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# TOUR OF DUTY ROUND UP



In March, AU POL conducted a six day mandatory induction training for Uganda FPU-10 personnel who had arrived in the mission area



On 8 April, 2022, Uganda FPU-10 personnel participated in a drive to donate blood to stock supplies at the ATMIS Level II Hospital in Mogadishu



On 16 March 2022, two Uganda FPU platoons deployed in Garbahaarey, Gedo region, Jubaland State to support the Somali Police Force in securing the elections



On 09 June, 2022 Uganda and Nigeria FPUs deployed at the AU Base camp in Mogadishu to secure the inauguration of Somalia's newly elected President, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud



In June 2022, a team of inspectors from the UN and AU conducted an inspection of Contingent-Owned Equipment (COE) for both the Uganda and Nigeria Formed Police Units



On 2 August 2022, the UFPU-10 contingent commander received a delegation of Djiboutian police officers on a recce ahead of the deployment of their Formed Police Unit to Somalia



In August, the then ATMIS Police Commissioner, AIGP Augustine Magnus Kailie, participated in pinning six Uganda Police officers who were promoted while serving with ATMIS. The officers included FPU-10 contingent commander, SSP, Opio Esau Atorom



On 6 September 2022, the UFPU-10 contingent medical team conducted a mandatory medical screening to assess the health and fitness of personnel serving with the mission



On October 18, 2022, a team of senior police officers from Uganda led by CP Amoru Martin visited the mission area on an equipment benchmarking exercise



In December 2022, the officer in charge (OIC) ATMIS Police, CP Margret Karanja visited Aljazeera II Camp and held discussions with personnel of the Uganda and Nigeria Formed Police Units

## INTERVIEW WITH ACTING ATMIS POLICE COMMISSIONER, SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FABIAN MWABA



**Question:** *Uganda is one of the Police Contributing Countries to ATMIS. What has been the Area of Responsibility for the Uganda Formed Police Unit (UFPU-10)?*

**Answer:** Uganda deployed the first Formed Police Unit (FPU) to Somalia under AMISOM in July 2012. This team that is leaving is was the tenth in the order of Contingents that have served in this mission. FPU was deployed to provide operational support to the Somali Police Force through joint patrols, cordon, stop and search, joint snap checks and crowd control duties. The UFPU was also tasked with supporting the Somali Police in providing election security duties. They played these roles excellently with no adverse report or incidents recorded. UFPU-10 was also involved in providing escort to VIPs/VVIPs who arrived in Mogadishu on strategic and official engagements. They have also joined hands with the Individual Police Officers (IPOs) in Mogadishu to mentor the SPF on policing operational activities to facilitate knowledge and skills transfer.

**Question:** *What contributions have UFPU-10 made with regards to the ATMIS Police mandate and the overall mission mandate?*

**Answer:** The ATMIS Police component has the mandate to train, advise and mentor the Somali Police, provide operational support and guarding duties for vital Government installations. UFPU-10 has been providing much-needed operational support in Mogadishu which has impacted positively on policing activities within the Banadir region of Somalia. It is also worth mentioning the role the UFPU-10 played during the 2021/2022 Somalia general elections by providing operational support to Joint Operation Centers (JOC). Together with their Somali counterparts, they ensured that there was no breakdown of law and order before, during and after the elections.

**Question:** *As the Acting ATMIS Police Commissioner, what is your general assessment of the performance of the UFPU?*

**Answer:** The performance of the UFPU-10 can be best described as outstanding, excellent, and exemplary. The contingent has been worthy ambassadors of the African Union. They exceeded expectations despite the logistical challenges in setting up operational camps in certain areas during the elections. ATMIS Police



is very proud of the contingent. Their support to SPF in sustaining security and stability has been remarkable.

**Question: What message do you have for UFPU-10 as they rotate out of the mission?**

**Answer:** For the rotating officers, the role you played in supporting security and stability efforts in Somalia and Africa is appreciated. You executed your role with diligence, dedication, selflessness, and distinction. Your selfless commitment towards security for Africa our motherland will never go unnoticed and without commendation. African Union is indebted to you all for the sacrifices you made. On behalf of ATMIS- Police component, I say a big “Thank you” and keep the flag flying”.

**Question: What is your assessment of the Somali Police Force (SPF) and the progress in**

**building their capacity to conduct operations and assume security responsibilities?**

**Answer:** ATMIS Police component has made a lot of strides in pushing the agenda of individual and institutional capacity building to support the Somalia Police Force, to enable them meet internationally accepted policing standards. These activities have impacted positively. It is my belief that as the ATMIS Police transits at the end of the Transition Plan, the Somalia Police Force will have the capability and capacity to take over security responsibilities and offer the best policing services to the citizens of this beautiful country.



## INTERVIEW WITH ACTING ATMIS POLICE OPERATIONS & FPU COORDINATOR, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ROBERT LULE



**Question:** In your assessment, what contribution has UFPU-10 made towards the fulfilling of the ATMIS Police mandate?

**Answer:** In fulfillment of the ATMIS Police mandate as spelled out in the UNSCR 2628 (2022) and AU-PSC communique 1068, UFPU-10 has been instrumental in supporting the Somali Police Force (SPF) through joint operations, and mentorship aimed at improving the policing tactical skills of the SPF. The SPF have built confidence in securing Mogadishu.

**Question:** What impact has their tour of duty had on the ATMIS Police Component?

**Answer:** UFPU-10 have improved the visibility of ATMIS police component. They have provided escort and security to IPOs on mentoring duties at various police stations in Mogadishu. They provided operational support and capacity building to support SPF, to meet international policing standards, protect civilians and improve on law and order.



**Question:** What tasks have they been undertaking in their Area of Responsibility and how has it impacted on efforts to restore peace?

**Answer:** UFPU-10 have exhibited professionalism and discipline while discharging their duties, such as protection of VIPs and other partners, and they contributed to the general elections which took place in May 2022.

Their mentorship to the SPF in areas of Public Order Management (POM), weapons handling, joint cordon and search, and in the use of specialized equipment have supported countering terrorism, enhanced the rule of law, and improved on policing.

UFPU-10 did joint patrols to build public confidence, and conduct daily joint static guard duties at vital installations including at the Ministries of Justice and Foreign Affairs, thus providing an enabling environment for government officials to carry out their duties without fear, hence promoting socio-economic development in the city and Somalia in general.

## INTERVIEW WITH ACTING ATMIS POLICE CHIEF OF STAFF, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE RUWA EBI LINDSAY



**Question:** In your assessment, what impact has Uganda FPU-10 made towards the fulfillment of the ATMIS Police mandate?

**Answer:** ATMIS Police is mandated to support specialized training, advising, mentoring and provide operational support, including joint patrols and protection of vital installations, to the Somali police in line with the Somali Transition Plan (STP) at both Federal and State levels. The Uganda Formed Police Unit-10 was based in Mogadishu, providing operational support to the Somali Police Force (SPF) in joint visibility patrols, public order management and on-the-job training. This support has positively impacted on the local community as the region is enjoying relative peace, greatly boosting economic and social activities.



**Question:** What is your general assessment of the performance of UFPU-10 during their tour

of duty?

**Answer:** The positive contributions of UFPU-10 during their tour of duty in Somalia cannot be over-emphasized. The contingent exhibited a high degree of professionalism and commitment in implementing the ATMIS police mandate and the broader. ATMIS mandate. This was crucial in the transfer of knowledge and skills to their Somali counterparts. **Question:** What tasks have they been undertaking and how has it impacted on efforts to restore peace and stability in Somalia?

**Answer:** The UFPU-10 was actively involved in supporting the SPF to secure the Parliamentary and Presidential elections in 2021/2022 and ensuring that the elections in the region were free of any incidents. The involvement of the UFPU-10 has positively impacted on security and stability in the region. and Somalia as a whole.



# SERVING MY COUNTRY AND AFRICA FOR PEACE

*SSP. Opio Esau Atorom, Contingent commander*



The Uganda Formed Police Unit (UFPU) became operational here in Somalia in 2012. Under my command, on 07 December 2021 a 15-person advance party arrived in Mogadishu.

