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U.S. EMBASSY STATEMENT ON KILLINGS OF UNAMID PEACEKEEPERS

The U.S. Embassy in Khartoum strongly condemns the recent killings of five African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) peacekeepers in North Darfur. On Friday, December 4, unidentified gunmen killed three Rwandan peacekeepers, who were escorting a water tanker near Saraf Umra, North Darfur. On Saturday, December 5, from a crowd of civilians gathered at a water point near the UNAMID team site in Shagil Tobaya, unidentified gunmen opened fire killing an additional two UNAMID peacekeepers from Rwanda, there to assist with water distribution.

The U.S. Embassy expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of the slain peacekeepers and to UNAMID for the tragic loss of life of individuals authorized for deployment to Darfur under the Charter of the United Nations Security Council, Resolution 1769.

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