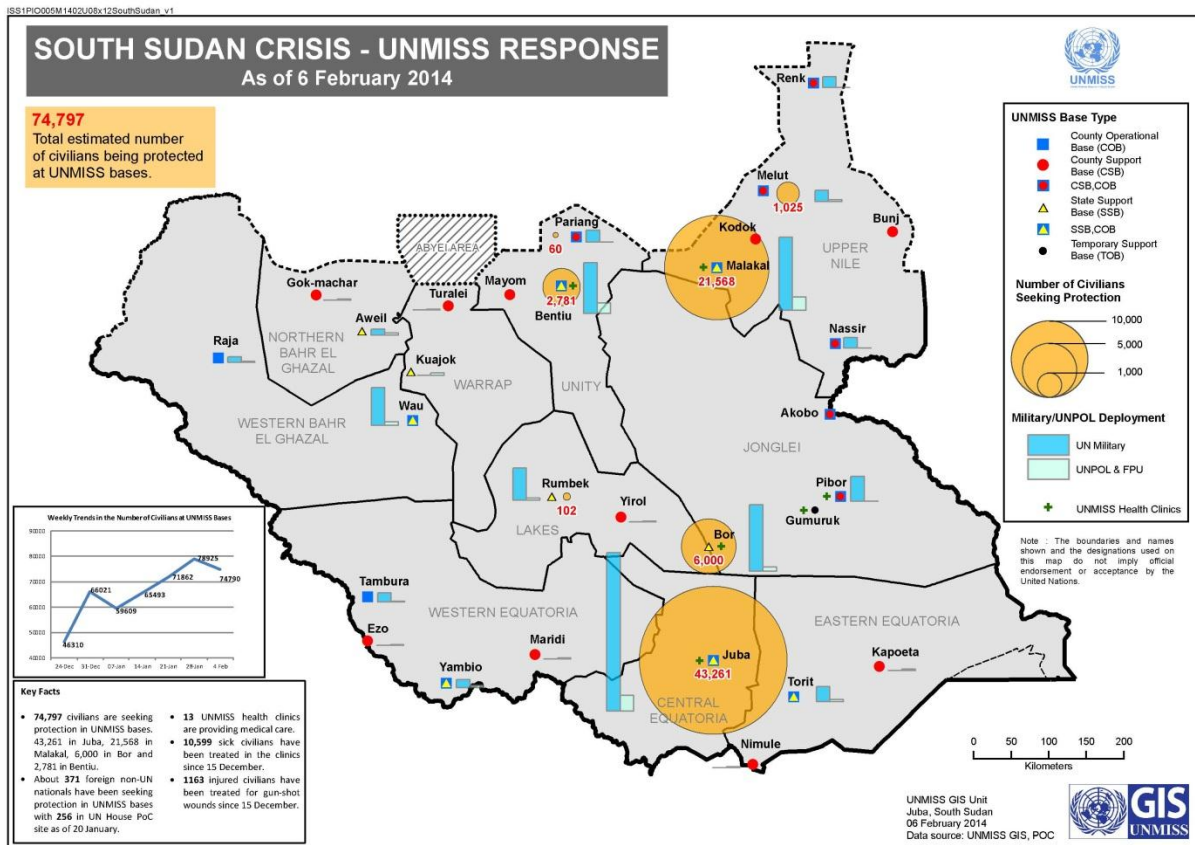
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UNMISS "PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS" (POC) SITES¹

- As of 6 February 2014, 74,797 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.



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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>Lakes</i>	<i>Rumbek</i>	102
<i>Upper Nile</i>	<i>Malakal</i>	21,568
	<i>Melut</i>	1,025
<i>Unity</i>	<i>Pariang</i>	60
	<i>Bentiu</i>	2,781
TOTAL		74,797

UNMISS CONTINGENTS SUPPORT POC SITES

Japanese Engineering Company/ Juba

- The Japanese engineering company of UNMISS has been actively supporting the protection of civilians since thousands of displaced persons have fled recent violence into UNMISS protection sites. The assistance of the Japanese engineering company has consisted in broad logistical support which included the provision of over 1,000 tons of water, the construction of latrines in 19 locations within the site, the clearing of approximately 93,500m² of ground to expand the site as well as the erection of a 2 meter berm around the site.

Bengladesh Engineering Company/ Juba

- The Bangladesh engineering company has freed up approximately 800 m² of the land they are currently occupying to the Tomping protection of civilian site. Bangladesh engineers have vacated the land to create space urgently needed to install new latrines and bathing facilities. On 6 February, approximately 200 civilians also moved to the newly created area.

UNMISS PATROLS IN UNITY STATE

- On 3 February, an UNMISS team composed of peacekeepers and civilians went to **Mayom County** (Unity State) to assess the area. Many unexploded ordnances (UXOs) were observed along the road and in Mayom town itself . The Deputy Commissioner of the county indicated that about 40 percent of the population of Mayom had returned, adding that he was very concerned about the situation and requested UNMISS to provide assistance. He also asked for the support of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) in clearing roads from UXOs.

- On 4 February, UNMISS further visited **Pariang County** (Unity State) to assess the security situation, and where some 60 civilians have sought protection in the UNMISS site.

WOMEN FROM BENTIU MOBILIZE FOR PEACE INITIATIVE

- Women from varying ethnic groups currently staying in the UNMISS protection site of Bentiu marched 12 kilometers in silence and holding white flags from the UNMISS base located in Rubkona to the Governor's office. The group was demanding that displaced women be engaged in peace processes underway during a six-day conference held in Addis Abeba (Ethiopia) from 25 till 30 January.
- The initiative which was launched by displaced women hailing from Nuer and Dinka communities, also sought to open dialogue among ethnic communities of Unity State. "We are women of peace, we have come together – Nuers, Dinkas and Equatorians – to promote peace and reconciliation," said Aluel Wal Magor, a 40-year-old mother of nine. "We met with the state governor (Dr. Joseph Nguen Monyтуil) to tell him that we do not buy the idea of being divided along ethnic lines."

BOR: POLICE INITIATIVE ON CONFIDENCE AND TRUST BUILDING

- The Confidence and Trust Building strategy presented last week to rebuild relations between the South Sudanese Police and public was launched in Bor with the support of the UN Police on 5 February.
- As civilians are starting to come back to Bor, a police presence to ensure the safety of civilians is paramount. "Now that life is becoming normal and calm, people are coming back and returning to their houses. One of the big challenges we are confronted to is looting;so we are trying to protect the property of citizens" says Colonel Ajang, the Police commander of Bor.

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ⁱ UNMISS will be providing and update on figures and the Mission's activities on its PoC sites twice a week