The advance team comprised of contingent commander, operations officer, medical doctor, logistics officer, engineer, MTO, bomb technician, RCM/ser-major, in charge drivers, in charge communication, ICT technician, one driver, Nurse and a Chef.

On arrival, we were welcomed by the ATMIS senior leadership team (SLT) headed by the former ATMIS Commissioner of Police, AIGP. Augustine Magnus Kailie, and a group of Individual Police Officers (IPOs) at the ATMIS Recreational Centre (ARC). Thereafter, we were ushered to the Transit Camp in the Base Camp where we spent 56 days because our operational Base at Aljazeera II Camp was on lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19.

On 22 February 2022, the rest of the team comprising 121 males and 24 females, a total of 145 officers both file and rank led by ASP. Okello Daniel the deputy contingent commander arrived in Mogadishu.

Together with my Nigerian counterpart SP. Samuel Bassej Ita and ATMIS Senior leadership team (SLT) we received the team at the airport.

The main body did two weeks mandatory COVID-19 quarantine at ATMIS Transit Camp followed by 14 days induction training at Aljazeera II camp to prepare them for the task ahead.

On 16th March 2022, two platoons (60 personnel) commanded by AIP. Hirya Malingha were dispatched to Garbahaarey under Sector V Gedo region in Jubaland to polish the ground as the security situation demanded for elections. On the 22nd May 2022, after a successful process of achieving elections, the two platoons rotated back to Aljazeera II camp after three months duty.

ATMIS Police component is tasked with the responsibility of training, mentoring, advising the Somali Police Force on basic Police principles such as; human rights observation, crime prevention strategies, community policing, cordon and search procedures and investigations etc. to measure up with international standards and practices.

Uganda Formed Police Unit, in a bid to achieve these important tasks have the roles of providing escort and protection to the Individual Police Officers (IPOs) in the daily tasks to co-locate with the Somali Police Force. Other responsibilities included guarding strategic government installations, public order management, joint confidence building patrols and joint operations such as; check point duties, operations and trainings. The unit provides VIP escort and protection to ATMIS and foreign dignitaries one the need arises.



***To God be the glory for He let us know in the holy book that there is time for everything under Heaven, time to destroy, and time to build up, time to be born and time to die, and importantly time for conflict, war and time for peace. He further let us know that blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called children of God. (Ecclesiastes cap 3)."***

The above quotes were my reference points when I left home as a contingent commander of the Uganda Formed Police Unit-10 personnel to Somalia. It has been an honor to be part of the narrative “to serve my country, Africa and the world towards restoring lasting security and stability to the Horn of Africa.”

While serving in the mission area, I encountered several administrative challenges.

However, we are able to also record significant achievements.

We had cordial relations with the sister forces like the UPDF and a component of Special Force Command (SFC) at Aljazeera 2 camp, Nigeria contingent, Somali Police Force, Somali

National Army, MOVCON staff, ATMIS senior leadership team, language assistants and civilian components.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate His Excellency the Commander in Chief General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mr. Okoth Ochola Uganda Police Force, Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIGP) Mr. Kaali Fadhil Ali Director Field Force Unit (FFU), and all the senior leaders of Uganda Police Force for entrusting me to lead and command Uganda Formed Unit.

I also thank Uganda Formed Police Unit 10 (UFPU 10) personnel for their diligent services which has registered success in our tour of duty.



# MY JOURNEY TO SOMALIA

*ASP Okello Daniel, Deputy Contingent Commander*



It was on 22 February 2022, at 11:45hrs that the chartered Ethiopian Airlines aircraft touched down at Aden Abdulle International Airport in Mogadishu.

The main body of Uganda Formed

Police unit (UFPU)-10 comprising 145 personnel under my command (a position I didn't expect but because of favour from God, trust from my country and Police leadership, joined the advance team of 15 personnel who were already in the mission. A total of 160 personnel arrived to serve in ATMIS for a one year tour of duty.

After getting off from the plane, a sense of responsibility struck me when I saw journalists waiting to interview me as the commanding officer to the team.

I quickly gathered courage to avoid embarrassment. One journalist asked how we as

UFPU-10, were going to work in the mission area. I responded that, "we will work with colleagues from other Police Contributing Countries (PCCs) to build the forces of Somalia during the transition period to contribute to security and added that UFPU-10 we are agile and disciplined."

After the interview and documentation on arrival, we were taken to the Transit camp and quarantined for two weeks as part of the COVID-19 protocols. After quarantine, the Police Commissioner briefed us on the core mandate of FPUs.

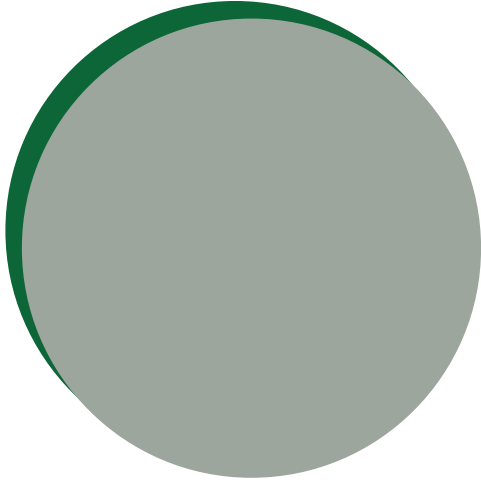
During the tour of duty, UFPU-10 contributed to supporting ATMIS Police mandate in the ongoing rule of law and stabilization efforts. Uganda is one of the ATMIS Police Contributing Countries (PCCs) together with Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Zambia and Kenya.

The induction training of the UFPU-10 commenced from Aljazeera II camp for 14 days and finally we hit the streets of Mogadishu. My desire to be an international police officer had been fulfilled and my goal was achieved.



# AMISOM TRANSITS TO ATMIS

*ASP Lwegaba Bashir Kakooza, Operations Officer-*



On 1 April 2022, the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), officially replaced the predecessor mission, the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) after 15 years of security and stability in Somalia.

The transition followed the decision of the United Nations Security Council which by its Resolution 2628 of 2022, adopted an African Union Peace and Security Council communique of its 1068th meeting on 8 March 2022, where it was decided to reconfigure AMISOM into ATMIS.

Under the reconfigured mission, the police component is tasked with the responsibility of supporting specialized training, advising, and mentoring and providing operational support including joint patrols and protection of vital installations with their counterparts, the Somali Police Force (SPF).

UFPU-10, alongside their SPF counterparts have been instrumental in fulfilling this mandate by ensuring public order management and safety of civilians in Mogadishu.

Through the security operations supported by UFPU-10, there is relative stability in Somalia.

I thank all the personnel of UFPU-10 for their dedicated service to the mission and commend the Mission Headquarters for the support accorded to the contingent.



# CONFORMITY AND OBEDIENCE IN THE MISSION AREA

*PC Okello Samuel Ricky, Admin Clerk*



**'We often change our attitudes and behaviours to match the people around us.'**

One reason for this conformity is a concern about what other people think of us. Another reason we conform to the norm is

because other people often have information we don't, and relying on norms can be a reasonable strategy when we are uncertain about how we are supposed to act. This is what being in the Mission Area portrays.

Obeying orders from the authority figure can sometimes lead to disturbing behaviour. The

findings raise questions about the power of blind obedience in deplorable situations most especially where you are quite far and rarely in touch with the family. This also raises concerns about the ethical response of the personnel in the mission area.

With all these, one has to be well equipped with skills and techniques attained from the right pre-deployment trainings into the mission area. The success of our one year tour of duty in Somalia clearly depicts these.

Bravo to all Uganda Police Force administration, ATMIS and all the stakeholders for the environment created for the success of this tour of duty. The Almighty takes the glory.

# LUCK, APPOINTMENT AND DUTY IN THE MISSION AREA

*PC Apuda Isaac, Political Commissar*



Perhaps the most extreme example of my considerable good fortune occurred in October 2022 afternoon while I was seated and relaxing with my colleagues who were off duty.

