

# UNAMID BULLETIN

## UNAMID JSR Meets Senior Sudanese Officials Regarding National Dialogue, Briefs AU Peace and Security Council



UNAMID JSR Mohamed Ibn Chambas is pictured in a recent meeting. Photo by Albert Gonzalez Farran, UNAMID.

On 11 September 2014, UNAMID's Joint Special Representative (JSR), Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, met with Dr. Eltigani Seisi, Chairperson, Darfur Regional Authority (DRA) and Dr. Amin Hassan Omer, Head, Darfur Peace Follow-up Office, and briefed them on the positive outcomes of the tripartite meeting between himself, the Qatari Deputy Prime Minister and the Chairperson of the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) which

took place in Doha on 9 September. The UNAMID Head mentioned particularly the ongoing efforts to bring non-signatory movements together in order to facilitate the proposed National Dialogue.

Following these meetings, JSR Chambas, on 12 September, briefed the African Union Peace and Security Council on Darfur in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he outlined recent mediation efforts undertaken by him in collaboration with AUHIP, the UN Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan (SESSS), the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Arab League. He focused on ways of integrating the Darfur peace process into the broader opportunity presented by the National Dialogue Initiative announced by President Al-Bashir earlier this year. He reiterated the imperative for finding a political solution to the un-

folding humanitarian crisis in Darfur while addressing existing security challenges.

He also recommended to the Council the integration of mediation efforts in Darfur, in particular, and Sudan, in general, into one robust mechanism, under the leadership of President Thabo Mbeki, the Chairperson of the AUHIP, in order to harness the respective strengths of the AUHIP, UNAMID, SESSS, IGAD, Qatar and the Arab League into a synchronized, coherent and programmatic mediation structure.

"UNAMID stands ready to offer logistical support, within its mandate, resources and capability, towards the stopping of war through a monitored cessation of hostilities or ceasefire, as well as support the integration and incorporation of the Darfur-specific concerns in the DDPD within the national dialogue," said Mr. Chambas in his speech to the Council. ■

## UNAMID Continues to Take Preventive Medical Measures to Prevent Ebola

On 21 September 2014, the African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) reiterated in an official announcement its ongoing preventive efforts to safeguard against Ebola.

On 9 September, UNAMID advised its contractors to restrict travel of their staff to countries declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as Ebola-affected (Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria). This is part of the Mission's efforts to preclude even the remote possibility of the disease entering Sudan.

A team from the Federal Ministry of Health visited UNA-

MID's Medical section and inspected the facilities and level of preparedness of the Mission to prevent and combat the disease. Following the visit, UNAMID received a letter from the North Darfur State Ministry of Health expressing satisfaction with the measures and facilities the Mission has in place and appreciating the active role UNAMID plays in the collective effort to support the state in preparedness and prevention controls. The letter also thanked the Mission for "the precious practical collaboration and support" UNAMID has extended to North Darfur's medical services in general.

All UNAMID personnel travelling to and from West Africa have to undergo strict medical procedures with UN-certified medical staff before their departure to West Africa, prior to their return to Sudan and yet again upon their return to the Mission. There have not been any recorded or suspected cases of Ebola among UNAMID's personnel.

The Mission is monitoring the global situation of the spread of Ebola and is working closely with local, regional and federal health authorities of the Republic of the Sudan to safeguard against Ebola along the lines prescribed by the WHO. ■

## AU and UN Appoint Deputy Joint Special Representative for UNAMID



Mr. Abiodun Bashua, UNAMID's newly appointed Deputy Joint Special Representative (DJSR) is pictured here. Mr. Bashua is a citizen of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Photo by Hamid Abdulsalam, UNAMID.

On 17 September 2014, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission announced the appointment of Abiodun Oluremi Bashua, a citizen of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as Deputy Joint Special Representative (DJSR) of the African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID).

Mr. Bashua brings to the position a wealth of knowledge on Darfur in particular and Sudan as a whole. He has served in UNAMID since August 2009 at various senior levels and has extensive experience in United Nations peacekeeping operations in Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Sudan (UNMIS). He has also served as Secretary to the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Mr. Bashua replaces Mr. Joseph Mutaboba who left the Mission in June 2014 having completed his assignment as Deputy JSR. ■

## UNAMID Celebrates International Day of Peace



On 21 September 2014, members of drama group at Abu Shouk camp for internally displaced people in El Fasher, North Darfur, perform a play on peace and cohesion during the commemoration of the International Day of Peace. Photo by Mohamad Almahady, UNAMID.

On 21 September 2014, the African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) celebrated the International Day of Peace, commemorated worldwide on

this date every year, at the Abu Shouk camp for internally displaced people (IDPs) in El Fasher, North Darfur.

The event, which included drama performances and the singing of peace songs, was attended by thousands of students, community members, Government representatives, representatives of the Darfur Regional Authority (DRA) and UNAMID staff.

UNAMID representative, Mr. Aderemi Adekoya, Chief, UNAMID's DDR section, read the UN Secretary-General's message on the occasion where he urged all Darfuris to work toward peace, stability and development across the region.

Mr. Adekoya reaffirmed the Mission's commitment toward its mandated aims of aiding the ongoing peace process, protecting civilians and facilitating humanitarian assistance in Darfur. He also mentioned that UNAMID will continue its efforts toward inducting non-signatory armed movements into the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur (DDPD).

The DRA representative, Mr. Osman Wash appreciated UNAMID role in Darfur and its significant efforts in implementing the DDPD by working closely with various Darfuri communities to raise awareness on importance issues such as peace, stability and coexistence. ■

## UNAMID Meets Local Leaders, Urges Reconciliation Between Feuding Tribes in East Darfur

On 16 September 2014, as part of ongoing efforts to diffuse tension between the Ma'alia and Reizeigat tribes, UNAMID, the World Food Programme (WFP), UNICEF and OCHA conducted an assessment visit to Adila locality in East Darfur to assess the security situation in the area. This is the first time that such a mission has been undertaken since clashes erupted between these two tribes in 2013.

During the visit, the team met with community and administrative leaders as well as with representatives of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and international nongovernmental organizations (INGOs) operating in the area. The local leaders requested for humanitarian assistance and basic services including education, health, food and non-food items.

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ice in East Darfur Landing Badjie reiterated the Mission's commitment to support the peace process and appealed to the tribal leaders, youth and women's groups to embrace peace efforts as well as reconcile their differ-

ences. "UNAMID is here to assist in bringing lasting and durable peace to the people of Darfur. I urge you to embrace peace in order to create a conducive atmosphere for the delivery of humanitarian aid," said Mr. Badjie.

On behalf of the local leaders, Umdah Ahmed Ajab thanked UNAMID and the UN agencies, adding that the conflict had led to deaths and mass displacement and called for urgent humanitarian assistance in the area. ■