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Highlights

- ❖ Despite diminishing rains and improving road conditions across Darfur, humanitarian access and the full utilisation of available logistics capacity decreases due to spiralling insecurity.
- ❖ GIS Mapping Unit produces additional mapping products for South Sudan.
- ❖ Work continues for the UN Workplan 2008 with the deadline for project sheet submissions for all sectors now passed.



Roadworks in Aweil – N.Bahr el Ghazal
Photo: Daher – UNJLC Sep 07

SUDAN-WIDE

Air Transport

UNHAS

Organisations looking to take advantage of the UNHAS small cargo service (25 kg/package up to 100 kg) are invited to contact UNHAS at dominic.waldron@wfp.org or kennedy.ooro@wfp.org. The service is free to the humanitarian community.

UNMIS

UNMIS operates regular cargo flights El Obeid-Juba (20MT capacity). Items must be divided into 25kg boxes. Some spare cargo capacity is also available on UNMIS passenger flights and is free to the humanitarian community. To apply for UNMIS Air, Rail, Surface and Barge Service spare cargo capacity, organisations should fill out the UNMIS Request Form (CMR) on http://www.unjlc.org/sudan/transport/air/cargo_passenger/ and submit to UNJLC for authorisation. The form should then be passed to UNMIS MOVCON between the hours of 0800-1300. No CMR can be accepted for cargo less than 20KG. Contact unjlc.khartoum@wfp.org. MOVCON contact is Clark Toes at toes@un.org.

- **Enhanced Policy on Use by Non-UN Personnel of UNMIS flights.**

As outlined in last month's Logistics Bulletin, the humanitarian community is reminded of the new guidelines regarding the updated policy on UNCT staff using UNMIS flights. Attached substantiation is now needed for flights out of Khartoum. Non-UN persons that fly internally (within a region) or among the regions, do not need to submit attached substantiation at this time.

- **Policy on UNCT staff using UNMIS flights.**

To meet new Government policy, non-UNMIS UN passengers who wish to fly on an UNMIS flight out of Khartoum must also attach a letter of substantiation. As above, this is only for flights out of Khartoum at this time. However, the flight booking request with the substantiation for Khartoum flights must be submitted 48 hours in advance. Flight booking requests for Sunday flights would need to be submitted by Wednesday at 10:00.

Flight Schedules

Recent UNMIS and UNHAS passenger flight schedules (helicopter and fixed-wing) are available at <http://www.unjlc.org/sudan/transport/air/schedules> and are regularly sent out on UNJLC logistics emailing lists.

DARFUR

Security¹

The security situation in Darfur has again deteriorated over the month, with escalating, widespread insecurity and attacks against the humanitarian community and its assets continuing to restrict or prevent movement. Incidents of actual and attempted carjackings have increased, especially in South Darfur, raising still further obstacles to providing for those in need. .

In **South Darfur**, concerns continue over increasing attacks against the humanitarian community and military buildup around Nyala and elsewhere in the state. There has been no let up in the spate of carjackings occurring inside Nyala and its surroundings. Following intense military activity and clashes in the Muhajeriya area, reports of some displacements are reaching the capital.

In **North Darfur**, lack of access continues to limit assessment opportunities. Commercial transporters are still however able to move across the region. Distributions by NGOs are being curtailed due to insecurity. The Haskanita area remains of particular concern with reports of displacements following the attack on the AU compound at the end of the month. Agencies are advised to be extra cautious as reports are being received of AU impersonators following the theft of AU uniforms during the attack. The addition of extra helicopter flights in North Darfur is still under discussion, providing as it will the ability to reach areas inaccessible by road. Most surface routes out of the capital are highly insecure, due to armed bandits and the increasing appearance of unofficial road checkpoints.

In **West Darfur**, Chadian opposition forces were reported amassing along the Sudan–Chad border stretch near Misterei and Kulbus localities. NGOs operating in the two areas have relocated staff as a precaution. Tension is building up at Um Dukhun between armed militias, as a result of the killing of the HAC Commissioner of Um Dukhun. Krinding II Camp has reopened for humanitarian activities after several months of closure.

