

UNAMID BULLETIN

UNAMID Hosts Special Envoys Retreat, Reaches Out to Shangil Tobaya Community

Following a meeting of international Special Envoys, conducted at UNAMID headquarters, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, UNAMID Joint Special Representative (JSR) and Joint Chief Mediator, noted that the participants were unanimous in expressing their continuing support for the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur (DDPD) and calling for its full implementation. In a press conference following the meeting, the JSR also noted that the meeting's participants unanimously voiced concern over the deterioration of the security situation in Darfur and the reduction in funding available to aid agencies and humanitarian actors in the region.

The Special Envoys Retreat, held on 17 and 18 June in El Fasher, North Darfur, focused on current developments across the region, including the state of the peace process as well as the security and humanitarian situation. As part of the program, the envoys, along with UNAMID representatives and the dip-

lomatic corps taking part in the event, visited Shangil Tobaya in North Darfur, where they toured a new health care centre in the Shadad camp for internally displaced persons. The healthcare centre, constructed with funding from UNAMID's quick-impact project programme, treats nearly 100 patients every day.

Also in Shangil Tobaya, JSR Chambas and the delegation witnessed a mediation and reconciliation workshop organized by the Mission's Civil Affairs section. The workshop, one of many such meetings designed to address inter- and intra-tribal conflict, focused on different beneficial aspects of peaceful coexistence. "I am happy to see that you are coming together to discuss how to resolve your differences," said Dr. Chambas in his address to the participants. "I encourage you to continue to pursue peaceful means to resolve conflict and to live together harmoniously."

The JSR and other members of the delegation met with community representatives, including the commissioner



On 18 June 2013, UNAMID JSR Mohamed Ibn Chambas greets representatives of Shangil Tobaya. Photo by Rania Abdulrahman, UNAMID.

of Dar al Salaam locality, traditional leaders and women's and youth group representatives. They discussed the situation on the ground and community needs, most notably those relating to the provision of education, healthcare, water and sanitation facilities as well as vocational training.

Dr. Chambas briefed the community representatives on several issues, including UNAMID's efforts to provide se-

curity and the Mission's work to support the peace process. "The search for peace started some time ago, and many people are working tirelessly to help resolve community grievances," he said "We need you all to play your role in bringing durable peace to all Darfuris."

During the meeting, the JSR announced the launching of two quick-impact projects in Shangil Tobaya and Dar al Salaam localities. ■

Deputy Joint Special Representative Appointed



Newly appointed UNAMID Deputy Joint Special Representative Joseph Mutaboba of Rwanda. Photo by UNHQ.

On 20 June 2013, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mrs. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, appointed Mr. Joseph Mutaboba of Rwanda as African Union and United Nations Deputy Joint Special Representative in Darfur and Deputy Head of UNAMID.

Mr. Mutaboba replaces Ms. Aichatou Mindaoudou of Niger. In a statement, the Secretary-General expressed appreciation to Ms. Mindaoudou for her "tireless dedication and invaluable service during her

tenure in UNAMID."

Mr. Mutaboba brings to his new position experience in diplomacy and foreign affairs, most recently serving as the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Guinea-Bissau and Head of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UN-OGPIS) until January 2013.

He previously served as the Rwandan President's Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region, and as Secretary-General in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Internal Affairs. Earlier, he held several senior level

positions as the Deputy National Coordinator for Rwanda, the Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1999 to 2001 and as a senior diplomat in Addis Ababa and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Mutaboba has a Master of Philosophy degree in library and information science from North London University.

He speaks English and French, and has a working knowledge of Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. Born in 1949, he is married and has three children. ■

Gender-Based Violence Committee Reviews Plan

On 18 June 2013 in El Fasher, North Darfur, members of the North Darfur Committee for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) concluded a two-day workshop to review their work plan for the upcoming year.

The workshop, supported by UNAMID in collaboration with North Darfur's Committee for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence and the Ministry of Social Affairs, drew participants from UN agencies, government institutions and civil society organizations.

While the forum served

to review the Committee's plans in terms of the achievements and programs implemented during the previous year, it also offered participants an opportunity to discuss gender concepts related to issues in Darfur.

Through its Gender Advisory Unit, UNAMID regularly furnishes GBV advocacy groups throughout Darfur with technical advice on issues related to gender-based violence and provides guidance on effective mechanisms to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. ■



On 18 June 2013, representatives of North Darfur's Committee for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence meet in El Fasher for a two-day workshop facilitated by UNAMID. Photo by Emadeldin Rijal, UNAMID.

Human Rights the Focus of IDP Workshop



On 18 June 2013, representatives of camps for internally displaced people around El Fasher, North Darfur, attend a human rights workshop. Photo by Mohammed Mahady, UNAMID.

On 18 June 2013 in El Fasher, North Darfur, UNAMID organized a two-day workshop on human rights issues related to vulnerable groups in Darfur.

The workshop, held in the line with Sudanese law and international standards, drew 30 representatives from the Abu Shouk, Al Salaam and Zam Zam camps for internally displaced people.

The session was set up

to raise awareness of human rights issues, especially for vulnerable groups, including women and children.

In a similar workshop, held on 15 and 16 June in Zalingei, Central Darfur, more than 40 representatives from the Central Darfur Legislative Council attended a two-day session to discuss ways to play a more effective role in protecting human rights and strengthening rule of law institutions. ■

Promoting Road Safety Awareness

As part of UNAMID's on-going effort to create awareness about road risks and to promote attitude change for a safer approach to driving, the Mission conducted its annual road safety campaign in partnership with the Government of Sudan under the theme "Road Safety Starts with You."

The Darfur-wide campaign, which began on 9 June 2013 and ran through 20 June, was designed to increase awareness about safety issues, reduce the number of accidents and sensitize the public to traffic regu-

lations. In addition, campaign organizers focused on raising awareness about environmental issues by highlighting ways to minimize vehicle operating costs through, for example, efficient maintenance programmes and ride-sharing practices.

During the week, a series of events, including a march, a radio drama play, public information announcements, video presentations, awareness seminars and safety checkpoints took place across Darfur.

Due to the increase in traffic accidents globally, the UN



On 9 June 2013, representatives from UNAMID and the Government of Sudan Police march to raise awareness about road safety in El Fasher, North Darfur. Photo by Hamid Hamid, UNAMID.

General Assembly has instructed all peacekeeping missions, UN Agencies and key partners around the world to strengthen their cooperation on road safety

and to continue raising road safety awareness at the international and national levels by organizing advocacy events and scaling up existing efforts. ■