The Contingent Commander called me to his office after holding

their brief meeting with the senior officers where he told me of the appointment. I remanded him that i was a warrior of the lower rank to be appointed to such a high position but later I had to accept it as an opportunity to learn and get more experience.

I consider myself as one of the luckiest men in the contingent to be appointed as the Contingent

Political Commissar by the Contingent commander SSP. Opio Esau Atorom.

The position and appointment is the first in history of FPU's in the mission from since 2012.

My appointment brought me closer to most experienced and high ranking officers and all heads of departments, through administrative meetings and engagements. This helped to me to acquire administrative and managerial skills that will help me to handle challenges in the future.

I liaised with the Military Political Commissar (SFC), my mentor and engaged in serious guidance and counselling of personnel and maintaining good relations between civilian, police and the military components at Al-Jazeera II Camp.

# MANAGING A YEAR WITH NEGLIGIBLE STRESS IN THE MISSION AREA

*Cpl. Emvi Geoffrey, In-charge Stores*



It is a common saying that peace keeping mission in these stressful situations rang from the difficult threats posed by from Al-Shabaab.

Leaving family behind and every thing else back home can be challenging.

Many people ask peace keepers especially in Somalia. "how do you cope?."

My simple answer is "through acceptance and avoidance."

Friends, in life there are some situations you will find yourself in that you can do nothing about them as an individual, so you have to accept.

Some things such as climate change, drought and floods are natural disasters.

The fact that you must eat food for your livelihood means you have no alternative. Therefore, I had to accept the situation I was in hence negligible stress.

Indeed, the threats, suicide bombings and the "incomings" (RPGs and mortar grenades) launched at the camps of the ATMIS staff by the Al-Shabaab can cause panic and stress in this land. However, I always avoided this by following the guidelines I got from the pre-deployment training which made me brave. The training created self confidence in me to manage what comes my way.

I always had friends to share whatever would seem to bring stress. Avoid self-isolation when you have issues bothering you because your friend will be your best counsellor.

I was always in touch with the family back home, thanks for the advancement in technology which made me have video calls, where I was able to see all family members and talk to them one by one.

I trusted my spouse with my salary account to avoid what I would refer to as disturbance due to financial constraints in the family. I explained to her clearly that she should expect nothing from me until when I go back. Indeed, that made her careful to balance what she had to run the family without stressing me at all.

I also avoided being idle by creating my own timetable alongside the work programme. As it is always said that "an idle mind is a devil's workshop." I had time for gym, football, jogging to keep physically fit and at the same time exhausted so as to avoid thinking of a "woman".

I always maximumly used the recreation room for watching football on the screen, play pool, Ludo among others to avoid being idle. Most of all I became so prayerful.

Therefore, through acceptance and avoidance of some of the situations in the mission area made me to complete the tour of duty with negligible stress and the one year became short.



# MEDICAL MANDATE IN THE FPU

*SP. Dr. Odulusi Daniel, Contingent Doctor*



The medical team that is comprised of eight personnel of various medical disciplines was assembled and integrated into the Uganda Formed Police Unit-10 (UFPU-10) to carry out the ATMIS mandate as an auxiliary support department to keep the “engine” of the mission running.

From the pre-deployment period to the post-deployment period, we held our duties firm and produced outstanding results and achievements for which we shall forever be proud of.

## **Pre-deployment:**

We conducted a pre-deployment full body medical screening that involved tests on the functionality of all body systems, presence of any chronic conditions or any underlying serious infections that would negatively affect the fitness of any personnel for deployment to the mission ground.

In-line with our parent PCC policy vision (PHS Policy 2022), we always strive to provide enhanced equitable and equal healthcare services to all. We screened and provided a total of 160 medically and physically fit personnel for deployment to mission grounds.

As part of the advance team that travelled

to study and prepare ground for the rest of the medical team, the contingent doctor and accompanying nurse underwent the mandatory 14 day quarantine and remained in isolation due to lock-down instituted in the main Aljazeera II camp, that would be our operating base for the duration of the mission.

## **Medical operations:**

Level I hospital is established under Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ATMIS and Police Contributing Country (Uganda) under self- sustenance pre-conditions and therefore all equipment and consumables are entirely supplied from Uganda though some equipment is reimbursable.

Hand-over of level I hospital from outgoing contingent doctor to in-coming occurred on 20 February 2022. On a daily basis, our OPD attendance averages about 12 patients and monthly average is 45 patients. These patients present with common conditions such as urinary tract infections, upper respiratory tract infections, cuts and lacerations, abscesses, malaria, allergic conjunctivitis, dermatitis and ear wax blockage, and well as emerging cases of hypertension and diabetes mellitus.



After seven months on mission ground, a screening exercise for general health status was conducted and some cases of obesity, hypertension and diabetes mellitus was discovered among the personnel and lifestyle modification changes of diet and physical activity alleviated most of the cases. At the end of the mission period, a few cases persisted requiring added pharmacological management.

Medical consultation services are provided by the contingent doctor and clinical officer. In addition to consultation, we carried out safe male circumcision as a motivating boost to the male personnel to carry through with their mandate on mission ground. A total of 18 personnel benefited from this activity. Other activities involved case evacuations to level II hospital.

### **Nursing Unit:**

The unit has four female nurses headed by a Nursing Officer. This unit is responsible for all nursing care of patients (vitals taking, dispensing of drugs, wound dressing etc.) and submitting of reports to both the contingent major on sick personnel and to Level II Hospital on utilisation of our services. In addition, they perform case evacuation escort, and field medical evacuations, as well as health education within the camp.

### **Laboratory:**

This unit is composed of two male personnel who perform all the laboratory tests requested by the clinicians. The laboratory is equipped with a CBC analyser, microscopes, chemistry analyser, centrifuge and rapid diagnostic kits for various conditions. All tests are performed with very short 'turn-around times.'

### **Pharmacy:**

The Level I hospital is under 'self-sustenance'

arrangement and therefore receives all drugs from home country and received drugs are entered into stock inventory using stock cards, and dispensed as per the dispensary logbook. Storage of drugs is done as per recommendations on shelves/racks, away from sunlight and within ambient temperatures regulated by an installed air conditioner. New stock is received quarterly by requisition and any overstocked or soon expiring drugs and supplies are donated to level II hospital whenever need arises. The pharmacy is managed by a female nurse.

### **Ambulances:**

The facility has two 4X4 fully equipped (TYPE B) running Land cruiser ambulances for both case evacuation and medical evacuation in field operations or for VIP escort duties. They also come in handy in sporting events and in field deployments for special duties.

### **COVID-19, Camp hygiene, sanitation and health education:**

Despite the fact that all personnel are fully vaccinated and have also received the booster dose against COVID-19, the medical team has in-exhaustively promoted the observance of all SOPs against the pandemic within the camp and while on duty by participated in briefings of personnel, providing hand sanitizers to all individual personnel, providing cloth-masks, maintaining hand washing facilities spread out throughout the camp and enforcing quarantine measures on any returning personnel from leave, or anyone with suspicious symptoms.

Medical personnel have led by example in camp cleaning and maintenance of both body and dwelling hygiene as well as proper sanitation practices. In liaison with logistics department, we promoted the use of both disinfectants and bleaching agents for cleaning of the kitchen and ablutions.

We have come to the end of our tour of duty and I commend the medical team and all personnel for working as team players, guardians of each other and ensuring that as we came 160 healthy personnel in number, so are we returning to the motherland still 160 healthy personnel. It was a great honour and experience to serve under the ATMIS mandate.



# ONE YEAR DEPLOYMENT IN SOMALIA BROADENED MY EXPERIENCE OF SERVICE

*Cpl Dafala Abdullai, Platoon II 2I/C section II Commander.*



A fairy tale that started with eight months of rigorous pre-deployment training at the Field Force Unit (FFU)/ Formed Police Unit (FPU) training camp in Kikandwa under the

close supervision of the widely experienced commandant SP. Wanyama Moses, fondly referred to as the “headmaster” and his team of dedicated trainers came to fruition.

