# CPMT - Verification Update Alleged Hostile Activity

1 Jan to 30 Jan 2003

Western Upper Nile Region

**CPMT Update Report** 

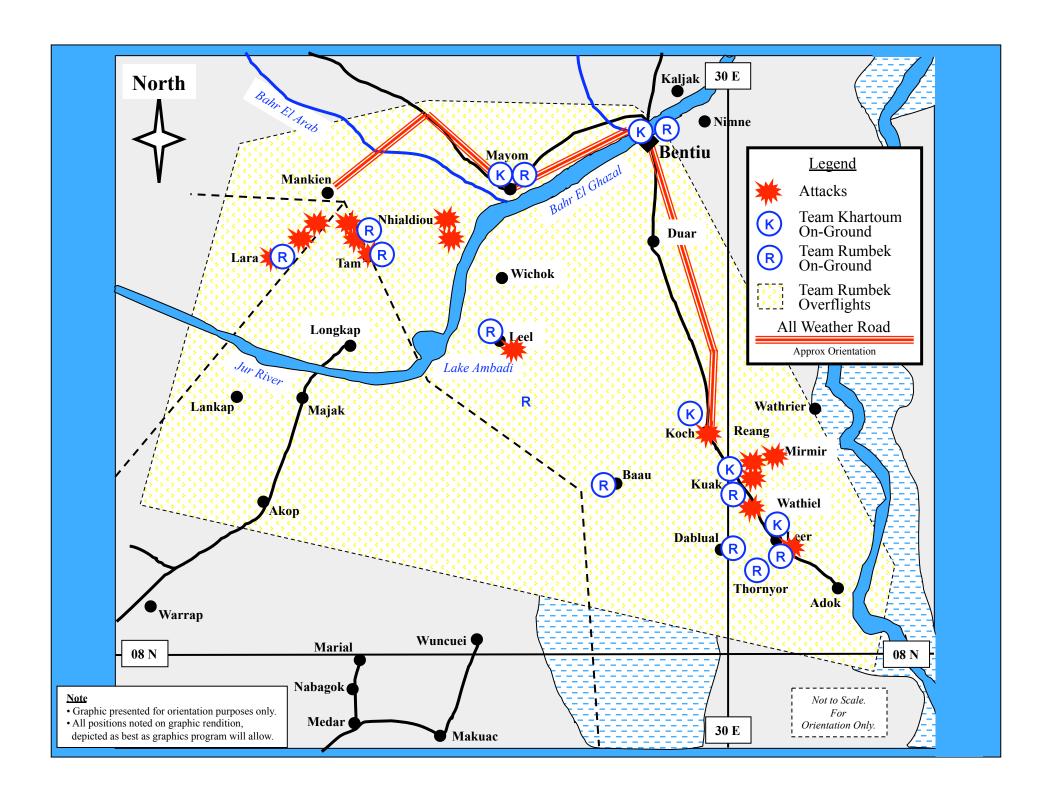
## This is an Updated assessment of hostile actions reported 1 Jan to 30 Jan 03 in the Western Upper Nile (WUN) Region.

**Verification Continues** 

#### **CPMT Operations To Date**

- Numerous locations visited / over flown.
- Reports / information collected from:
  - Local officials
  - Commissioners
  - Civilian Witnesses
  - Prisoners of War (POW)
- Verification of sites of hostile action.
- Battle Damage Assessments.
- Detailed Humanitarian related Interviews.
- Broaden Verification Operations around sites

- Tribal Chiefs
- Military Commanders
- Injured / Wounded
  - (In-Progress)
  - (In-Progress)
  - (In-Progress)
  - (In-Progress)



### What is happening now

- Based on <u>updated</u> Verification and Humanitarian Operations -

<u>ltem</u>	Status
<ul> <li>Area denial / village clearing conducted as per established practices.</li> </ul>	Confirmed
• Abduction of military aged men, pressed into military service	e. Verifying
<ul> <li>Abduction of women and children:</li> <li>Held hostage in close proximity to garrisons (Human shields?).</li> </ul>	Verifying
<ul> <li>Forced portage.</li> <li>Sexual services.</li> </ul>	Verifying Verifying
• Probable deliberate starving.	Verifying
• Pillaging of villages to include the theft of cattle and crops.	Confirmed
• Women and Children Shot / Wounded.	Verifying
• Women and Children Killed.	Verifying

#### Required Future CPMT Actions

**Item** 

**Status** 

- Visit and Verify additional sites of hostile actions:
  - Verify depopulation.
  - Verify destruction of civil facilities.
  - Conduct BDA on-site.

