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## Joint Press Release

### Three Community Aid Posts Established for the Joint Integrated Police with Japan's Support 18 August 2017, Juba —

Japanese Ambassador to South Sudan H.E. Kiya Masahiko and Inspector General of Police Said Chawul Lom Aywal visited one of three community aid posts supported by the Government of Japan, marking the start of the operation of the Joint Integrated Police in Juba.

The Government of Japan has supported the training and operations of the Joint Integrated Police in Juba, where the first round of 1,243 recruits graduated from a customised training on policing skills on 17 June 2017. The Joint Integrated Police personnel have been deployed throughout Juba, where they will grow as an elite force of police reform, until full integration with the South Sudan National Police Service is possible. Ensuring the professionalism of the Joint Integrated Police is essential to its success.

The Government of Japan, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme, has allocated over USD 600,000 to support the professional roll out of the Joint Integrated Police. Key areas of support include the renovation of three community aid posts in Gudele, Hai Mauna and Rock City neighbourhoods in Juba, which



H.E. Kiya Masahiko and representatives from SSNPS, JIP and UNDP at Gudele 9 police station, 18 August 2017.

allow the Joint Integrated Police to have a consistent presence at the community level. Consequently, three community aid posts provide regular patrols, rapid response times, and contribute to lowering the levels of crime where the police are deployed.

Chapter II, Article 5 of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan provides for the establishment of the Joint Integrated Police (JIP), to be deployed in Juba, Bor, Malakal, Bentiu and any other locations, with a focus on areas where Protection of Civilians (POC) sites are located. The Joint Integrated Police play a critical role in ensuring communities feel safe and confident to leave the PoC sites



JIP personnel deployed to Gudele police station, 18 August 2017.

and return to areas where they can resume their daily activities. Heightened levels of security at the community level is a key indicator that peace is returning to South Sudan, and promotes improved livelihoods and growth.

The UNDP Access to Justice and Rule of Law Project is supported by the Government of Japan to strengthen the capacity of the South Sudan National Police Service and Joint Integrated Police by increasing capacity and professionalism, physical presence, and ability to respond to crime in Juba and other areas of South Sudan.

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