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UNOCI CONVOY ATTACKED IN YOPOUGON

Abidjan, 28 December 2010... A convoy of three vehicles of the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) transporting 22 Blue Helmets was attacked on Tuesday in the Abidjan neighbourhood of Yopougon, while returning to the Ivorian economic capital from the interior of the country.

A large crowd encircled the convoy, wounding one soldier with a machete and burning one of the three vehicles.

The situation returned to normal thanks to the intervention of the Chief of Staff of the Defence and Security Forces, General Philippe Mangou.

UNOCI vigorously condemns this attack and reiterates its determination to pursue its work in the service of the Ivorian people.

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