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THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE ATTACK AGAINST THE UNAMID PATROL IN NYALA ON 6 NOVEMBER 2011 WHICH LED TO THE DEATH OF ONE PEACEKEEPER AND THE INJURY OF OTHERS

Addis Ababa, 8 November 2011: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AU), Dr. Jean Ping strongly condemns the attack on 6 November 2011 in Nyala against a UNAMID patrol which led to the death of one Sierra Leone Peacekeeper and serious injury of two others.

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission is shocked by this heinous act which comes just a month after another despicable attack against peacekeepers in Zamzam. He condemns in the strongest terms these acts that are intended solely to undermine the efforts made so far by UNAMID to improve the security situation on the ground and thereby improve the life of the people of Darfur.

The Chairperson of the African Union further appeals the Peacekeepers to courageously keep on doing their job despite the un-warranted attacks and acts of hostility they are facing on a daily basis.

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission expresses his heartfelt condolences to the family of the bereaved soldier and urges the Government of Sudan to do everything possible to bring the perpetrators to justice.

