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**UN Chief demands punishment for killers of Zambian soldier**

**NEW YORK, Monday, October 14, 2013** – UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki Moon, has condemned the killing of a Zambian military observer in Darfur and called on the Government of Sudan to bring the perpetrators to justice.

A message from Mr Ban's office stated that the UN Secretary-General was deeply saddened to hear of the death of a Zambian military observer of the African Union – United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) in an attack by unidentified armed assailants in El Fasher, North Darfur, on Friday.

"The Secretary-General expresses his deepest sympathies to the families of the fallen peacekeeper, the Government of Zambia and to all UNAMID personnel," the statement read in part. "The Secretary-General condemns this deadly attack on the military observer and expects that the Government of Sudan will take swift action to bring the perpetrators to justice."

In another incident, Mr Ban condemned the attack by unknown armed men on a convoy of UNAMID in which three Senegalese UNAMID peacekeepers were killed and one Senegalese injured in Darfur on Sunday.

"All too often UNAMID peacekeepers are attacked and killed in the line of duty, while helping the Sudanese bring peace to Darfur. These attacks are unacceptable. The Secretary-General calls on the Government of Sudan to bring those responsible to justice," the statement read.

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