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**CEASEFIRE VIOLATION REPORT**  
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**MOVEMENT OF**  
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**CFC CEASEFIRE VIOLATION REPORT NO. 85/04: ALLEGED  
CONCENTRATION AND MOVEMENT OF JANJAWOOD MILITIA IN THE  
AREA OF TAISHA AND NITEAGA**

Reference:

- A. SLA/JEM Complaint dated 03 Nov 04.
- B. AU-CFC/NYALA/04 dated 07 Nov 04.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. SLA/JEM lodged a complaint on the 03 Nov 04 alleging that Janjaweed militia had gathered in the area of Taisha and Nitega with the intention of launching attacks on the rebel held areas of Labado and Muhageria. They also alleged that the Janjaweed militia had attacked the villages of Oum and Ehda, burning them down and killing a number of civilians.
2. Team C was tasked to investigate the allegations.

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### **ASSESSMENT**

3. The team established that on the 02 Nov 04, the Taisha police received a complaint regarding the stealing of about 600 cattle of the Chief of the Sigei Village.

4. On the 03 Nov 04, the Janjaweed militia mainly from the Rizegat and Miseriya Arab tribes of Taisha, Mirrel and Niteaga, assembled around Taisha and organized themselves to trace the stolen livestock. The rebel forces allegedly ambushed them near the village of Labado on the same day, killing about 15 of the Arab nomads, injuring many as well as killing a number of their animals.

5. After the fighting with the rebel forces on the 03 Nov 04, they allegedly decided to disperse to return to their areas in Taisha, Mirrel and Niteaga.

### **CONCLUSION**

6. After an alleged stealing of 600 cattle belonging to the Chief of the Sigei village on the 02 Nov 04, armed Arab nomads took to the area around Taisha to trace the stolen livestock. On the 03 Nov 04 they were ambushed by alleged rebel forces near the village of Labado. About 15 of the nomads were killed, whilst many others were injured. The nomads then decided to disperse back to their villages of Taisha, Mirrel and Niteaga.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7. It is recommended that:

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- a. The GoS should disarm the Arab militia as they have a dangerous tendency of flouting the rule of law in preference for their own justice.
- b. The GoS should provide adequate security for her citizens.

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**Enclosure:**

1. Investigation Report on Alleged Janjaweed Militia Concentration and Movement.

**Distribution:**

**External:**

**Action:**

AU - Commissioner Peace and Security

JC - Chairman Joint Commission  
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JEM

**Information:**

Director Peace and Security  
Acting Head of CMC

**GOS COMMENTS ON TAISHA AND NITEAGA REPORT**

1. The Abuja agreement is mentioned to the SLA and JEM to give their location and disarm their troops simultaneously while the government is starting to disarm the militia including the Arab militia.
2. If the CFC recommended to disarm the Arab militia only then this will create a loot out problem in the area. We hope the disarming will start in the same time for all the parties



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**PATROL REPORT ON CONCENTRATION AND MOVEMENT OF JANJAWEED MILITIA**

References:

- A. SLA/JEM Complaint letter dated 3 Nov 2004.
- B. Local information on the build-up and intended movement by the Arab nomads (Janjaweed Militia).

**INTRODUCTION**

- 1. On 3 November 2004, a report was received, (reference A), which stated that there was a gathering of Arab Nomads, commonly referred to as Janjaweed Militia. This was supposed to take place in the area of Taisha and Nitega with the intention of launching attacks in rebel held areas of Labado and Muhageria. It was further alleged that they had already commenced their movement and had attacked villages along their way. The latest information was that they had attacked the villages of Oum and Edah, burnt the villages and killed civilians at both locations.
- 2. Team C was tasked to conduct a road patrol to Taisha, Mirrel and Nitega in order to confirm the alleged build-up of the Militia forces, to confirm their movement, show an AU presence, and do general observation. Team D was given the responsibility of conducting the same tasks at Ishma and in the Labado area.

**INVESTIGATION/CONDUCT OF PATROL**

- 3. The Team commenced patrol at 0900 hours through Abu Adoum (N 12° 10' 33.6" E 025° 06' 18.7"). Two months ago the village had occupants. However, it was now deserted, and the people displaced. This village and a few more up the road are on the main Nyala – Taisha road, which is used by police and Military forces at both Taisha and Sheria.
- 4. Three kilometers south of Taisha the team saw groups of armed nomads (Janjaweed militia) all moving east to west. Some were on horses and others were on camels or foot. An interview with one of them revealed that they had been tracing their animals which had been stolen on 2 November 2004. They were then ambushed by "Tora Bora" or rebel forces.
- 5. Interview with Mr. Alhaj Issak, one of the Arab nomads on foot. He was with four others and all had weapons. He stated the following:
  - a. That about 600 cattle had been stolen from them and that even AU was

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aware of this, but had failed to do anything.

- b. They organized themselves to trace their animals.
- c. They had been ambushed by rebel forces near Labado the previous day (3 November 2004). About 15 had been killed and many of their animals had also been killed.
- d. They were now going back to the general area of Duma.
- e. They were from the Rizegat Tribe.



