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UNOCI DENOUNCES THE GBAGBO CAMP'S NEW PROPAGANDA PHASE

Abidjan, 26 February 2011... The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) denounces the new propaganda phase launched against it by President Gbagbo's camp, based on unreal facts. UNOCI categorically denies the fabrications according to which it killed a policeman in Daloa, transported, equipped and accommodated non-UN troops, set up a television channel for President Ouattara's camp, etc.

All these allegations, each as false as the other, have as their sole objective to create a feeling of hatred and hostility against UNOCI among the supporters of President Gbagbo's camp so as to prevent the mission from carrying out its mandate, particularly the protection of civilians.

UNOCI would like to recall its strict military impartiality. UNOCI is determined to pursue its peace mission to the very end so as to help Côte d'Ivoire to find a peaceful solution to the post-election crisis.

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