With over 250 contestants from different departments and directorates of the Uganda Police Force assembled and competing to be on the team of 160 Formed Police Unit contingent 10, it was a cutthroat race reminiscent of the Navy SEAL’s “Surviving the Cut”.

The trainers emphasized teamwork hence every team section/ squad or platoon gave their best keeping together well aware the strength of a chain is in its weakest link. This was manifested during the long distance fitness run (BFT) through Bukerekere trading centre, Police ICT Research Centre up to the school, the night walks, obstacle crossing and other energy sapping endurance exercises.

Despite the myriad of challenges encountered individually and as a group, we overcame the onset of the health check put all and sundry on tenterhooks as a first real hurdle. Then there was sure chopping technique a.k.a paragraph three in Tonfa drills which brought down our numbers to 183, an appropriate number for external assessment.

In October 2022, the African Union Formed Police Unit Assessment Team (FPAT) came, assessed and was convinced that the contingent was ready for deployment in the mission area.

In December 2021, the advance team of 15 representatives, carefully chosen across the board headed by the Contingent Commander designate SSP. Opio Esau Atorom was flagged off to Mogadishu; their arrival coinciding with COVID-19 outbreak in the mission area, necessitating extension of stay for UFPU 9 hence UFPU-10 advance team got locked down in a lengthy 56 days quarantine to avoid mixing with their predecessors and the main body of 145 UFPU-10 remained on standby equally quarantined in the training school at home uncertain when they would join the advance team in Mogadishu.

With the uncertainty in December 2021, Christmas wasn’t Christmas, New Year celebrations mattered less without clarity on movement. Information vacuum coupled with idleness in quarantine was filled by rumours ‘wiriwiri’ all the time.

But “every dark cloud has a silver lining”, in February with things clearing in Mogadishu, a clarion call for movement on 22 February 2022 sufficed and indeed we lifted off from Entebbe International Airport to Aden Abdulle International Airport (AAIA) aboard Ethiopian Airlines where we landed safely after about two hours in the air.

We were received, guided, cleared and swiftly moved to the transit camp in the Base Camp for compulsory two weeks COVID-19 quarantine with very strict security briefings on need to mainly keep indoors, observe incoming alerts, use of bunkers, need for constant rehydration because of the extremely hot environment, possibility of impromptu courtesy calls by members of the senior leadership team (SLT) etc.



***Apart from the hot weather, settling in the Transit camp posed no challenges because the food was not new to us Ugandans. With our two officers' in charge of ICT and communication popping into the camp anytime, all we needed at this time was how to communicate back to the family and relatives about reaching safely, which they took us through.***

After a fortnight of quarantine, we were addressed by the then Police Commissioner AIGP Augustine M. Kailie and his senior leadership team (SLT) at the Mamba Park and released to Aljazeera II camp where we were quickly settled in the prefabs and underwent a week of induction.

Hardly had the ink dried on the induction training notes, two platoons (totalling to 60 personnel) were directed to prepare and immediately move to (Garbahaarey) Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Gedo region of Somalia bordering Ethiopia standing in for the Sierra-Leone FPU who were rotating out as the new group comes in pending induction and then field deployment.

As a logistics officer of the two operational platoons, we moved to Garbahaarey FOB on

16 and 17 March 2022 and set up our base there where it was hot and windy compared to Mogadishu to the extent that sand storms would at times blow and tear up our tents, we had no language assistant directly attached to us to ease communication and building fast rapport with the Ethiopian Army we found on ground.

Our team participated in the electoral activities there and held the ground until the arrival of the new Sierra-Leone Formed Police Unit contingent in the sector and then we returned to Mogadishu on 22 May, 2022 to re-join our counterparts who had remained jointly working with Nigeria Formed Police Unit (NFPU)-10 fulfilling the AMISOM police component mandate of providing assistance to the Somali police Force (SPF) and Somali security Forces in general in securing vital government installations, protecting the VIPs, carrying out joint operation confidence patrols, escorting the IPOs to team sites to train/ mentor SPF, etc.

This mission has enabled me to build good rapport and cordial relationships with my Nigerian, Kenyan, Ethiopian, Burundian, Ghanaian, Zambian, Sierra Leonean and Somali colleagues especially those in security forces with whom we have worked closely throughout and has broadened my experience of service especially in unconventional situations.

For God And My Country.



# REALISING THE BEAUTY OF A WOMAN

*SGT Malinzi Sefu Walusimbi, Contingent Ser-Major*



A woman's beauty can easily be realized while there are two activities; when she is asleep and when she is crying and exactly it is the same way we realize the beauty of the universe in particular Somalia.

Indeed, Somalia has a hidden beauty.

We pray for the almighty Allah's intervention to prevail over the land, soften the hearts, of terror groups open their minds and sight to understand and see the beauty of their land as it was in the beginning.

We believe peace is coming because we have employed skills and knowledge to the people of this great country that when they put into practice, they will have time to see a beautiful Somalia.

I want to appreciate the IGP. Okoth Ochola Martin and his entire command team for having given me the opportunity to come to Somalia so that I lay a brick towards peace, and development of this state. I also thank the whole team of UFPU-10 that co-operated with me as their contingent ser-major to see the smooth running of work in the mission. The struggle continues.

People who saw Somalia when it was asleep before the 1990s can tell how beautiful she was and if Somalia was to continue like that up-to-date, it would be one of the most developed countries in Africa.

And now that she is in her time of mourning it is difficult to see the beauty but it is not impossible.



## SERVING IN A MISSION AREA AS ADMIN OFFICER

*ASP. Matsiko Collines, Admin. Officer*



The main responsibility of the Admin officer is to provide administrative support to the contingent. Admin work in a contingent is one of the cornerstone duties which cut across the entire work plan of the system.

By the headship of the good contingent commander, the work of the admin commander becomes simple and clear and runs smoothly, but when there is no good stewardship at the top, the work becomes challenging.

The duties involved; ensuring that all activities are well carried out, and ranges from daily sending

of situation reports, encoding and decoding of communication activities of personnel who are the stronghold of the Unit, sending and receiving of emails across ATMIS Headquarters and Addis Ababa and to the end user.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Uganda Police Force administration which gave me the opportunity to come and serve in the mission area. The Nigeria Formed Police Unit-10 Admin Officer, Madam Veronica and the UFPU-9 Admin officer SP. Isiko Jeremiah, Admin Officers at the Police Headquarters, outgoing Ag. Operations and FPU coordinator SSP. Allan Tugiizire.

Lastly, I want to thank the clerks, CPL Okot James Paul and PC Okello Samuel Ricky for their endurance, resilient and tireless efforts in performing work under pressure. For God and my country.

## SERVING IN A MISSION AS A MOTHER

*Nsangi Lydia, Platoon I Sergeant*



It all started when I received a communication from my unit commander that I was to report for Formed Police Unit (FPU) training. I developed an intra-personal conflict whether to go or not but later picked

courage and reported for training at Kikandwa FPU training school.

With words of encouragement from our beloved headmaster SP. Wanyama who kept giving women morale by saying 'what men can do, women can do better' and indeed we excelled.

After passing through the hurdles of pre-deployment training, time for deployment to the mission area (Somalia) came and "oh my God!"

that was the toughest moment to a mother leaving my children back home for a year. At the same time it was joyful to board a plane for the first time.

While in the mission, stress kept on hitting me more so getting a phone call from home that my children are sick. I encourage all women in uniform that there is nothing hard so long as you are determined.

I have enjoyed working with people from different countries like Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Somalia, among others and got exposure as well acquiring skills and working experience.

My great thanks go to my Unit commander Police Training School, Kabalye who nominated me for FPU, I cannot forget to thank the Uganda Police Management for always giving women a chance to work in mission area. May Almighty God bless you. Viva all women in uniform.