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- Visit and Verify selected SPLA sites to verify:
  - Abductions.
  - Theft of cattle and crops.

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- Visit and Verify selected GoS / Militia garrison sites to verify:
  - Abductions.
  - Theft of cattle and crops.

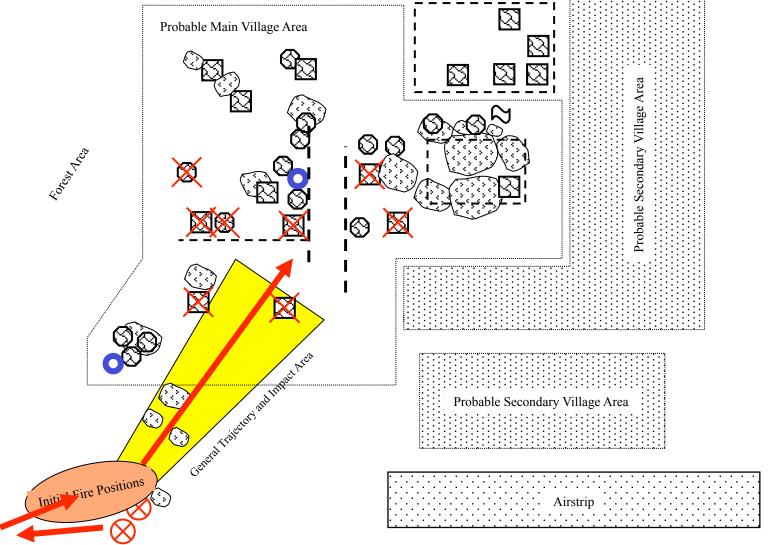
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Lara, WUN

