



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Security Council
Top Ed. Thapa / Force Commander

20 May 2008

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) established by Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005 and extended by resolution 1812 (2008) of 30 April 2008.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my decision to appoint Major General Paban Thapa of Nepal as Force Commander of UNMIS as of 15 May 2008. He replaces Lieutenant General Jasbir Singh Lidder of India, who served as Force Commander of UNMIS since 10 January 2006. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General Lidder for his exemplary and highly professional service in UNMIS.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ki Moon Ban
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Sir John Sawers
President of the Security Council
New York




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Note to Mr. Guéhenno

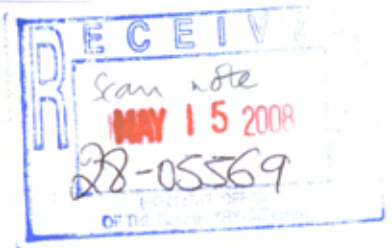
Selection of Force Commander - UNMIS

1. I refer to your note of 31 March 2008 recommending the appointment of Maj. Gen. Paban Thapa (Nepal) as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS). Maj. Gen. Thapa will replace Lt. Gen. Jasbir Lidder who completed his assignment on 8 April 2008.
2. The above recommendation has the Secretary-General's approval.


Vijay Nambiar
10 April 2008

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Note to Mr. Nambiar

Draft Letter to the President of the Security Council on the Appointment of
Major General Paban Thapa as Force Commander of UNMIS ✓

1. Please find attached a draft letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council, informing him of the appointment of Major General Paban Thapa (Nepal) as the Force Commander of UNMIS.
2. We would be grateful if you could obtain the Secretary-General's approval and signature of the letter, at his earliest convenience.

J. M. Guehenno

Jean-Marie Guehenno
13 May 2008

Mr. Nambiar
(through Mr. Kim) ✓
please authorize Oscar
Thank you
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15 May 08

Alessandra,

pls prepare draft
announcement as well.