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## BINUCA deeply shocked by attack in the village Korom M'Poko

*Bangui, 05 October 2013:* The United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA) expresses its deep consternation at the recent violent religious attacks, which occurred on 4 October in Korom M'Poko village, on the Bossangoa-Bossembele axis.

Given the recent flare-up of inter-religious conflict, especially in the towns of Bossangoa and Bangassou, BINUCA condemns in the strongest terms any violence of any kind. It calls on the Government to take the necessary measures following this incident that underscores the urgent need for the cantonment of all armed groups at the provincial capitals of the Prefectures in order to avoid a further degradation of the security situation.

BINUCA urges political and religious leaders to play a constructive role in reducing tensions and enhancing social cohesion in the country.

Faced with this attack, BINUCA calls on the authorities of the transition to take the necessary measures to vary out investigations to identify the perpetrators of these attacks and bring them to justice.