



Highlights

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

One PST and one IRACT completed with the demobilization on 3 December 2025.

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



Safety Induction Training in Todach



Explosive Ordnance Disposal in Agok

Stats **DECEMBER 2025**

177

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

156

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

15

Explosive ordnance risk education sessions conducted in the Abyei area

6

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

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BRIDGING UNISFA PEACEKEEPERS' NEEDS AND COMMUNITY TRUST FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

In the Abyei region, once marked by conflict and now transitioning toward stability and recovery, several crucial mine action activities came together to address both immediate operational needs and long term community trust. Although distinct in purpose, these efforts are deeply interconnected, each playing a vital role in creating safer, more accessible spaces for both UNISFA Peacekeepers and the local population.

The month of December began with a priority Battle Area Clearance (BAC) task at the Dungoup Temporary Operating Base (TOB). With the arrival of the dry season, the movement of nomadic herders in search of pasture increases, placing additional pressure on the area's resources and routes. To ensure smooth, safe passage for these nomadic groups and to support broader community security, UNISFA Peacekeepers are establishing a seasonal temporary base as a contingency measure.

Before the Peacekeepers could occupy the site, BAC operations were required to ensure it was free from any explosive remnants of war (ERW). Using both surface and subsurface search techniques, mine action teams identified and cleared remaining hazards. While the area was largely stable, these operations gave UNISFA planners the confidence to deploy a base that would not only accommodate UNISFA personnel but also ensure the safe movement of nomadic groups during this critical season.

As the days passed, another important activity followed: the remediation of the former temporary bulk demolition site in Nyanchour. UNMAS deployed a team to make the area safe and restore the community's confidence in the land's use. As the work progressed, it became evident that the site could be fully restored and reclaimed for community benefit, providing much needed space for future development.

Through the remediation process, the land became safe and usable, opening possibilities for immediate and future development and enabling the community to reclaim and utilize land that had long been avoided.

These two activities, though addressing different needs, had a cascading positive impact on both UNISFA personnel and the local population. The BAC at Dungoup ensured the area was ready for use as a temporary base, enabling the military to safely manage seasonal movements and remain prepared for contingencies. This helped maintain stability in the region during a period of increased activity.

Mr. Akol Deng Kol, one of the village elders, expressed his appreciation for the work done at Nyanchour, saying: "The community is happy with the work you have done, and you have restored confidence in us that we can be able to utilize the land for our many activities. Many people are coming to reside in Abyei, and they must use this land to build their homes."



BAC in Dungoup



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Remediation of the former temporary demolition site in Nyanchour



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