Uganda Formed Police Unit-10 kitchen staff prepare a meal for the police contingent personnel



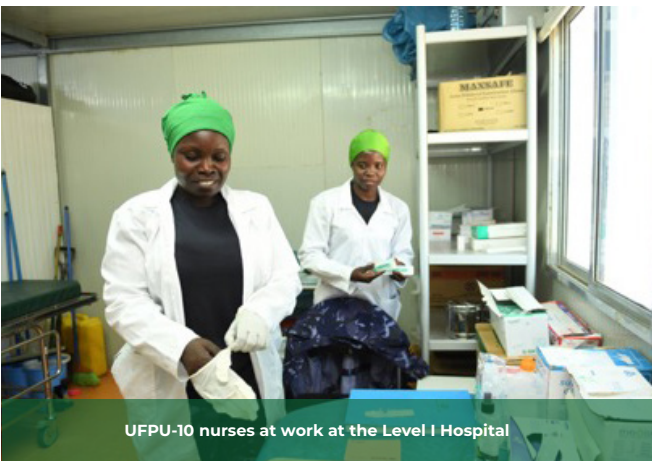
Uganda Formed Police Unit -10 fleet maintenance personnel at work



Police officers from the Ugandan Formed Police Unit (FPU) perform a traditional dance during a ceremony



Officers from Uganda FPU-10 arrive in Mogadishu on 22 February 2022



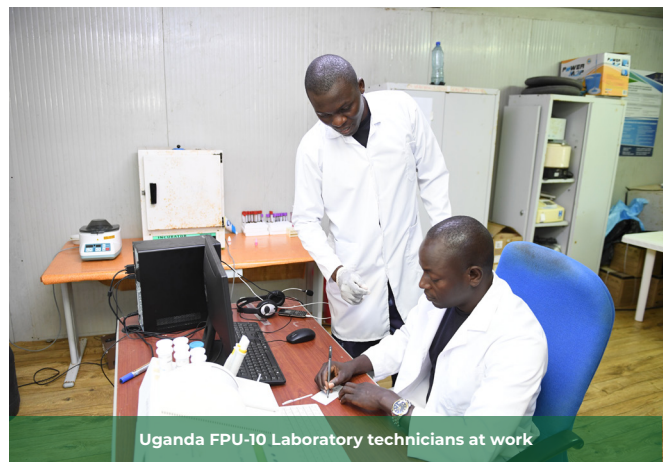
UFPU-10 nurses at work at the Level I Hospital



The ATMIS Police Officer in Charge (OIC), CP Margaret Karanja, inspects a guard of honor mounted by FPU-10 at Al-Jazeera II camp



A pharmacist with the Uganda FPU-10 at work



Uganda FPU-10 Laboratory technicians at work



Uganda FPU-10 personnel working out in the gym



FPU-10 personnel perform a folk dance during a ceremony to commemorate Uganda's 60th independence anniversary



UFPU-10 personnel playing Ludo, a board game



FPU-10 personnel in a group photo during a ceremony to commemorate Uganda's 60th independence anniversary



Uganda Formed Police Unit-10 personnel enjoy a game of pool



Medical personnel serving with the Uganda FPU-10 in a training session



Members of the Uganda Formed Police Unit-10 football team in a briefing session before taking part in a match



Ecstatic members of the Uganda Formed Police Unit-10 football team run with both the Uganda and AU flags before a football match

# THE SCOPE OF UFPU-10 OPERATIONS IN ATMIS

*AIP Dradria Johnstone Baker, Deputy Operations officer*



In a situation of conflict, everything appears suspiciously hostile. As forces, we have to survive not as individuals but as a team, the exact reason Formed Police Units (FPUs) are always deployed in their formations

by a Deputy who has double-flap as a Platoon Commander and also on-board are the other Platoon Commanders and line commanders under the structure. Coordination is the 'middle name' of this office, it coordinates in all directions (upwards, sideways and downwards). It is here that all directives, requests and reports are best understood and transformed in action.

The Operations officer has overseen/ supervised daily deployments by conducting personnel inspection to ensure they have appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and working team equipment before venturing out for any assignments. Personnel safety is given first priority because "you can't give what you don't have."

of Platoons, Sections/ Squads and Teams that balance capability not just numbers.

This has enabled us to ably fulfil the ATMIS Police mandate of giving operational support to the Somali Police Force (SPF) in particular and the Somali Security Forces (SSF) in general through the core functions of public order management, conducting joint operations and patrols to boost morale and confidence, protecting VIPs and vital installations, providing security escorts to VIPs, Individual Police Officers (IPOs) and other mission partners like contractors to enable them execute their respective mission functions in line with the Somali Transition Plan.



The Contingent Operations Office is the nerve centre (activity hub) of the Unit. It is headed by the Contingent Operations Officer assisted

The Operations Office has ensured personnel are appropriately briefed on the security situation to enhance situational awareness both in the Camp and out in the field. Reminders on the ATMIS Code of Conduct and Rules of Engagement (RoE) are given all the time and Field Commanders are constantly updated with any new information they need to know and guided in case of any fragmented orders (FRAGOs). After every duty,

personnel are debriefed to get feedbacks and/or challenges encountered in the course of duty for appropriate remedies and future planning.

In case of emergencies like abrupt sicknesses, operational motor vehicles breaking down in the field where urgent rescue is needed, or any other FRAGOs, the Operations Office always coordinates all other stakeholders and oversees the safety and success of all emergency /urgent missions. What a great all round team we had from the Contingent Commander at the 'helicopter view' up to the last man down!

In the Formed Police Unit set up, the Operations Officer acts as the training officer; with a keen eye on equipment maintenance where safety and efficiency is emphasized through constant in-house refreshers/ rehearsals to keep teams in top operational forms; no complacency.

From day one of this tour of duty, with the clear set up of The Uganda Formed Police Unit (UFPU)-10 structures by the Contingent Commander SSP. Opio Esau Atorom, we set foot on ground with nothing other than success on our minds.

The clear understanding of each other's roles, how and who to coordinate with or through was a master stroke that saw us through this tour

of duty that has spanned from the transition of African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) to African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) on 01 April 2022, the tail end of the long drawn Somali election period, The last of the Parliamentary elections (with our two platoons doing a tremendous job in Garbahaarey during Sierra-Leone Formed Police Unit rotation), the house leadership contests for both the Senate and The House of the People culminating into the Presidential Election and a successful transition from one President to another in May 2022.

The cordial working relationship we had especially with both Nigerian Formed Police Units 10 and 11, Individual Police Officers (IPOs), Language Assistants, other Mission partners (contractors), ATMIS Military component, ATMIS civilian staff, the Somali Police Force, the Somali Security Forces (SSF) and the entire population while on Joint Operations, Long Range Patrols, Team Site engagements, field visits to Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps, etc. has made us succeed as a united front.

With good leadership and all the support on ground, the Mission is 'doable' but do not undermine any situation. "Do not fear but respect every situation."





# WORKING AS A FORMED POLICE UNIT ENGINEER

*ASP. Sembuya Ismail, Contingent Engineer*



The engineering department is pivotal in enabling the Formed Police Unit execute the assigned tasks.

Engineering facilitates the conduct of joint patrols, protection of vital

installations, conduct of joint operations with the Somali Police Force.

Engineering ensures the maintenance and repair of the fleet and other peace support operation by coordinating fuel supply, drivers, vehicle recovery operations and camp support by ensuring smooth operation of the generators, water system and any other tasks.

I headed a strong and dynamic team of technicians and drivers during our time in the mission area and we have maintained the fleet in good working order to support operations since all movement in the field is motorized.

We have also maintained all contingent-owned equipment (COEs) in serviceable state, worked in partnership with UNSOS to ensure camp accommodation, electrical and water and sewage systems are in good state. All these functions have positively impacted the on peace keeping mission.

Working in a peacekeeping mission presents challenges. But in addition to the regular mission stress and anxiety, I always knew that a mechanically unresponsive fleet is a threat to the credibility of the Formed Police Unit.

This motivated me to work hard and constantly guide the team, planning/ scheduling repairs, acting swiftly in case of breakdown and practicing preventive maintenance.

Collaboration with engineers from other PCCs and TCCs, the consistent supply of spare parts and consumables from the rear strategic headquarters and support by the Formed Police Contingent administration made work easier.

