



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 August 2013

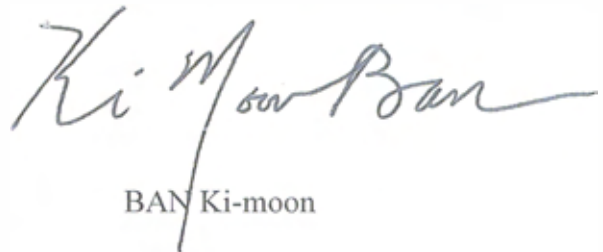
Dear Ms. Warham,

I wish to thank you for your kind letter dated 22 July 2013, conveying your condolences for the tragic loss of life of seven Tanzanian peacekeepers in the attack on a convoy of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur in Khor Abeche, South Darfur, on 13 July 2013.

I have expressed my outrage over this heinous attack, and a series of attacks that preceded it, and have impressed upon the Government of the Sudan the need to act swiftly to bring those responsible to justice. In this regard, the Office of the Special Prosecutor for Darfur War Crimes has recently opened an investigation into this attack and a United Nations Board of Inquiry will be investigating the incident.

In closing, I wish to assure you of my commitment to peace and security in Darfur including ensuring that justice takes place.

Yours sincerely,

  
BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Olivia Warham  
Director  
Waging Peace  
London



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To: CDC (through o/DSG),

Please find attached, for your approval and SG's signature, a response to a condolence letter received from the Director of Waging Peace, following the 13 July attack against UNAMID.

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Political Unit  
9 August 2013

Received in ODSG

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### Note to Ms. Malcorra




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Hervé Ladsous  
6 August 2013

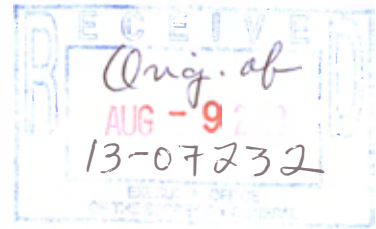
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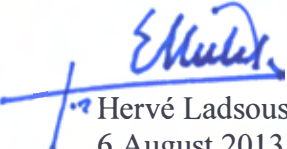
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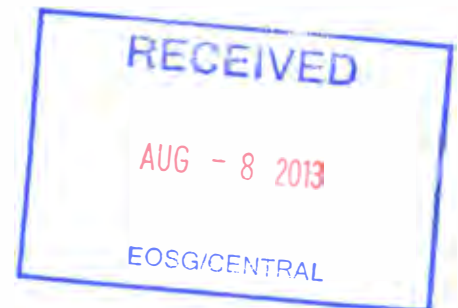
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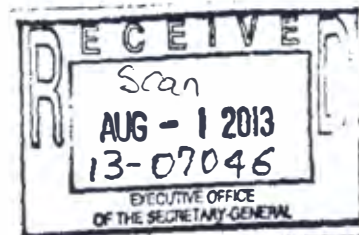
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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013

Dear Secretary General,

Re: The killing of UNAMID personnel on 13 July 2013.

First, on behalf of Waging Peace, please accept our deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of life among Tanzanian UNAMID personnel in Darfur.

I urge Your Excellency to please commit the UN to conduct an impartial and comprehensive investigation into which parties were responsible for attacking the Tanzanian contingent near Khor Abeche. It is essential for the future safety of UNAMID personnel that those responsible for this disgraceful violence are brought to justice.

The Khor Abeche attack was not unique. In October 2012 and in July 2008 similar attacks occurred, resulting in the tragic loss of UNAMID lives. On both occasions it was widely believed by Darfurians that the UN was reluctant to pursue the truth for fear of exposing the close relationship between the responsibility for the attacks and the government of Sudan. In the case of the recent Khor Abeche attack, witnesses interviewed by the Darfurian radio station Radio Dabanga allege that government sponsored militia were responsible. Several impartial, well-respected international human rights groups have clearly established the link between local Arab militia and the Khartoum regime which arms them. The perpetrators of the Khor Abeche attack must be held responsible for their actions, no matter the repercussions. To allow those responsible to escape justice will only embolden them to continue harassing and killing UNAMID personnel.

I urge you to respect the memory of those who have already given their lives in Sudan by holding the government of Sudan to its commitments under international law and the treaties and conventions it has signed, as well as sundry agreements under which Khartoum has promised to disarm its Arab proxies.

UNAMID has a vital role to play in Darfur, if it is allowed to fulfil its Chapter VII mandate robustly. This, however, requires the full and unequivocal political backing of its commanders by the UN system in Sudan and in New York. I urge you to back your condemnation of the recent attack with actions which might convince those who do not want peace in Sudan that you will tolerate no further hindrance of UNAMID's daily operations.

Our small human rights group works with thousands of Sudanese refugees in the UK. They are equally keen to know what exact steps the UN will now take to punish those responsible for the Khor Abeche attack. It is unlikely that they, or their relatives who remain in camps in Chad and in Darfur, will be willing to return to their homes while events such as these go unpunished. Please let us know what Your Excellency's office will be doing to pursue this disturbing matter. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Olivia Warham', with a fluid, cursive style.

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