Highlights APRIL 2022

Bulk demolition of obsolete ammunition from TCC commenced on 29 April and 36 projectiles destroyed.

2 weapons’ safes handed over to UNPOL

16 Armored Personnel Carriers provided to new UNISFA military contingents

26 assault weapons confiscated by UNISFA and destroyed by UNMAS

10 explosive remnants of war destroyed

49 new UNISFA military members received safety training

7 ground monitoring missions supported
Seventeen years ago, on 8 December 2005, the United Nations General Assembly declared that the 4th of April shall be observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.


Furthermore, UNMAS announced a photo competition inviting all UNISFA and UN agencies, Funds and Programmes’ local and international staff, uniformed and civilians from the Abyei Area to take part in the competition. The competition ran from 21 March to 4 April with prizes being awarded to the winners. “Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to be a part of this very important event which has allowed us to take a moment to think about our safety and for those around us through the work that UNMAS is doing” said Emmanuelle Horvat, as she accepted her prize.

A drawing competition for children in the local community was also conducted with children taking part in the competition. The drawing competition was centered on the 2022 theme of “Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe Home”. UNMAS Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Coordinator, Rose Muhindo said, “The competition has drawn considerable interest in the work that UNMAS is doing in Abyei with regard to explosive ordnance risk education”.

Sports activities were conducted within the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM) area of operations and its two active team sites. In Teshwin the teams arranged a football day and in Abu Qussa the teams had a volleyball match with the opposing teams promoting the mine awareness messages and the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

At the UNISFA camp a display and some practical demonstrations by UNMAS and UNMAS implementing partner, The Development Initiative (TDI) staff was conducted at the cafeteria hall. Various demining equipment, as well as dummy explosive remnants of war and mines were on display, resulting in very positive feedback and raising awareness because “seeing is believing” as stated by one uniformed UNISFA staff during the display.

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