Environmental considerations in the course of execution of our work were paramount.

According to the UN Environmental policy (ST/SGB/2019/7), each peacekeeping operation (PKO) and field based special political mission (SPM) shall uphold the principal of “do no harm” and seek achieve maximum efficiency in their use of natural resources and operate at maximum risk to people, society and ecosystems, contributing to a positive impact on these wherever possible.

In line with the above policy, we have put in practice proper waste disposal and management systems in coordination with UNSOS.

In a nutshell, the UFPU-10 Engineering department has achieved its mandate thanks to commitment by technicians and drivers support from UN/AU, ATMIS, the contingent administration and the rear strategic headquarters. Above all we thank the Almighty Allah for the gift of life and protection.



# CATCHING BIG NILE PERCH 'MPUTA' FROM THE DEEPEST PART OF THE OCEAN

*Cpl. Swadik Abakar, Driver*



Friday 23 April 2021 was the day Uganda Formed Police Unit (UFPU)-10 contingent list of candidates nominated for training were instructed to report to Kikandwa Police Training Camp. I personally received it with

mixed reactions.

Yes, it was cheerful for every police officer to prepare for mission abroad, but training with its effects depressed me and caused fear and consternation.

In training we acquired experience, knowledge and skills. Truly the training had a lot of anxiety and fear due to the number of candidates nominated.

All in all, the panic and disquiet dusted when the head of training SP. Wanyama Moses addressed everyone. We became contented and relieved forgetting the fact that the number is bigger.

SP. Wanyama speaks words like "All of you have equal opportunities of going to Somalia, and its only you to fail yourself, your going is only delayed but not denied." This instilled fear and made us train vigorously.

Basically the training prepared us on all elements of services and duties, physically, mentally, emotionally, and even financial discipline.

The training gave us as Police personnel the basic tools and skills necessary for roles and tasks assigned to us for the duration of our tour of duty. It helped us to foster unity and cope better under fatigue to endure situations.

Range exercises caused trepidation because for one to qualify should have shot 8 out of 10 bullets

on the target.

Medical screening for the health status of the personnel caused strain and trauma since many of us often visit health facilities when sick.

On 22 February 2022, we left Uganda for Somalia, and landed at Aden Adulle International Airport where we experienced a new change in weather. It was hot and windy unlike in Uganda but we were warmly welcomed by ATMIS officials of JOCC.

Working in Somalia is not hard as long as SOPs are followed. As a driver I encountered the following challenges in my daily duties:

- a. Poor road conditions. The roads are poorly maintained, very narrow which makes movement less comfortable.
- b. Laxity of law enforcement officers on road who at times fail to implement road safety and traffic rules and regulations.
- c. Traffic rules in Somalia is to drive on right but people drive in the centre of the road, abrupt stoppings, and parking in the middle of the road, no traffic lights unethical and reckless riding of three wheel motor cycles commonly known as tuktuk, herding animals like donkeys, wherever they wish without due care of other road users.
- d. Over speeding, driving under the influence psycho-active substances like miraa.
- e. The weather condition in Somalia is unpredictable and it has big effect on roads of Somalia especially when it rains the roads become impassable because of floods, mud, and sand which affects movement.

Despite the challenges, we were privileged to work and share ideas with international friends from both higher and lower ranking officers from Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Sierra- Leone, Army officers from Burundi and other peace keepers in Somalia.

My prayer is that Almighty Allah improve, grant ease, and protect the land of Somalia and peace keepers.

“O” Allah let our country Uganda and Somalia be peaceful and prosperous by your mercy O, the merciful one.”

My sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation goes to: The Director Field Force Unit, AIGP. Fadhil Kaali, Commandant Police Training School Kabalye, Masindi CP. Ziwedde Abubakar who is not a boss to me but a brother, friend, supporter, mentor, and trainer, Deputy Director

Fleet management CP. Achola Proscovia, The contingent commander UFPU-10 SSP. Opio Esau Atorom who guided us and ensured our safety and success in Somalia.

The staff officer fleet management ASP. Opar Ongwen And lastly to the head of training Kikandwa Police Training camp SP. Wanyama Moses and the entire training fraternity who dedicated their time in training, mentoring, coaching and ensuring that our training was a success. For God and My Country.

## SPORTS, A UNIFYING TOOL

*PC Isamat Daniel, Deputy PIO*



**M**ilitary regiments demands unique physical and psychological strength on units and individuals. In order to be prepared for these challenges, it is

necessary to create a fitness training structure.

Sports makes a vital contribution in the defence forces towards fighting spirit, morale, personality development and ultimately operational effectiveness. “A healthy mind resides in a fit body.”

For personnel who work in hostile environments like Somalia, sports may improve combat readiness, skills, toughness and the development of qualities of a war fighter.

Physical fitness benefits officers by boosting productivity both mentally and physically, help to lower stress, builds team work and may improve

morale.

The office of the UFPU-10 PIO oversees the sporting activities of the Contingent that spans from football, netball, tag of war, volleyball, jogging within the camp and indoor games consisting of board games like Ludo, Omweso, playing cards, scrabble, chess, darts, pool table etc. The camp is also equipped with a gym for personnel to keep fit and healthy.

In conclusion, I suggest building and upgrading the football pitches, volley and netball courts to good standards. Supporting these activities would enable troops to interact by organising tournaments. For instance, in 2022 UFPU-10 and the Individual Police Officers participated in a tournament to mark International Mine Action Day.

These interactions of officers from various countries serving under ATMIS promotes the spirit of Pan-Africanism demonstrating a good gesture to the Somali forces and the civilian community that sports is a unifying tool that promotes peace and solidarity

I extend gratitude to you for encouraging us to participate in these games and sports during our free time.

# GENERAL CLEANING IMPROVED HEALTH IN THE CAMP

*PC Adongo Esther*



Every last Friday of the month, the Uganda Formed Police Unit-10 contingent based in Aljazeera II camp join other contingents in a general cleaning exercise, in line with the directive of the ATMIS Police

Commissioner.

The UFPU-10 Contingent Commander SSP. Opio Esau Atorom either supervises or delegates the supervision to other commanders. The areas of interest are the offices, accomodation and washrooms, mechanical workshop and the compound.

SSP. Opio in one of his briefings urged all personnel to participate whenever called on.

The aims of these clean up exercises was to keep the environment clean and promote a healthy work force.

These exercises were attended by the Contingent senior leadership team members; Deputy contingent commander ASP. Okello Daniel, Operations officer ASP. Lwegaba B. Kakooza, Admin. Officer ASP. Matsiko Collin, Logistics officer ASP. Lomelu Denis, Engineer ASP. Sembuya Ismail and other officers.

During the exercise, all personnel who were not on duty that day turned up at the fall-in ground to take part in the exercise, fully kitted with face masks and gloves.

Additionally, they would be dressed in “half cock” that is, in a Police camouflaje trouser and a black Police t-shirt.

Prior to the cleaning, the officers were briefed by the commanders and the medical team on the importance of staying in a clean and healthy environment.

The officers were then divided into sections commanded by senior officers and assigned specific cleaning tasks.

After the exercise which lasted about two hours, the participants would converge for a de-brief and to evaluate how the exercise was conducted.

Although Aljazeera II Camp has a service provider assigned to carry out cleaning activities, the involvement of the officers in cleaning their environment, lends a different touch to the exercise.

These exercises prevented the outbreak of diseases as the camp was kept clean and personnel sensitised on the importance of staying in a healthy environment.

I encourage the incoming contingent UFPU-11 and the rest of the ATMIS Police personnel to keep up the same spirit and continue participating in these exercises to promote hygiene.



# SERVING UNDER ATMIS FULFILLED MY DREAMS

*PC Otule Stanley, 2nd I/C Sec III Commander*



It was a bright sunny day in the month of April 2021 when I woke up to the news that I was shortlisted for African Union Peacekeeping Mission in Somalia pre-deployment training in Kikandwa-Wakiso. I was so excited but I had fear of losing

my life due to the stories I heard about Somalia. It was until I went through a vigorous training that I came in terms with the reality “the mission is do-able.”