**Chadian Mediator with two Janjaweed Militia  
(4 November 2004)**

- 6. The team proceeded to Taisha and interviewed the police Captain, Mahadi Mohammed Ahmed, who stated the following:
  - a. He was aware that Arab nomads had gathered about 23 kilometers from Taisha.
  - b. They had reported the theft of 600 cattle belonging to the Chief of Sigei village, near Taisha, Mr. Abdulkarim Nour Abdullah, on 2 November 2004.
  - c. The Arab nomads had left on 3 November 2004 and he had no further information, except that he had seen some coming back in small groups.
- 7. The team went into the village of Taisha and found a group of civilians around a one-room clinic. One person, Mr. Asarak Abdulla Abdulrahman was lying in the clinic with a gunshot wound on his leg. He said he was among 100 other people who had gone to trace their stolen cattle. They had been ambushed at a place called Oum. The animals had been stolen at a place called Fandoog. Another man, Mr. Ibrahim

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### ASSESSMENT

11. The team makes the following assessment:
  - a. The concentration and the movement of Arab nomads (Janjaweed Militia) from Taisha and other surrounding areas, to go to the area of Labado to trace their animals was confirmed.
  - b. All of the people interviewed talked of theft of their animals on diverse dates allegedly by people from Labado, as they traced their track in that direction.
  - c. It was apparent that many of the Arab nomads, (Janjaweed militia) had been involved in fighting, as many were injured and they were retreating. They talked of having been ambushed.
  - d. The claim of theft of their animals could not be fully ascertained, as the team was given a variety of the numbers stolen and dates for the incident.

### CONCLUSION

12. The team concludes that Arab nomads (Janjaweed Militia) from Taisha, Mirrel, Nitega and other surrounding areas, assembled around Taisha on or before 3 November 2004. They then moved east towards Labado, allegedly to trace their stolen animals. They were involved in heavy fighting with rebel forces in or around Labado, where some were killed and many injured. Some of their camels and horses were also killed during the fighting. They had then dispersed, in order to move back to their areas in Taisha, Mirrel, and Nitega.

Mohammed lay in a nearby house also with a gunshot wound. The bullet entered his left buttock and was currently lodged in his abdomen.



Mr. Ibrahim Mohammed, with gunshot wound  
(4 November 2004)



Mr. Asarak Abdulla Abdulrahman  
(4 November 2004)

8. The team then talked to the chief of the village, Mr. Adei Hamad. The team informed him of the meeting scheduled for 5 November 2004 at AU Sector 2 headquarters in Nyala.

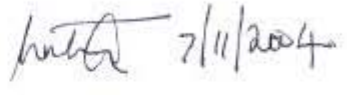
9. The team went on to Mirrel and found the overall chief of the Miseriya Tribe. Mr. Alijani Nassir. He was with a heavily armed group of about 20-30 People's Defense Forces (PDF) wearing Police and Military uniforms. On being interviewed he said that after returning from Libya, he was informed that animals belonging to the Arab nomads in the general area of Taisha had been stolen. He said, the matter had been reported to the AU, the GOS, the police and even the ICRC; and no action had been taken. The Arab nomads had then organized themselves to go and trace their animals. However, they had not been successful. He was now calling upon them to let the GOS handle the matter to either help return the animals or arrange for compensation. He said that this continued conflict was also costing them a lot and the GOS would not even assist them with the purchase of ammunition, anymore. He also said that all people involved in this conflict were Darfurian and he welcomed the idea of dialogue.

10. The team informed him of the scheduled meeting on 5 November 2004, at the AU Sector 2 headquarters in Nyala, in which the AU CFC Chairman and members of the CFC would address them.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**


13. The team recommends that AU Should intervene and mediate between the two groups involved in this problem, and advise them on more appropriate methods of solving such disputes in the future. It is notable that such incidents can easily translate to serious fighting thus causing a breach to the Ceasefire Agreement .

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Maj. Adamu Ramadane 7/11/2004  
**CHAD MEDIATION REPRESENTATIVE** 

الثلاثاء الموافق

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رقم ١٩

لسيدنا الرئيس الرضي

الذي هيئته وفق اطلاق النار  
كلتبت رقم ١٠٠ نيالا

الموضوع: تصرف وفق اطلاق النار  
الموقع بانجينا بتاريخ ١٨/٤/٢٠٠٤م

تقديم علماً وتوضيح لما سبق من شكوى

يتجه مدينتيات الكلداء الجندود للهجوم

على القرى المجاورة لمدينتي نيالا - ومواصله

هجومهم الى مناطق الحركة فر ليدو - ومهاجرين

لزيارة ملفكم -

اجتهدت هذه المدينتيات بهدينتي نيالا وقمرت

الهجوم يعلم وممقنة النظام حين بموافقتها

ومساندتها بالخطيط وتجهيزهم بالفنار والموت

واليدم بريدوت مهاجمة لبيدو مناطق الحركة من

مناطق تجمعهم فتأشخ ومناطق اخرى عليه

مجاورة لها وعليه نرجو اتخاذ اللازم خوفاً

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By the Name of God.

AU CFC Nizala Office  
Sector 2,  
To The Sector Commander

2. Nov - 2004

Article, Violation for The ceasefire Agreement, which was signed on April 8, 2004.

We would like to notify you and modify that we have been informed you in the previous complaint that concern the gathering of the government militias of Janjaweed, so as to attack the villages in the vicinity to Nizala town, then will proceed to our areas in Labda and Hahepria using falsified justification to their intended attacks.

This militias gathered in Nizala town and decided attacking with awareness from the regime and so far support them by planning and provide them with supplies and equipments. Today they want to start their attacking to the rebels movement areas from the places where they gathered in Taisha and some others nearby Taisha area.

for the all above, we plead to you requesting your quick and reasonable action.

prepared by Mohammed Adam for The SLA

AbdulMajid Hassan for JEM Movement

2.11.2004