North Darfur

- **Kabkabiya** area remains 'NO GO' for UN personnel.
- WFP/UNDSS are planning to check accessibility to Kabkabiya by a diverting road from **El Fasher to Kabkabiya via Kutum**, although the road from **El Fasher to Kutum** is reported to be insecure at present due to the presence of armed bandits.
- **Northern Kutum** remains accessible for commercial transporters.
- Following the attack on the AU compound in **Haskanita** (Um Kedada), access is difficult in the surrounding areas.
- Road from **El Fasher to Kafod** is reported to be insecure due to the presence of armed bandits.

South Darfur:

- Within Nyala town, all movements are restricted to essential only due to increased incidents of carjackings. The areas of **Hai Al Matar** and **Malaja** are to be avoided. All UN vehicles travelling to and from these areas are obliged to notify UNDSS Radio Room for vehicle tracking.
- **Kalma** area including **Kalma Camp** are still 'NO GO' for UN operations.
- The **Nyala-Kass** road is 'NO GO' to UN operations.
- Access to the **Tulus** area is 'NO GO' due to recent clashes between Habania and Salamat tribes.
- Following a WFP security assessment on the **Marla** road, the road has been classified as Operational Level 3 Transitional (emergency humanitarian operations only). The road **Nyala to Bilel** is category B, with the recommendation that the **Bilel to Marla** road be upgraded to category C. ²
- Following a WFP security assessment, the **Nyala-Ishma** road is recommended as category B and the **Ishma-Labado** road is recommended as category D. **Labado** is classified as Level 3 – Transitional.

¹ All security advisories and information in this bulletin are correct as of 30 September. You are reminded to contact your local UNDSS representative for updates.

² Category B – minimum 2 Moss-compliant vehicles, at least 2 people in vehicle, vehicle tracking required. Category C – as for Category B, but with minimum 4 vehicles of which 2 must be MOSS-compliant and hourly radio checks. Security brief recommended from security professional. Contact UNDSS for more details.

Overnight stays are permitted at the AU team site only. All missions to Labado (air or land) are to be taken only with a security professional in attendance.³

- Problems between **En Nahud (Kordofan)** and **Adyla (South Darfur)** continue to threaten WFP food distributions in Darfur.

West Darfur:

- Main problematic areas remain **Sirba, Sileia, Kulbus, Misterei** and **Abu Saroug**.

Rains

No heavy rains were reported across the Darfurs over the month. However, the ‘Famine Early Warning System Network’ (FEWS) continues to advise of rain patterns across the states in its Darfur Rain Timeline and Seven Day Forecast. Updates of this are posted on the UNJLC website (www.unjlc.org). Recently updated maps are available on the IMU map centre (www.unsudanig.org/library/mapcatalogue/darfur).

Fuel

Fuel shortages reported in Nyala and El Geneina last month appear to be over, as some of the 300 fuel tankers en route to Nyala, previously held up in El Fasher, started to arrive. Shortages across the month resulted in rationed City Power in Nyala and dramatic increases in fuel prices in both South and West Darfur.

The situation has now improved with prices returning to normal levels (see table below). Mid-month, the price of petrol reached 25 SDG in El Geneina. Fuel prices remained stable in North Darfur.

Fuel prices as of 6 October (in SDG per imperial gallon when purchased as a 44 gallon drum)

	North Darfur	South Darfur	West Darfur
Diesel	7	12	12
Petrol	9	10	15
Paraffin (black market only)	10	-	12

North Darfur

Transport

Surface

Road Access

Commercial transporters are still able to move relatively freely throughout the state despite insecurity. The effects of the rainy season are now largely over with wadis no longer presenting any reported obstacles.

Air

UNHAS

The UNHAS office at El Fasher airport is open 6 days a week, excluding Friday, from 0800 to after departure of last flight. Bookings can be made at the office or online at unhas.sudan@wfp.org. Fixed-wing flights are to all Darfur state capitals, El Obeid and Khartoum.

