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### The Head of MINUSCA strongly condemns the attack against UN peacekeepers in Bangui

***Bangui, 09 October 2014:*** The Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) and Head of the Mission, Babacar Gaye, tonight strongly condemned the attacks today against MINUSCA Pakistani and Bangladeshi peacekeepers in the outskirts of Bangui, which resulted in one Pakistani dead and seven wounded.

The SRSG recalled that MINUSCA is here at the request of the Central Africans to support their transition, to protect civilians and human rights and to help restore state authority. This crime against the UN peacekeepers, who are here to help the people of the Central African Republic, is unacceptable and the perpetrators will be held accountable and brought to justice.

The SRSG reiterated commitment of the United Nations to the peace process in the Central African Republic and said: “The United Nations is a non-partisan organization, and we will work with all actors to fulfil our aims, to promote peace and reconciliation in the Central African Republic”, emphasized General Gaye. He added: “*We will, however, continue to take robust action against criminal elements who threaten the peace process.*”

The SRSG and UN family in the Central African Republic expresses his deepest condolences to the family of the fallen peacekeeper and the Government of Pakistan and wishes a speedy recovery to the wounded.

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