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SPLA Clashed with Murle Cattle Raiders in Liria

In the morning of the 2nd June 2007, it was reported to the SPLA forces based in Liria of the Central Equatoria State, that two (2) children have been abducted in a village 15 minutes walk from Liria by a force of about 100 armed men. The SPLA 1st Company of the Battalion 141 was rushed to rescue the situation. The Company clashed with the Raiders with followings results:

- The two (2) children were rescued and returned to their village;
- Three (3) SPLA soldiers were killed in action;
- Seven (7) Raiders were killed. The dead bodies of the Raiders were identified as that of the Murle Cattle Raiders; and
- Three (3) AK-47 rifles were captured by the SPLA.

It is worth noting that the current peaceful disarmament of the local population in Pibor County is not achieving the designed objectives; instead the Murle Cattle Raiders have intensified the cattle raiding and abduction of children in Central Equatoria State, Ethiopia and the disarmed communities in Jongeli and Northern Upper Nile States.

Thanks.

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