All helistrips are reported to be open at present. Scheduled helicopter flights are as follows:

Sunday – Kutum, Disa and Um Kedada

Monday - Malha, Sayah, Mallit and Kabkabiya

Tuesday – Shanghil Tobaya

Wednesday – Kutum and Muzbat

Thursday – Hashaba, Birmaza, Kabkabiya and Shanghil Tobaya

Saturday – Kabkabiya, Saraf Omra

³ This level implies that all movement is subject to major restrictions as the result of a transitional or worsening security situation. Please contact UNDSS for details

Tuesdays are left open for Special Flight Requests, although these can be made available on other days on a case by case basis. For bookings, agencies are requested to contact the Air Ops office in El Fasher. UNHAS contacts are marc.daniel@wfp.org and mikdad.lawi@wfp.org.

South Darfur

Transport

Surface

Road Access

Following last month's problematic access to and from El Obeid, it has now been reported that the trucks being held up are en route to Nyala. It is hoped that this vital link road for all Darfur states will continue to be fully accessible.

Air

All flights in and out of Nyala are reported to be extremely full due to staff movement.

UNHAS

- UNHAS offices are open for bookings from 0900 – 1200 and 1300 – 1500. Flight manifests will be posted for viewing after 1600 daily. Passengers are reminded to ensure that the name provided on the booking corresponds exactly to that on the passenger's ID card.
- Several helicopter flights had to be cancelled over the month due to a shortage of Jet A-1 fuel in Nyala. Agencies are advised to contact UNHAS for updates. A request has been made for contingency stocks of Jet A-1 to be held in Nyala in case of emergency.
- As of 15 September, Ed Daien is to be serviced by a (fixed-wing) Caravan. Zalingei will be the next destination to be serviced by Caravan. Caravans are a cheaper, more flexible and faster option, allowing helicopters to be reallocated to other destinations or additional flights added.
- UNJLC participates in Helicopter User Group bi-monthly meetings in Nyala. Please refer to Meetings Section on page 7 for schedule or contact jeanemile.canu@wfp.org.

West Darfur

The UNJLC/WFP-facilitated Warehouse Training was completed from 12-14 September with 34 participants from the humanitarian community and three participants from the Ministry of Education.

Transport

Surface

Road Access

- No major difficulties were reported on the roads across the state for the reporting month.
- Updates of road conditions by UNDSS assessment team as of 4 October:

El Geneina - Misterei

Road conditions during the time of the mission were reported to be solid. No wadi crossings encountered posed any significant problem. Road tracks are well marked with no requirement for satellite navigation.

Misterei - Kongo Haraza

This road has not been used for approximately three years. There are no clear road tracks or indicators that can be used as reference. Travel on this road requires an experienced driver and navigator with swamps reported on some stretches mid-month. Travel for UN vehicles is hence not recommended until adequate reconstruction is carried out. Officially, this route is closed by GoS.

Kongo Haraza - Beida

Road stretch from Kongo Haraze to Beida during the assessment was in a solid condition without any significant obstacles.

Beida - Ararah

Road conditions are satisfactory although soil is reported to be very soft, presenting a possible but significant obstacle during the rainy season in several locations.

Air

UNHAS

UNJLC participates in bi-monthly Helicopter User Group meetings. Please see Meetings Section on page 7 for schedules or contact allanng.hb@wfp.org.

- All areas of operations are open except Sanidadi which, although initially reopened, has been reassessed by UNHAS as unsafe still. The helipad will therefore receive some further safety upgrades. INGO World Relief is taking action.
- Flights El Geneina-Mornei-Um Shalaya-Mornei-El Geneina are to be increased to three trips per week in order to reduce the number of staff obliged to overnight in Um Shalaya and Mornei in view of current insecurity.
- One of the two helicopters will not be available for operation for a period of one week as of mid October as it is due for routine maintenance schedule.
- Updated fixed-wing and helicopter schedules are available on the UNJLC website at <http://www.unjlc.org/sudan/transport/air/schedules>
- Collection of UNHAS tickets is restricted to between the hours of 1200 – 1500 from the newly-opened administration office at the WFP Compound or at El Geneina airport. No tickets will be issued at the airport on the day of departure.