#### Lara - Event 1 - Wed, 01 Jan 03 - Approx 10 Armed Militia





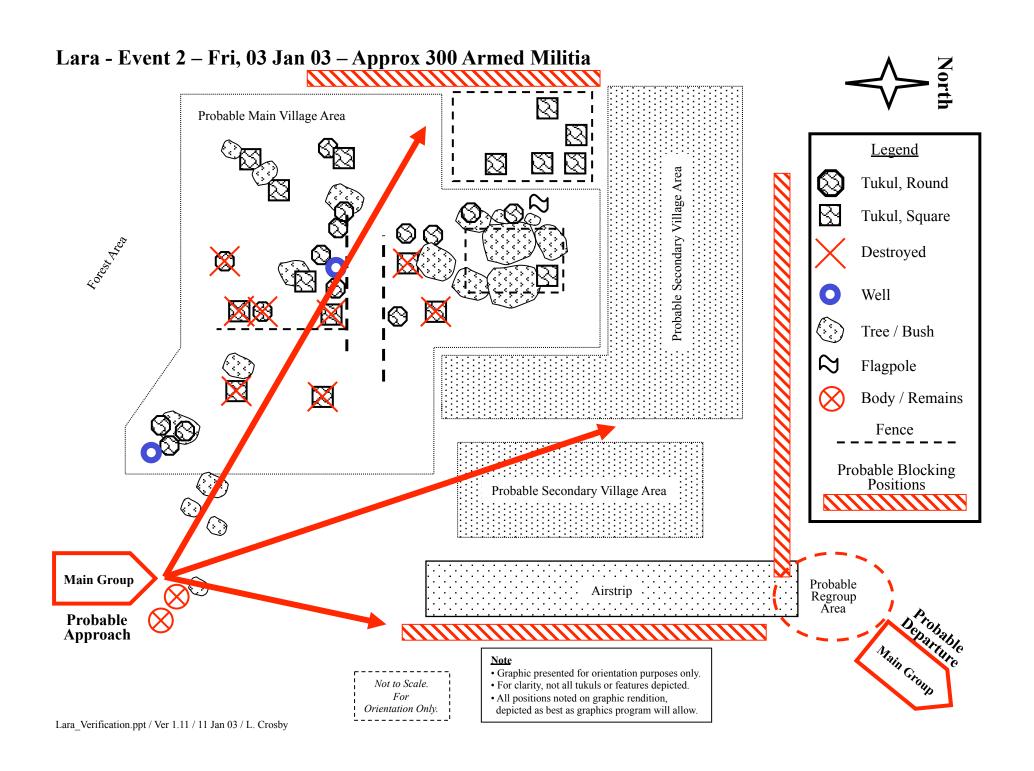


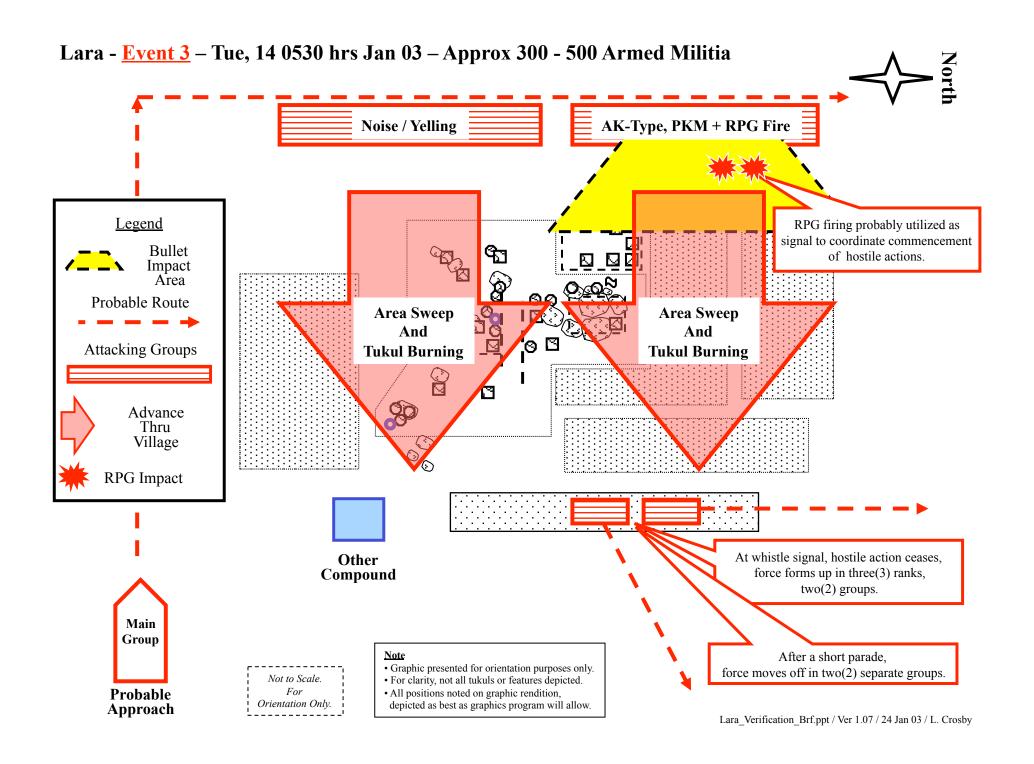
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