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## **Press Release**

### **Medal Presentation Ceremony Held At Forward Headquarters**

The Acting Deputy Head of Mission and Acting Deputy Special Representative in Sudan of the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union Ambassador Hassan Aliou Gibril has said that one of the reasons for establishing the African Union was to enable Africans build their capacity to solve their own problems in their own way. He made the remark as guest of Honour today at Forward Headquarters at the Medal Presentation Ceremony to 72 African Union Military Observers (Milobs) whose terms have expired in AMIS.

The Ambassador noted that while AMIS was a test case being watched by the entire world to see whether it will fail or succeed in its noble and lofty mission, the success of the mission depended very much on what each of the Milobs has contributed and in this connection appealed to them to continue be very proud members of the African Mission in Sudan.

Ambassador Gibril observed that his address would be incomplete without recognizing the tremendous assistance AMIS has enjoyed from African Union partners and the international community whom he thanked most sincerely for all their efforts and continued assistance.

On behalf of Ambassador Baba Gana Kingibe and the entire staff of AMIS he congratulated the out-going Milobs on their most dedicated services to the African Union at ensuring that global and lasting peace returns to the Darfur region in particular and to Sudan in general.

On his part, the Force Commander Major-General Festus Okonkwo commended the medal recipients for their remarkable patience and tolerance during the one year they have served the African Mission in Sudan, adding that satisfactory performance in a mission attracts a reward, hence the award of AMIS medals.

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