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MINURCAT convoy attacked in eastern Chad

N'Djamena, 20 December 2009 – A MINURCAT logistics convoy composed of three civilian vehicles was attacked this morning by four (4) plain clothed unidentified armed men along the road from Goz Beida to Koukou Angarana in southeastern Chad. The assailants commandeered one of the vehicles at gunpoint and fled the scene. A *Détachement Intégré de Sécurité* (DIS) escort accompanying the convoy pursued the bandits and recovered the stolen vehicle. During the ensuing exchange of gunfire, one DIS officer was injured.

The MINURCAT military force quickly deployed an armed convoy including emergency medical personnel to retrieve the staff members and the damaged vehicles while the DIS dispatched two patrols to secure the immediate surrounding area.

The DIS is a special security force trained by the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) and entirely made up of Chadian Police and Gendarmerie elements. The DIS is entrusted with providing security to Darfur refugee camps, sites hosting Chadian internally displaced persons as well as humanitarian action on the ground.

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