



Highlights

One Integrated Route Assessment and Clearance Team (IRACT) commenced implementation of the dry season deployment plan on 1 November. One Patrol Support Team (PST) at TS-21 Tishwin continued to support ground monitoring missions.

UNMAS continued the destruction of all confiscated weapons and ammunition, in line with the UNISFA mandate.

National Community Liaison Officers are actively communicating within their communities, providing safety messages and collecting information on any explosive hazards found.

One PST and one IRACT commenced with the demobilization on 4 November 2025.



Explosive ordnance risk education



Battle area clearance



Weapon's destruction

Stats **NOVEMBER 2025**

373 Kilometers of routes in the Abyei Area assessed and verified as safe from explosives enabling mobility of the mission and safe patrols

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

29 Explosive ordnance risk education sessions conducted in the Abyei area

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

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PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS - TRAINING IN ACCRA, GHANA

Leila Kengueleoua, the Associate Programme Officer at UNMAS UNISFA successfully completed a two-week intensive training on the Protection of Civilians (POC), held from 17 to 28 November at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre in Accra, Ghana. The training brought together professionals from across the region to strengthen their capacity to effectively implement POC mandates in peace operations and reduce the impact of conflict on civilian populations.

During the programme, Leila demonstrated a high level of commitment and an advanced understanding of the POC concept. She deepened her knowledge of the legal and normative frameworks underpinning POC, expanded her ability to compare protection approaches in conflict settings, and explored the critical connections between POC, the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), and Security Sector Reform (SSR) within peacekeeping and peacebuilding contexts.

Leila also strengthened her understanding of gender considerations in POC and recognized the importance of developing comprehensive POC plans and establishing strong coordination mechanisms among key actors involved in protection mandates.

By successfully completing this training, Leila Kengueleoua is now even better equipped to support effective protection strategies and contribute meaningfully to efforts aimed at safeguarding civilian lives in conflict-affected environments.



EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE RISK EDUCATION - LIFE SAVING MESSAGES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE RAINY SEASON

The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) continues to raise awareness about the risks posed by landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW), even after the rainy season. During the rainy season, most areas in Abyei are flooded. As the ground begins to dry and life returns to normal, some explosive remnants of war become exposed or are discovered during cultivation. Soil erosion can also lead to the exposure of these dangerous items. Against this backdrop, UNMAS has taken it upon itself to ensure the safety of local communities.

After each rainy season, it remains crucial to continue initiatives that promote safe practices within communities, as these efforts help reduce the threat posed by explosive ordnance. Residents of Abyei, internally displaced persons (IDPs) from surrounding areas, and humanitarian actors working in Abyei are the primary beneficiaries of explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) sessions.

Delivering EORE in schools and tailoring awareness messages to specifically target at-risk boys and girls are ongoing priorities, as schools serve as key gathering points for children.

In addition, community members have also been provided with phone numbers to report any information related to mines and ERW, ensuring continuous communication between the communities and UNMAS.



One of the community elders in Abathok, Mr. Ghno Deng Chol stated: **"The work that UNMAS is doing in this area makes us very delighted. For those of us staying in the confines of Abyei Box, this creates a sense of security and awareness. This knowledge is even more useful to our children who are the future of Abyei. This also gives us hope just by knowing that we are not alone in this predicament, but we have a support system that is ready to help us whenever we come across explosive ordnance."**

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