To be sincere I had never thought that I would ever fly or step foot to any country other than Uganda because during the 1990s when I was a kid, aeroplanes were very rare and people believed that they were for the rich and highly educated.

So as a child I used to wave at aeroplanes “queen” (nicknamed after the late Queen Elizabeth II of England visit to Uganda in 1952) that occasionally flew across the blue sky of my village with a towering sound and smoke forming a straight line we locally called “erot ikwiin.”

The very sight of an aeroplane in my native village in Teso sub-region used to fill me with happiness that I would just run around chanting “queen, queen” attempting to follow it until it would disappear from the skyline meaning that my dream of not just singing of the ‘queen’ but travelling in it had almost come true.

I did not possess a passport so I contacted one of my friends to help me fill out a form from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which I successfully received after two months giving me more reason to work hard during my training. “I must have done well in this world to deserve this

opportunity,” I told myself.

We were called for the training which took us six months and during the preparations, we were taken through drills and equipped with knowledge and skills for the mission by the professional team of dedicated Uganda Police Force Instructors. Apart from training, we also went through different checks both physical and medical to make sure that we were fit for the mission.

On the 22 February 2022, I was among those who qualified to fly to Somalia, another good news. So here came the long awaited day for us to finally board a plane at some time in point I forget that there was no tomorrow because of the joy and excitement to fly for the first time.

It was an early morning flight and calmness of Entebbe International Airport welcomed us we had actually arrived four hours earlier than the scheduled time and just as any first time flyer, I too wanted a window seat for my first flight and you should too believe in me that it is awesome up there to look at the world from the “helicopter view.”

I had just seen that from the movies and here am face to face with the reality, it is an everlasting experience! The flight was an experience and a dream come true. It was amazing! I still clearly recall it as if I boarded it like a few days ago probably because it was just a few months ago.

On arrival at Aden Abdulle International Airport-Mogadishu, we were welcomed by high temperatures, strong winds blowing from east to west and dust.

After 14 days of ATMIS mandatory COVID-19 quarantine at the Transit camp within Base camp, we were taken to our camp, Aljazeera II Camp, 10 km away from western side of Mogadishu city along Jazeera road.

The upcountry is filled with sand and thorny trees bearing tiny green leaves locally known as

“algaro” signs of a desert which I studied while I was in my primary school. So during the day I put on light clothes while at night I cover myself with warm cotton cloth when it becomes very cold.

I also take plenty of water to rejuvenate myself as a way of avoiding dehydrating. The country being in a desert and bordering Indian Ocean is hit by scarcity of fresh water as the sea water is salty, I have also learnt to use fresh water sparingly unlike in our country where fresh water is in abundance.

The pre-deployment course in Kikandwa and the induction training in Aljazeera II Camp helped me to adapt to the situation. These trainings too have made me alert and conscious at all times and not to take things for granted because a bomb can be planted anywhere at any time.

At the camp during my free time, I am involved in physical exercises, games and sports in various recreational facilities in the morning and evening. This has helped me to reduce on stress. I also take some minutes meditating, praying, massaging friends and resting.

Learning about new cultures, languages and meeting people is interesting. October 2022 was an eventful month, I was blessed to participate in both the Nigerian and Ugandan Independence Day celebrations organized on different days at ATMIS Recreation Centre (ARC). On both occasions, I danced, sang and enjoyed locally prepared food airlifted from Nigeria and Uganda respectively.

I can say without hesitation that the AU peacekeeping mission in Somalia is one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. The opportunity to work as a peace keeper, to move, to fly, to associate while rendering services to the Somali community is all I cherish and look forward to doing it again if given opportunity.

I'm so grateful to the Uganda Police Force and African Union for giving me this rare opportunity to serve under this mission, one of my greatest experiences making my dream come true.



# THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

*AIP. Atim Moses, Public Information Officer*



**O**n 29 June, 2012, the African Union Commission (AUC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Addis Ababa regarding the deployment of Uganda Formed Police Unit (UFPU) as part of the then African Union

Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

Since then, it has been rotating on yearly basis till the current UFPU-10. According to the resolution 2628 of 2022 of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC), the council endorsed the decision it made with effect from 01 April, 2022.

## The Scope

The Contingent Units have been deployed with the Public Information officers (PIO)/ Liaison officer as a requirement by the African Union. He is one of the top senior leadership team (SLT) of the Contingent.

Being the title I was appointed and assessed for, I assumed duties as soon as I landed in Mogadishu and whisked to Transit Camp in Base camp.

Taking over from my predecessor ASP. Tabo Ayiko Fidel on 22 February, 2022 the job being so tasking, I was incorporated in to ATMIS forum as well as the PIO forum immediately while under quarantine in Transit camp.

The purpose was to orient me to reporting techniques/ format of AMISOM which shortly transited to ATMIS, thanks for my prior knowledge professional expertise in journalism and mass communication hence it was easy for me to jump to the band wagon and move on basing on the pillars of the passion for the profession, high

spirit, commitment, resilience, discipline and teamwork.

As ATMIS relies on publicity, I was the messenger for the Contingent or rather bearing the responsibility of communicating with the public, media and coordinating with other agencies as a necessary incident related information requirements.

Other roles were to liaise with other intelligence officers/ Political commissar of Special Forces Command (SFC) a wing of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), Nigeria Formed Police Unit (NFPU)-II and civilian component within Aljazeera II Camp, with whom we had a good working relationship. Intelligence information could also be obtained from language assistants who are attached to our Contingent.

Other duties of the Contingent PIO is to coordinate the ATMIS Police Head Quarters (PHQ) PIO Office, in charge of videos and photos of activities of the contingent and to update the office of Public Relations Officer/ Peace Support Department (PRO/ PSOD) back at home in Uganda. PIO also acts as a bridge between the contingent commander and other liaison officers. He or she disseminates information to management and staff.

UFPU-10 PIO/ Liaison department contributed tremendously in the coverage of Joint Operations Patrols of UFPU/ NFPU, with SPF or Long Range patrols, static guard duties of vital installations like ministry of foreign affairs and ministry of justice. Involvement of FPU's in the escort of IPOs to team sites for mentoring local Police (SPF), coverage of IPOs during Research, Restructuring and Development (RR&D), escorting VIPs, delegates and visitors like UN/ AU staff, state officials, convoy escort, securing major and high level events in form of special duties for instance National ceremonies, functions like the last elections both parliamentary (lower and upper houses) and presidential, coverage of high level meetings (both physical and virtual) like for SLT.

One of the mandated tasks is maintaining public order management during riotous situations.

In democracies, the media is fundamental to political life. It provides facts to allow us to be better informed about the issues that matter to us. It provides criticism and debate to ensure that the information is tested and examined from all points of view.

Media acts as watchdog (informative) of the society about the current events. It also plays a role in post conflict reconciliation. Media has become an indispensable part of everyday life of human society by influencing political, social, cultural and economic and intellectual life.

The hurry of breaking news means that long term processes such as negotiations and peace building receive little or no attention in the mass media and a push towards negotiations, peace advocacy means multi-faceted explanations are often overlooked.

Media and journalists play an active role in de-escalating tensions in divided societies.

In many aspects however, the news media and journalists are also at the fore front of peace building initiatives because when they function effectively, they are crucial for safe guarding peace and democracy.

Media also helps to alert and mobilise the international community on particular crisis.

A reliable and diverse media that can express itself freely provides early warning of potential

outbreak of conflict. A reliable (that is accurate, balanced and diverse) media is essential to a peace building process and helps to raise awareness on other dimensions of peace building processes.

Media can contribute to efforts to change attitude in general public and it has been shaped by the enhanced role of new technologies in peace building processes e.g. ICT for peace building.

Meanwhile, the achievements in PIO department was a collective effort of myself and my Deputy, PC Isamat Daniel.

