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#### **PHYSICAL ATTACKS AGAINST UNOCI PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY**

**Abidjan, 13 January 2011...**For the past three days, UNOCI has noticed that President Laurent Gbagbo's camp has transformed its hostility towards UNOCI from verbal propoganda to physical attacks.

On 10 January, a food convoy destined for the Golf Hotel accompanied by an UNOCI escort was pillaged by a group of youths close to the Gbagbo camp at a roadblock set up by armed elements of President Gbagbo's camp near the Golf Hotel.

Between the night of 10 January to the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>, a UNOCI mixed patrol comprising military and police, returning from the PK 18 area of the Abidjan neighbourhood of Abobo, was shot at from both sides of the road. The UN force was forced to return fire.

Today, 13 January, the civilian and military forces of President Gbagbo's camp started to attack UNOCI vehicles in Abidjan. As a result, two UNOCI vehicles were burnt, while three others were damaged, including an ambulance.

During the attack on the ambulance, the patient who was being transported to hospital suffered injuries to the head.

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