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American and SPLA Doctors Work Together at Juba Military Hospital



Ambassador Susan D. Page meets with U.S. Army and SPLA medical doctors at the Juba Military Hospital

A team of four U.S. Army medical doctors worked side-by-side with their SPLA Medical Corps counterparts to treat civilian and military patients at the Juba Military Hospital from November 3rd to November 13th. The visiting medical team spent two weeks working on trauma cases and other patients at the hospital. The team also donated \$10,000 worth of medical supplies to Juba Military Hospital in support of medical efforts. Additionally, a U.S. engineer inspected, with South Sudanese military engineer counterparts, and identified potential products to help improve the infrastructure of the hospital facilities. The engineers focused on the “Minor Surgery” wing as the starting point for renovations, with plans to begin in January 2014. It is hoped that thye visit of the U.S. Army doctors will be the first of many future combined engagements to help improve trauma care in Juba.

Ambassador Susan D. Page visited the Hospital on Tuesday to congratulate the doctors on their work. While at the hospital, Ambassador Page met with the family of a baby girl who had been shot in the hand by a stray bullet. One of the U.S. Army doctors along with several SPLA doctors operated on her for several hours to remove the bullet and reconstruct the shattered bones



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in her hand. “Your presence,” she told the doctors “is an opportunity to turn disastrous situations into ones of hope.” She commended the American and SPLA doctors on their collaboration, and later emphasized that “the work you have done here is an excellent example of the United States and South Sudan working together, and is another critical step in the transformation of the SPLA into a professional army.”

For more photos of the Ambassador’s meeting with the exchange participants, please visit:
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