In October 2022, it was a privilege for me to be nominated to serve as an Ag. ATMIS Police Headquarters PIO team leader when the entire staff from that office left for Nairobi for a strategic communication master class workshop.

I covered the activities of the ATMIS senior leadership team (SLT) headed by the then Police Commissioner, AIGP Augustine Magnus Kailie and other police components (PIOs) in Mogadishu and those in federal member states (FMS), thus of IPOs and FPU's and field visits for media coverage in IDP camps within Banadir district in Mogadishu.

In conclusion, with the gain the Contingent has realized through the spirit of Pan-Africanism, the implementation of the Somali Transition Plan (STP), which goes with the lot of sacrifice, has added value to SPF in readiness to take over responsibilities from ATMIS by the end of 2024.





# THE IMPORTANCE OF LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

*ASP Lomelu Denis, Contingent Logistics Officer*



Logistics can be defined as the activity of the company or organization related to the control of its physical flows. It is about managing resources efficiently so that they can meet customers' needs

and satisfaction. Particularly, the term refers to the coordination, formulation of plans and the movement of goods and services so that they circulate continuously from point A (the supplier) to point B (the final customer).

In another perspective, it refers to the process that strategically monitors the acquirement, storage and movement of tangible items such as material, equipment, final goods, food and consumable items, etc.

Logistics management can efficiently serve as a tool widely used by many businesses and multinational organizations nowadays which handles all issues related to the procurement of materials, their handling and movement along the supply chain.

In AU/UNSOS and ATMIS perspective, the logistics management categorically focuses chiefly on the processes involving inbound logistics, this is because most of the activities are concerned with reduction of the expenses of the UNSOS/AU in the ongoing reconfiguration that takes into consideration of the unique requirements for the provision of logistical support to ATMIS personnel.

It is of paramount importance to notice the current development as ATMIS and UNSOS align modalities to decentralize logistics support for mission success. UNSOS provides logistical

support to ATMIS forces to sustain operations to secure and hold key population centres, open up Main Supply Routes (MSRs) and protect civilians.

As a logistician operating within the ATMIS complex environment, logistics is not limited to the simple routing of goods. Indeed, it includes both material and information flows. Therefore, it is very crucial to acquire a lot of dexterity and knowledge to be able to handle complexity of tasks efficiently and professionally according to the standard operating procedures of ATMIS.



In fact, the logistics office as per the contingent's perspective serves as the main engine in the daily operations of the contingent activities and without proper coordination and implementation tends to paralyze all activities.

Beginning with the issue of proper management of Contingent Owned Equipment such as vehicles, armaments, containers, generators, fuel/water trailers etc, self-sustainment and UN Owned Equipment present within the mission environment.

It's expected of a logistician to frequently prepare situation reports on the status of those equipment. Another key area has to do with order processing for the TCC/PCC personnel by ensuring timely processing and receiving of the food/ration requested.

Secondly, proper taking of inventories of equipment and food received in a right way and maintained at every point in time to facilitate uninterrupted supply of both food and equipment to the contingent.

A logistician plays a vital role in efficient transportation of the UNSOS food by focusing on providing on-time delivery to contingent's personnel thereby building their trust, confidence and morale to carry out their duties diligently.

In order for food/ration flows to be possible, logistics in ATMIS must be crossed by information flows connected to all the concerned partners in the supply chain. These flows are essential because they enable food orders to be placed, goods to be acknowledged, and information to be provided at any time on the state of stocks.

The information flows are managed by adapted Electronic Ration Management Software/System (ERMS) that ensures the transmission of data or required information by ensuring good communication between the links in the logistics supply chain management.

The resultant effects contribute to forecasting needs for greater efficiency and is geared towards achieving speedy response to the yearning and aspirations of the participatory troops and police components in the mission ground. And by so

doing, greater transparency and accountability with regard to the budget and funds allocated to ATMIS in the UNSOS support package as well as the mandate could be achieved.



To conclude, I want to thank my country for giving me the opportunity to contribute to achieving the ATMIS mandate and equipping us. My gratitude also extends to the equipment inspection teams, the engineers/mechanics and armoured personnel for ensuring proper management and maintenance of COE and UNOE. And of course, the success of this mission can't be achieved without the motivation and advice of the contingent commander and his management team. May Almighty God reward you.



# STRUCTURE OF UFPU-10

## COMMAND AND CONTROL



**SSP OPIO ESAU ATOROM**  
CONTINGENT COMMANDER



**ASP OKELLO DANIEL**  
DEPUTY CONTINGENT COMMANDER



**ASP MASIKO COLLINE**  
ADMIN OFFICER



**ASP LWEGABA BASHIR KAKOOZA**  
OPERATIONS COMMANDER



**ASP LOMELU DENIS**  
LOGISTICS OFFICER



**AIP ATIM MOSES**  
PIO

## LOGISTICS AND ENGINEERING



**ASP SEMBUYA ISMAIL**  
ENGINEER



**AIP KOMAKECH TOM**  
PERSONAL ASSISTANT (P.A.)



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OFFICER INCHARGE MESS



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MECHANIC



**PC MASIKO DERICK**  
MECHANIC



**CPL SWADIK ABAKAR**  
DRIVER



**CPL OKELLO JAMES PETER**  
DRIVER



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**PC NAKANJAKO ROSE**  
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**PC MUNUBBI ABDALLAH**  
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**PC OPOLOT LAWRENCE**  
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**PC NALODA SILVER**  
DRIVER



**PC KINYERA RICHARD**  
DRIVER



**PC OCHAKACON RONALD**  
DRIVER



**PC ABILA CALVIN**  
PLUMBER



**PC LULE GEOFFREY**  
INCHARGE ICT



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## OPERATION PLATOONS

### PLATOON I



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2nd I/C SECTION I COMMANDER



**CPL OTIM RONALD**  
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**CPL KIDEGA DENIS OTIKA**  
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**CPL BANYOMIRE MASEREKA**  
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**CPL MALINGA EDIRISA**  
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2nd I/C SECTION III COMMANDER



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**PC WAFULA FRED**



**PC AFOYORWOTH JANE**



**PC EZARUKU DAVID**



**PC IZIKU IRENE**



**PC OPIYO WALTER**



**PC KICONCO ELIAS**



**PC AKUKU JOHN**



**PC SIKAHWA YOKONIA**



**PC NSIBAMBI SULAITI**



**PC ADOKORACH CHRISTINE**



**PC OCHOM MICHAEL**



**PC BAAKOLE JOHN**



**PC TUGUME JUSTUS**



**PC AKIRO PHILMON**



**PC OPOLOT SAMUEL**



**PC AKITE EUNICE**



**PC OCHEN BAGOMA**



**PC LAKER HARRIET**



**PC OKIA MOSES**



**PC MWIMA CHRISTOPHER**



**PC ISAMAT DANIEL**  
DEPUTY PIO



**PC YOVAN ERIA**



**PC APWATUM ROBERT**



**PC AYOKO BETTY**



**PC ODUKI FENEKANSI**



**PC KYALIMPA GIDEON**

## PLATOON II



**AIP TWESIGYE DAVIS**  
PLATOON III COMMANDER



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PLATOON SERGEANT



**SGT OKALANG RAMADHAN,**  
SECTION I COMMANDER



**SGT AYEKO ALFRED**  
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**PC MAKET FRANCIS**



**PC ILUKOL ZACHEAUS**



**PC AGOLA MONICA**



**PC OKWELE RICHARD**



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**PC ARINAITWE EMMANUELI**



**PC APUDA ISAAC**



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PC ADENGU MATHIAS



PC PELE CHRISTOPHER



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KYAMULESIRE



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PC KOMAKECH JOHN



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PC TINO SANDRA



PC AMOKO ROBERT



PC WAMBI MOSES



PC NGEYWO MOSES



PC OTUKENE KENNETH



PC AMUTE JOSEPH



PC OLUM JAMES



PC ABALE PONTIO



PC OKELLO SAMUEL RICKY



PC BYARUGABA GERALD



PC OLWENY MICHAEL



PC SEKABIRA HAMUZA



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CAMP COMMANDER



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