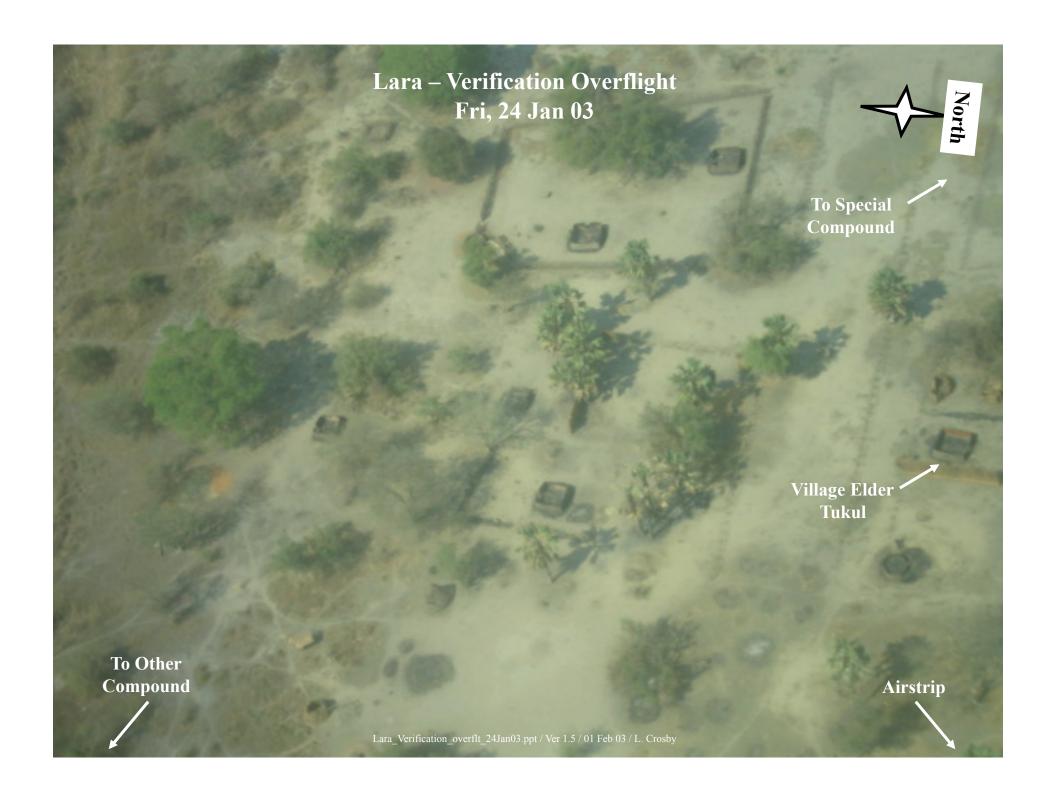
- For clarity, not all tukuls or features depicted.
- All positions noted on graphic rendition, depicted as best as graphics program will allow.

