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ATTACK AGAINST CIVIC TRAINING PERSONNEL IN JAMBA

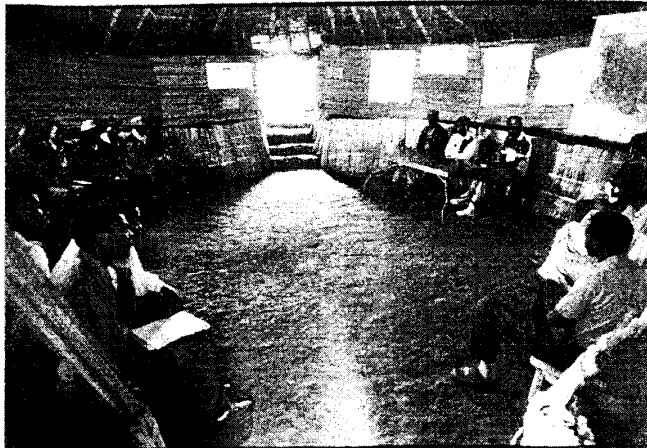


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Two international personnel were brutally beaten by individuals on 10 November in Jamba, apparently without any reason, at the football field located at the center of Jamba town. Eight men attacked the Civic Training Officer (CTO) working for UCAH and the MONUA Zambian commander. Four men proceeded to beat the two victims who were dragged out of the clearly identified UN vehicle. Due to this attack against a woman working for the civic training of war-disabled persons, UCAH has suspended the demobilization process in UNITA Military War-Disabled Centers in Jamba and Biongue until the conclusion of the investigation established following a high level UCAH mission to Jamba on 12 November.

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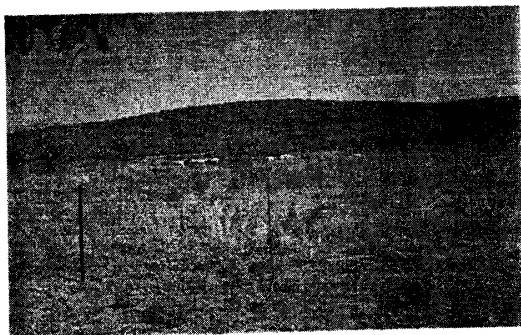
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the demobilization operation

GENERAL SITUATION

EIGHT MEN ATTACK RELIEF PERSONNEL IN JAMBA

On Monday 10 November, at 20H00, the Civic Training Officer (CTO) working for UCAH seconded by MOLISV and the MONUA Zambian commander were brutally beaten by eight individuals at the football field located in the center of Jamba town, apparently without any reason. Despite the fact that the CTO was woman and both victims had already identified themselves, they were forcefully dragged out of the clearly identified UN vehicle. The assailants, well organized and divided in two groups of four, proceeded to beat each of the victims.

As a result of this heinous, uncalled-for attack against international personnel, a high level UCAH mission traveled to Jamba on 12 November. During this visit, local UNITA representatives claimed that the incident was perpetrated by marginals and was a result of increased insecurity in Jamba. A joint UNITA/MONUA/UCAH investigation team was then established to shed some light into the reasons which led to this unwarranted attack. Until the conclusion of the ongoing investigation, UCAH has suspended the demobilization process of UNITA military war disabled in Jamba and Biongue centers.



Organized attacks against international personnel and civilians will be immediately punished as unacceptable behavior.

FLOOD IN CAXITO

The flooding of the Caxito area, approximately 90 kilometers from Jamba and farms. As part of the MINARS/UN/NGO response, relief supplies including zinc supplements were distributed by ADPP.

SPAIN PROVIDES US\$ 800.000

The Spanish Government has provided US\$ 800,000 for the implementation of a project in the Caxito area. The Spanish Government has provided UCAH the necessary resources to carry out the project. The project is a congregation of health services for the project which aims to provide health services to the population in the area.

Spanish Red Cross has provided the Angolan Red Cross with a project of "The War Disabled" in the Caxito area. Luanda Province has estimated in US\$ 800,000.

Overview by Sector

RESETTLEMENT OF IDPs IN MOXICO

A total of 7,975 IDPs including 3,184 children, who were living in Luena, have been resettled in their villages of origin, in Kamanongue municipality, during the month of October. This group is provided with seeds and tools by SCF-US. There are still 532 IDPs from Kamannongue living in Luena who could not go home because their village is located in UNITA area. Preparations are underway for the return of another group of 5,750 IDPs from Leua living in Luena.▲

