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The UN strongly condemns the killing of an Indian Peacekeeper in Southern Sudan

Khartoum, Juba- 27 January 2007: The United Nations Mission in Sudan strongly condemns the killing of a UN peacekeeper from the Indian Contingent, during an attack on 26 January 2007, by unidentified armed elements on a three-vehicle convoy of a de-mining team and UNMIS Force Protection, along Torit-Magwi-Operi road, in South Sudan. Two other UNMIS Indian peacekeepers also sustained injuries during the attack and were evacuated to Juba for medical treatment at the UN hospital. The injuries they sustained are not life threatening and their condition is stable.

UNMIS Force Protection immediately retaliated when the attack was launched and forced the attackers to withdraw.

UNMIS extends its condolences to the Government of India and to the family of the UN peacekeeper, who was killed when he and his colleagues were carrying out their noble mission of protecting a humanitarian team that delivers a vital service to the people of Southern Sudan.

UNMIS deplores the cowardly attack and affirms that it will respond to any attacks on UN and/or humanitarian personnel, as authorized by relevant provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1590 (2005).

UNMIS demands an immediate investigation into the attack and requests that those responsible are held accountable to the full extent of the law.

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