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## **Lara** – Verification Overflight Fri, 24 Jan 03 **Special Compound** Village Elder Tukul / Fence Burned (All around) Airstrip Other Compound **Areas of Burned Tukuls** Lara\_Verification\_overflt\_24Jan03.ppt / Ver 1.5 / 01 Feb 03 / L. Crosby



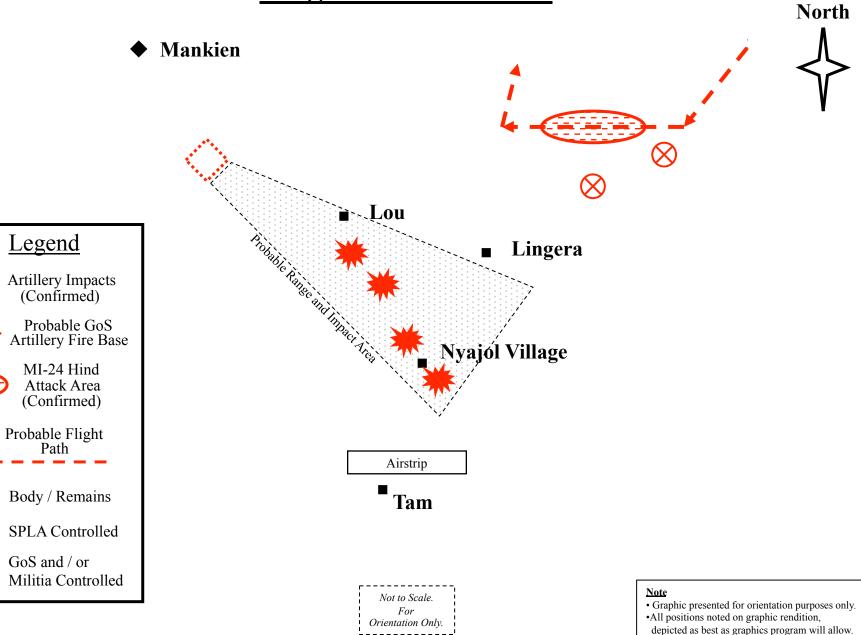
Lingara, WUN

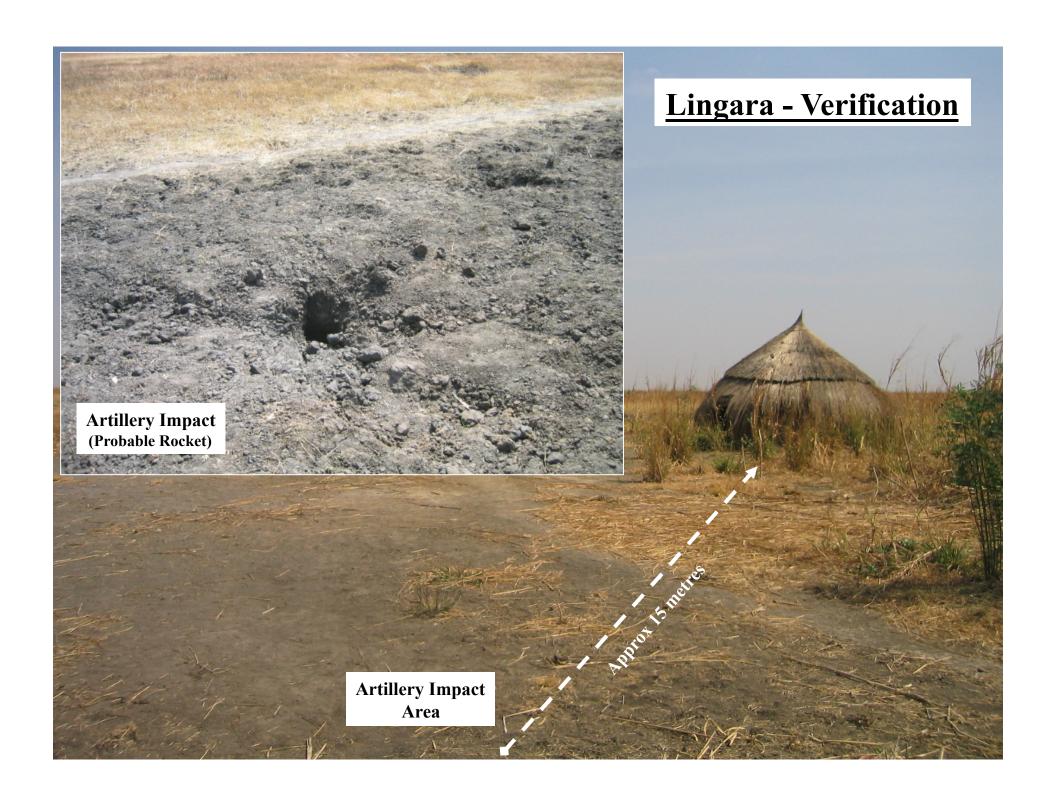


#### **Lingara - Verification**

Legend

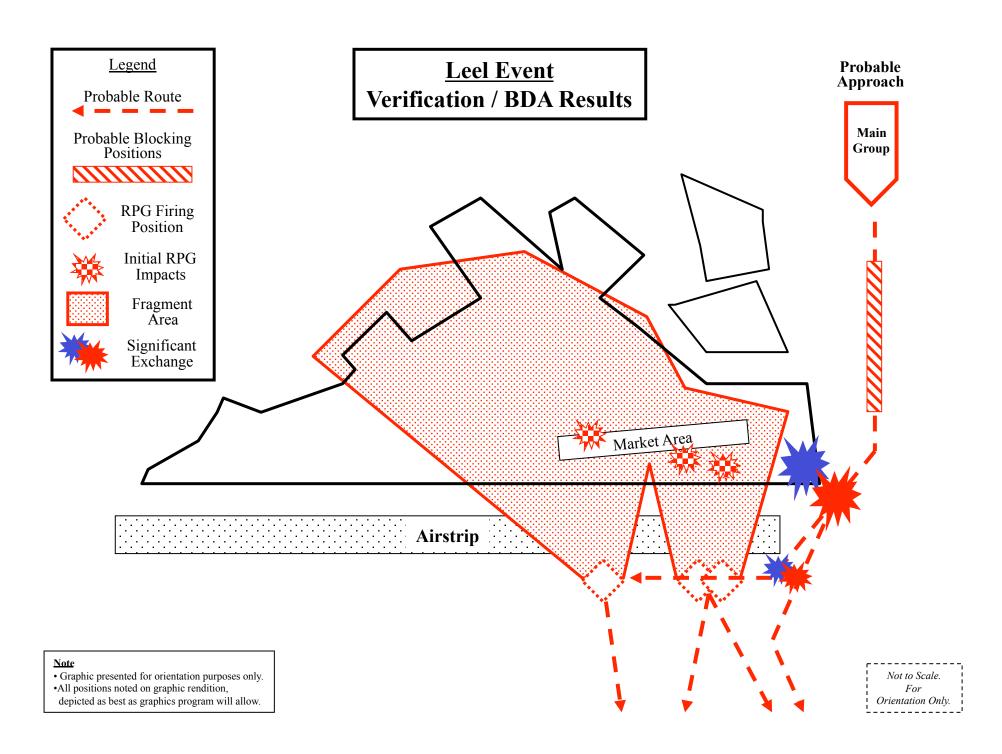
GoS and / or

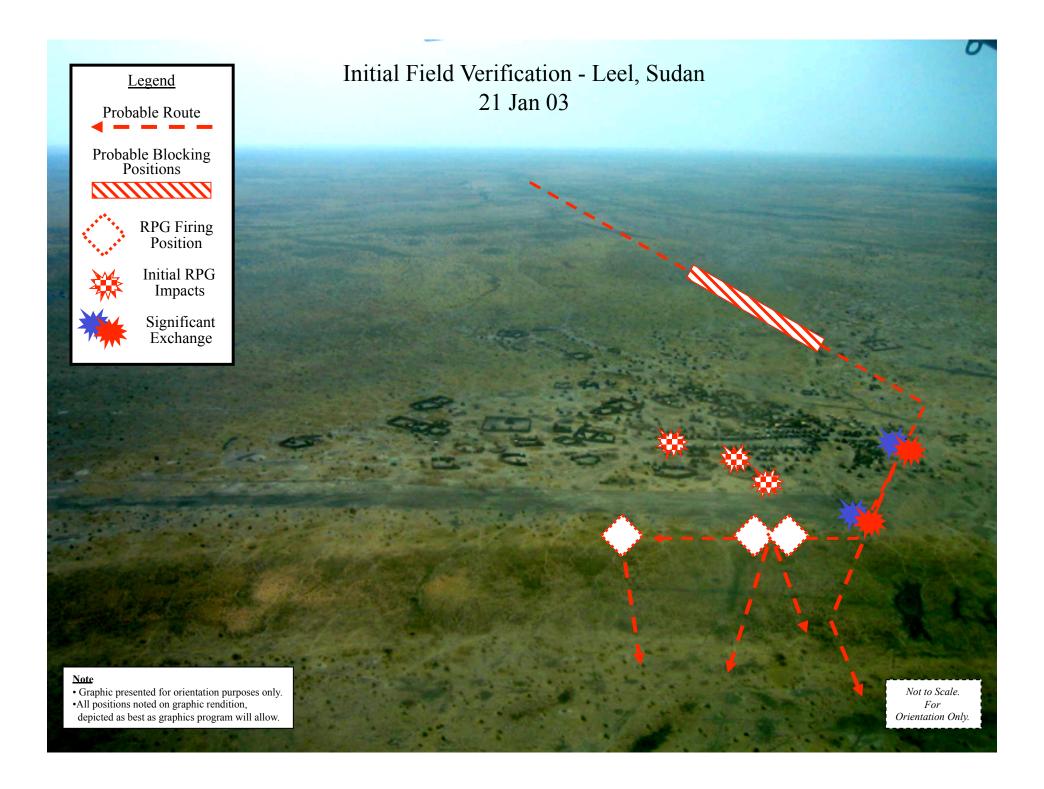






Leel, WUN

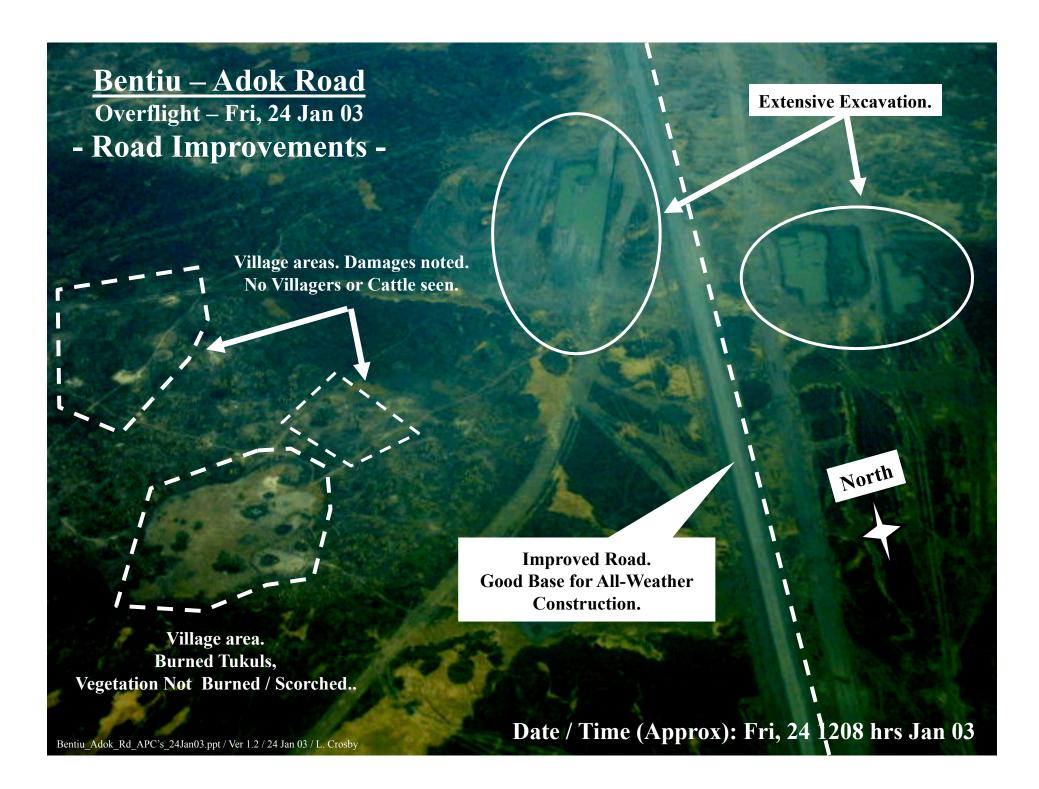






Bentiu - Koch - Leer - Adok Axis







## Bentiu – Adok Road – Overflight – Fri, 24 Jan 03 – Vehicle Convoy -

Personnel on Road

**Truck with Personnel** 

Wheeled APC's

Date / Time (Approx): Fri, 24 1216 hrs Jan 03

Position (Approx): N08.28.30/E030.07.18

