



Highlights

Two Integrated Route Assessment and Clearance Teams (IRACT) completed accreditation for the upcoming dry season from November 2025 to June 2026.

One Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Response Team remained operational during the wet season, conducting emergency mine action activities, and was demobilized on 31 October 2025.

Two Patrol Support Teams (PSTs) were demobilised on 22 October 2025.



Explosive ordnance safety briefing



Explosive ordnance risk education training

Stats **OCTOBER 2025**

45 Newly arrived uniformed and civilian members of UNISFA received safety induction briefing

49 Safety briefing sessions conducted by local Community Liaison Officers

17 Ground monitoring missions supported by UNMAS ensured full implementation of the JBVMM mandate



UNMAS TEAMS ACCREDITED AND PREPARED TO SUPPORT UNISFA DRY SEASON DEPLOYMENT

The UNISFA Dry Season Deployment Plan is activated following the severe geographical constraints imposed by the wet season from June to October. Designed to maximize UNISFA's mandate during the optimal window from November to May, UNMAS implementing partner The Development Initiative (TDI) mobilized its teams in October 2025 to conduct refresher training and accreditation. This rigorous process provided a critical hazard mitigation guarantee, directly supporting the mission's long-term effectiveness. Even highly experienced personnel undergo refresher training to ensure full proficiency in core skills, procedures, and the latest International Mine Action Standards and Technical Guidelines adopted by UNMAS UNISFA. Training focused on precise execution of explosive hazard mitigation and clearance activities to deliver a verified, hazard-free operating environment.

By enabling UNISFA forces to safely access, patrol, and secure critical corridors, the mine action component transforms the deployment plan from concept to operational reality, ensuring full force mobility and humanitarian access. Verification and clearance of main supply routes from explosive hazards is an absolute prerequisite for large logistical convoys transporting essential resources such as fuel, heavy equipment, and supplies to Temporary Operating Bases. The dry season offers the only opportunity to move these critical supplies, making UNMAS clearance indispensable for sustaining the logistical chain and operational longevity of Temporary Operating Bases. Furthermore, cleared routes enable UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes, and other humanitarian actors to deliver life-saving assistance to remote communities previously cut off during the rainy season.

In conclusion, the successful completion of training and UNMAS UNISFA accreditation in October 2025 provided operational teams with the technical authorization required to transition from planning to execution. This achievement laid the foundation for the long-term success of the dry season deployment.



UNMAS Officer conducting operational accreditation

Mr. Douglas Muketiwa, TDI Technical Field Manager – IRACT, stated: "Our rigorous refresher training ensures that every member of the IRACT is fully proficient in hazard mitigation. Knowing we are delivering a verified, hazard-free environment is what boosts confidence across the entire multinational peacekeeping contingent, allowing them to focus fully on their security objectives."



Operational accreditation in progress



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