Special Helicopter Flights

A helicopter flight request form is required for booking special helicopter flights. This is available on the UNJLC website - http://www.unjlc.org/sudan/transport/air/cargo_passenger. All special helicopter requests are to come through UNJLC and at least seven days in advance. Please contact allanng.hb@wfp.org.

UNMIS

- UNMIS received one helicopter on 9 October for their operation in El Geneina.

REST OF NORTH SUDAN (ROS)

Security⁴

- General security in Kadugli (S.Kordofan) is reported to be calm. A UN curfew is in place from 2200 to 0700.
- Serious intertribal clashes took place at the end of September in Al Samud (Lagawa locality) with several killed. Humanitarian organisations operating in the area were advised to temporarily suspend activities until further notice.
- Lagawa Town remains open to UN operations. A government curfew is still in force for Lagawa locality.
- Abyei area is calm, although the ban for UNMIS movement outside of Abyei Town remains in force as stipulated by UNMIS security. UN agencies and NGOs may move freely.

Floods Update

Flooding and flood related damages continued in September, affecting populations in Sennar and White Nile states. Needs assessments are being conducted in both states and in Khartoum. The humanitarian community continues to provide for those in need.

UNJLC remains an information hub for all NFI & Emergency Shelter related issues and flood response activities in the region. As part of this endeavour, all parties are encouraged to share pertinent logistics information by contacting unjlc.khartoum@wfp.org.

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Transport

Surface

Roads

- The **El Obeid-Kadugli** road remains open even in the rainy season. Grading works are ongoing over 30 kms from the beginning of the track in the direction of Kadugli. This is improving passage of trucks and buses considerably.
- **Kadugli to Lagawa** is open although passage is still difficult due to rains.
- **Kadugli-Abyei** is open all year in principle. After problems over the last few weeks due to rains, the road is again accessible for all transport.
- **Kadugli to Kauda** is open but passage is difficult due to rains.
- The **Kadugli to Talodi** road is closed due to rains.

SOUTH SUDAN

Security⁵

Tensions have continued over the month across the region, due to intertribal clashes and military activity. Juba town itself remains relatively calm.

Flood Coordination

UNJLC continues to assist with flood response through a number of logistics activities:

- Flood Coordination Website – UNJLC maintains a web page that contains maps, matrixes and other tools that are flood related - <http://www.unjlc.org/sudan/coord/ssdnfloods07/>
- Flood Maps – UNJLC has maps of Upper Nile, Unity and Jonglei states showing airfield status and assessments. Detailed maps of smaller areas are available upon request.
- The Flood Logistics Matrix – the Flood Logistics Matrix continues to be updated with all information provided to UNJLC. It lists all known flood-affected areas, along with road, river and air access and available transport and warehousing.
- Cargo Movement Coordination – on an ad-hoc basis, UNJLC continues to facilitate cargo movement needs.
- Logistics Support to Assessments – UNJLC continues to provide logisticians to assessments whenever additional experience is needed.

Transport

Surface

- **Juba-Yei** Road - as of the end of September, the road is once again passable.
- **Yambio-Maridi** Road – as reported on 11 October, the road is somewhat passable, although there are still deep gulleys and potholes and it is still raining. Bedford trucks and similar vehicles are getting through. However, the drive from **Yambio to Maridi** is reported to be taking seven hours in a 4 x 4 Landcruiser. Most of the deepest potholes have been filled with rocks by local workers.
- **Juba-Bor** road - water has receded and it is once again passable.
- **Juba-Nimule** road - UNOPS is working on rehabilitating the seven worst bridges on this stretch of road.
- **Juba-Loki** road – this is reported to be passable with the only trouble spot being the Torit Bridge which is still being flooded.
- Replacement of the Juba Bridge is expected to start soon as the pyres for the ferry are complete. The 60T-capacity ferry will be the interim crossing mechanism while the bridge structure is taken down and replaced. The issue is ongoing.
- **Magwe-Parajok** (E. Equatoria) - road has been cleared of the located AT mine by UNMAS. The road is 'GO', although staff are reminded to be vigilant during the rainy season and immediately after due to the increased possibility of migrating mines (source: UNDSS).