## Conclusion

Regardless of which party may be responsible, the observed facts concerning attacks on the civilian population and on their villages and facilities are that:

- Many thousands of civilians have been forcibly displaced from their villages by direct military attack in the areas Lara-Tam-Nhialdou-Leel and the villages south of Mankien and Mayom.
- Conditions are equally bad along the new Bentiu-Adok main road where most villages are now empty or destroyed altogether.
- Eyewitness accounts of military attacks and subsequent actions by soldiers and militia violate the letter and spirit of the Agreement on the Attacks Against Civilians. Additional village attacks will be investigated in the future as CPMT continues visits to abandoned and destroyed villages and talks to the displaced civil population.

### Recommendations

- a. The Government of Sudan immediately ensures that their own forces and GoS-allied militia cease all attacks against non-combatant civilians and civilian facilities in the area south of Mankien and along the Bentiu-Adok road.
- b. The SPLM/A cease all harassing and direct attacks against villages and GoS/militia forces along the Bentiu-Adok road.
- c. Since both GoS and SPLA forces appear to be involved in the fighting along the Bentiu Adok Road, the IGAD mechanism established to coordinate the implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement should address the fighting in this area to determine means for bringing this fighting to a halt. The Civilian Protection Monitoring Team is prepared to provide both technical and logistical assistance if requested by the IGAD mechanism.
- d. Both Parties grant immediate and unrestricted Humanitarian access to the affected areas.