MORE NEW IDPs IN N'ZAJI

According to WFP in N'Zaji, more than 800 new IDPs from the locality of Nordeste have arrived there since 14 November. With these new arrivals, there are now more than 13,000 IDPs in N'Zaji. According to MINARS Delegate in the Lunda Norte Province, 2,411 IDPs from Capaia including some 50 asylum seekers, have arrived in Kalonda locality, 22 km from Lucapa. On 14 November, a joint MINARS/UCAH/WFP assessment mission went to Lunda Norte to evaluate the conditions for the return of IDPs living in N'Zaji and to resolve problems referred to free movement of WFP's vehicles and personnel in the province. The mission concluded that it seems the

problem with AHA solved, so WFP will in contact with the local administration to carry out missions.▲

RELIEF ACTORS ASSESS NEW DISPLACEMENTS IN BIE PROVINCE

Following the 17 October assessment mission including MINARS/UCAH/WFP/UNICEF/CARE to Kunhinga, another mission is scheduled from 17 to 21 November which aims to get a comprehensive picture of the IDPs situation in the province, including analysing projections on their movement, the identification of constraints for their return, as well as, an assessment of new displacements in Catabola and Camacupa. The mission will also ensure that the identified priority interventions are agreed upon and coordinated with relevant partners operating in the province.▲

CAMPAIGN AGAINST MEASLES IN SEVERAL PROVINCES

From November to December, a vaccination campaign against measles has begun in several provinces with the support of UNICEF and other relief organizations. In Moxico Province, 45 vaccinators are involved in this operation coordinated with MINSA and with AHA in Cazombé and Lumbala N'Guanby.

N'Guanby. The mission was coordinated by UNICEF and WFP. The mission had to be postponed due to the difficult conditions in the province.▲

As part of efforts to improve the living conditions of IDPs in the coastal city of Lobito, this will enable some 2,000 IDPs to return to their homes. The mission also assessed sanitation conditions.▲

EMERGENCY EDUCATION

Within the emergency education programme in N'Guanby, the Provincial Education Delegation distributed educational material to six schools in the southern province of Noamibe. As a result, 1,800 students and some 74 teachers now have basic items with which to pursue and provide basic education.▲

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RAPID DEMOBILIZATION PLAN

Updated figures as of 15 November 1997

Total registered troops	10,935
Total deserters	1,961
Total incorporated in FAA	10,935
Total already demobilized	58,910
	(including the first 2,124 ex-FMU and 360 FAA underage soldiers plus 419 deserters through in-situ operation and 64 of the special categories)
Total still to be demobilized	4,990
	(including 2,717 through Rapid Demobilization and 4,990 through the in-situ operation)
Total SDCs already closed	
Total SDCs still active	
Total MWDCs already closed	
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The last stages of the RDP...

On 10 November Licua, the last SDC was closed with a view to the return of the troops to civilian life while a grave incident on the same day in the context of the demobilization process in the north-eastern region of the country has led to the operations remain suspended. The suspension of operations is due to the fact that the operations therefore activities only continue at Moringa. The suspension of operations for the near future the original schedule for the conclusion of the rapid demobilization process will be maintained and the last MWDCs may be closed during the first months of 1998.

...and demobilization in situ...

During the reporting period, registration activities remained suspended by UNITA following the application of sanctions. UNITA is expected to support an additional group of troops who should be registered during what is to be considered as the second phase of the in-situ registration process. As of this writing, a total of 1,099 troops have been registered by the United Nations (MONUA/UCAH).

Demobilization of Special Categories

On 14 November, the demobilization of the first Special Categories started in Viana IOM Transit Center. The 64 rejected policemen have been demobilized and transported to their final destinations. This exercise, which was originally envisaged in the context of the Rapid Demobilization Plan, covers (i) all ex-FMU personnel who were never registered in the SDCs and were authorized to leave to assume tasks within the context of the peace process, i.e. incorporation into the National police, the national defence forces, etc., and (ii) all UNITA officers who were never registered because they assumed directly responsibilities within the context of the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol, such as the members of the Joint Commission responsible for monitoring the peace process.

NEW MINE INCIDENTS IN THE ZONE

Three deaths and five injured were the result of two mine incidents in two different places on the same Monday 10 November, just one day before the Angolan Independence Day.

On 10 November, as a result of a detonation of anti-personnel mine on the main road Cunhinga-Chivanda, in Bié Province, three persons including a pregnant woman and her small child died while her husband was seriously injured. On the same day but in Huambo city, four children (4 - 6 years old) were slightly injured after having touched a piece of explosive on a playground at Bairro Fátima, next to the airport. On 13 November, a FAA demining team detected an

side road from Cunniga on the way to Andulo which is also supposed to be mined.

In Mexico Province, on 13 November, a

near Luena, a mine close to an some 25 km from Luena on the main Luena-Luaua. Some injured and the damaged. This mine was laid by law policemen who threaten the MAG personnel who was going to the last weeks of October, one and four including a policeman. a MAG deminer, were injured as a result of mine incidents.

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