



Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission
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JMEC WELCOMES FIRST FLIGHT TO JUBA OF SPLM/A (IN OPPOSITION) TROOPS

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JUBA: The Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) welcomes today's arrival in Juba of thirty-nine (39) of the SPLM/A (In Opposition) troops. These forces are the first of the 1,370 SPLM/A (IO) troops required to return to the capital, in accordance with the JMEC plan for transitional security arrangements agreed on 23 February.

Speaking at the JMEC meeting on 24 March, the Chairperson of JMEC, Mr. Festus G. Mogae, Former President of the Republic of Botswana, observed: "the obstacles that have impeded the return of the 1,370 SPLA (IO) troops to Juba have been overcome. I echo what the Parties have themselves said: there are no remaining difficulties in the return of the First Vice President-designate and the formation of the new Transitional Government of National Unity."

A series of flights by United Nations and charter aircraft will transport the remaining troops in the coming days. Multiple rotations of aircraft are planned until the movement is complete.

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