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Press release

Attack against AMIS convoy in North Darfur

Today, 19 August 2006, at 08.50 a.m, an African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) fuel convoy traveling from El Nahud to El Fasher was ambushed in the Kuma area by an unidentified group of armed men. Two AMIS soldiers were killed in the attack and three have been wounded.

The African Union Mission in Sudan condemns in the strongest possible terms this outrageous attack against its forces in Darfur and intends to carry a thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of this despicable attack and will hold the leaders of those groups found responsible personally accountable.

This unprovoked ambush against AMIS peacekeepers is also a clear breach of the ceasefire agreements, with which all parties are bound to comply, as well as the relevant AU PSC and UNSC resolutions. The African Union wishes to remind all parties that such violations will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The African Union extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the soldiers killed and injured and assures the people of Darfur that such attacks will not deter AMIS from maintaining its neutrality and assisting the Sudanese to achieve peace and security in the beleaguered region of Darfur.

African Union Mission in Sudan