⁵ Please check with UNDSS for latest information

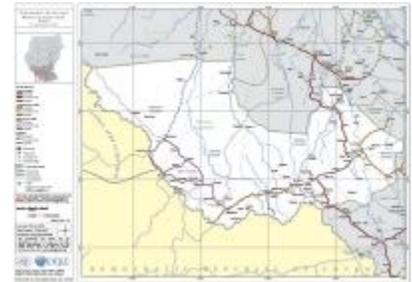
Air

- As of 18 September, UNHAS has added bi-weekly flights to Akon (Warrab) to their fixed routes. The latest schedule can be downloaded from <http://www.unjlc.org/sudan/transport/>.

GIS Mapping

A new series of ten State Transport Overview maps have been created in A3 size. The new size allows for clearer depiction of detail. Also produced over September and into October were new maps showing flood areas and flood response in Upper Nile and Unity states, Road Practicability and Seasonal Condition.

All maps are available in hard copy format from UNJLC's office in Juba or for download from <http://www.logcluster.org/sudan/maps>



Basic Vehicle Training

UNJLC will be offering a basic vehicle training course. The objective will be to familiarise staff with the vehicles so they can perform basic tasks like tyre changes if needed. All interested parties should contact UNJLC on Fionnuala.lucey@wfp.org or Nicolas.daher@wfp.org.

UNJLC Meetings – October/November

UNJLC holds regular Logistics Coordination and NFI meetings in Juba, the Darfur capitals and Khartoum. For further information, contact the local UNJLC Logistics Officer.

In addition, UNJLC operates two email lists for North and South Sudan for the sharing of logistics related information – sudan.logs@unjlc.org and southsudan.logs@unjlc.org. Those interested in joining should send an email to the list. These lists are intended for humanitarian logistics personnel.

Meeting		Date/Time/Location
Logistics Coordination Darfur/ROS	Khartoum	8 November, 1400 OCHA
NFI Coordination Darfur	Khartoum	18 October, 15 November 1000 OCHA
NFI Coordination ROS	Khartoum	18 October, 15 November 1100 OCHA
CP Management	Khartoum	8 November 1100 OCHA
Logistics Coordination Committee(LCC)	Khartoum	Date to be announced (on needs basis)
NFI/Logs Coordination - West Darfur	El Geneina	23 October, 6 & 20 November 0900 OCHA
Heli User Group (HUG) – West Darfur	El Geneina	16 October, 13 & 27 November 1030 OCHA
NFI/Logistics Coordination - North Darfur	El Fasher	23 October, 6 & 20 November 1530 OCHA
NFI/Logistics Coordination – South Darfur	Nyala	23 October, 6 & 20 November 0900 OCHA
Heli User Group (HUG) – South Darfur	Nyala	24 October, 7 & 21 November 1200 OCHA
NFI Coordination – S. Kordofan	Kadugli	23 October, 6 & 20 November 1000 UNDP
Logistics Coordination South Sudan	Juba	17 October, 21 November 0900 OCHA ⁶
NFI & ES Sector Coordination South Sudan	Juba	25 October 1500 OCHA
Air and Transport Group South Sudan	Juba	9 November 1400 OCHA
Transport/Demining Group South Sudan	Juba	9 November 1500 OCHA

⁶ The Logistics Coordination meeting has been moved from the 2nd Wednesday of the month to the 3rd in order to better facilitate the incorporation of logistics information from other meetings held earlier in the month.

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