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EU provides high visibility vests to improve aviation security at Juba International Airport

As part of its support to the Government of South Sudan to improve aviation security at Juba International Airport (JIA), the European Union Aviation Security Mission in South Sudan (EUAVSEC), has provided 170 high visibility vests to aviation security staff and police to make them identifiable to travelers and the public.

The handover ceremony which was held on 12 September at JIA was attended by the Deputy Minister of Transport, Roads and Bridges, Simon Majok Mijak; the Director of the Diplomatic Police Unit in the South Sudan National Police Service, col. Laurence Mabok; the Chief Executive Officer of the South Sudan Civil Aviation Authority, Patrick Aiteng Lotwa; Airport Director Kur Kuol Ajieu; Manager Aviation Security, JIA, Blasias Akongo James.

EUAVSEC Acting Head of Mission Desmond Ross said: “We realize that yesterday was the anniversary of what happened on September 11. Aviation security until that point was relatively a low key affair. What happened changed the world in so many ways and what we are actually doing here today is as a result of that event and we don't want that to happen again anywhere in the world”

Capt. Ross said JIA is still at early stage of development, but significant improvements are being made.

The Deputy Minister thanked the European Union, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other partners for supporting the Government of South Sudan to improve security at JIA.

The Deputy Minister said JIA is one of the gateway to the world, so it has to operate in line with the standards of the aviation industry.

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