The life of Ama

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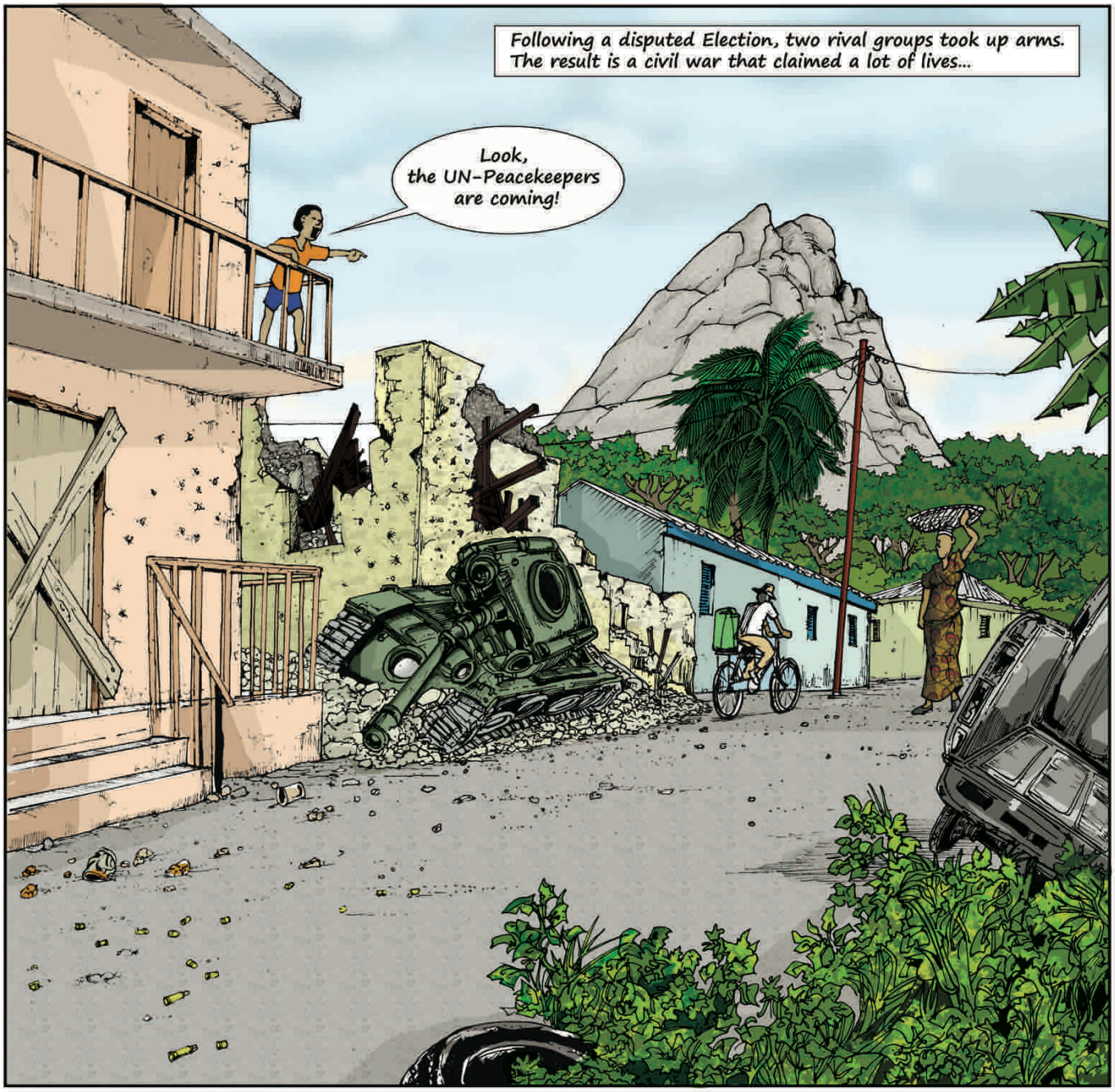
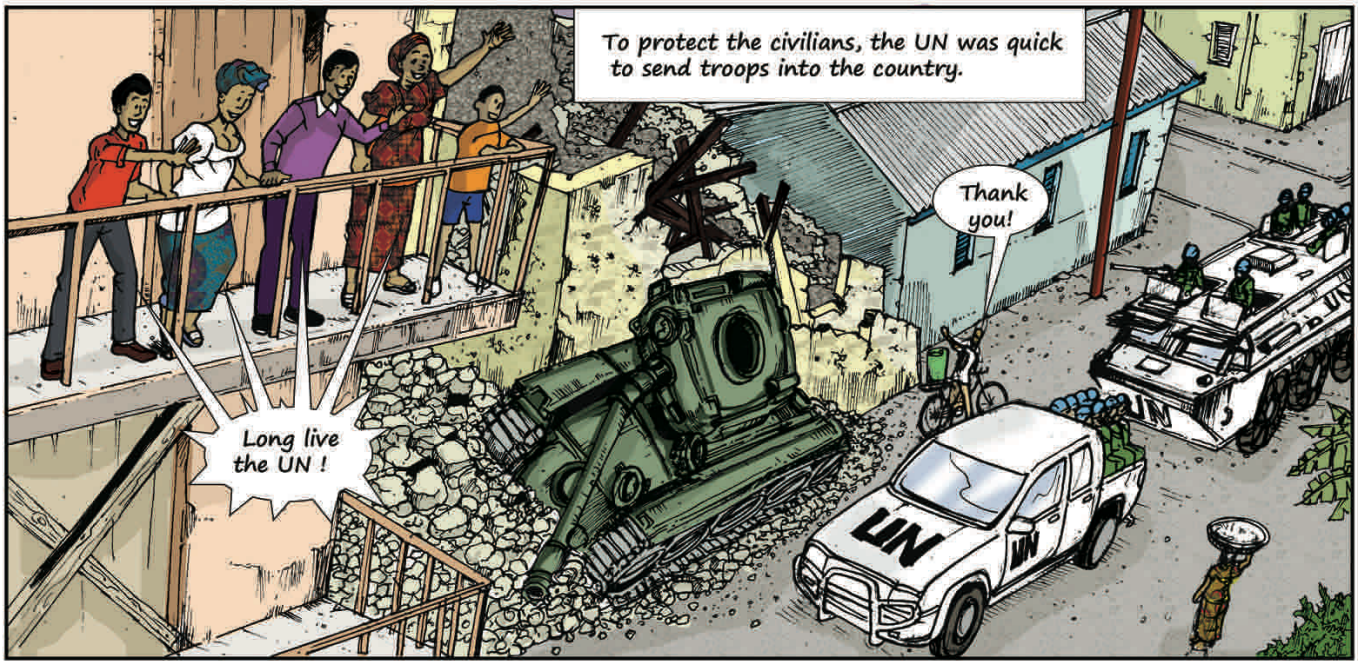
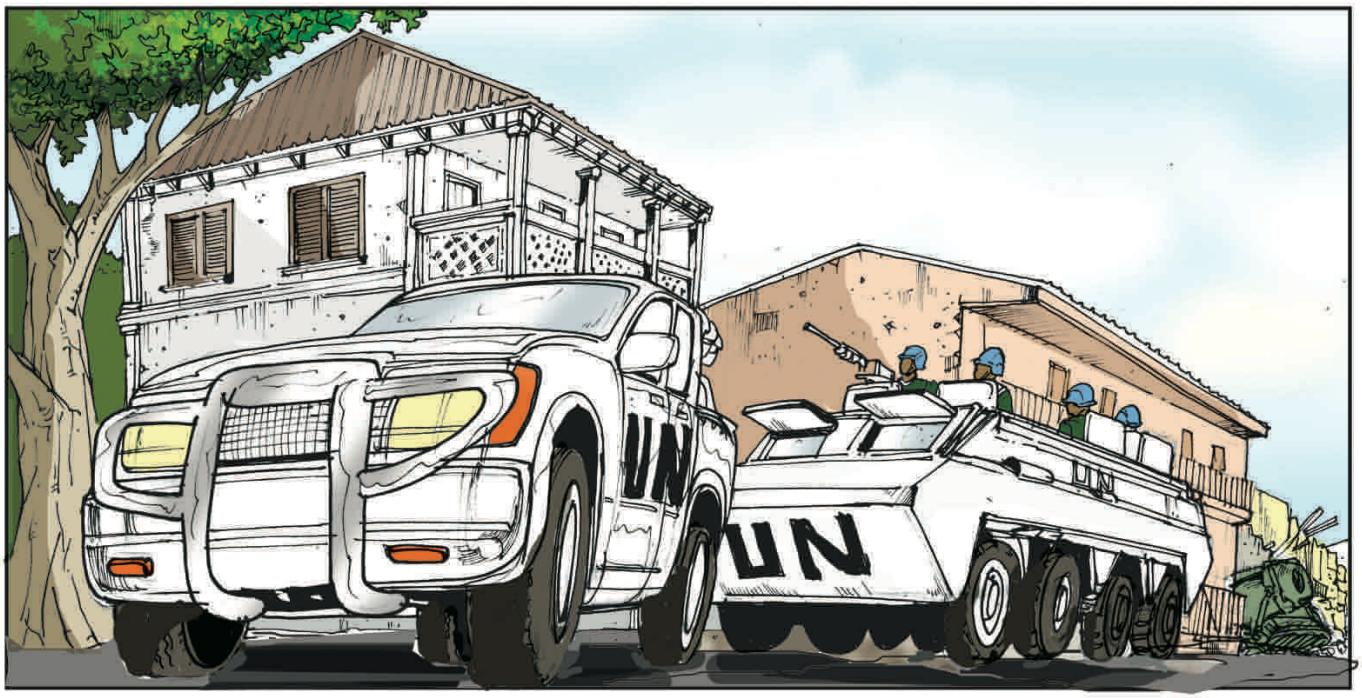

Following a disputed Election, two rival groups took up arms. The result is a civil war that claimed a lot of lives...
Look, the UN-Peacekeepers are coming!


To protect the civilians, the UN was quick to send troops into the country.
Thank you!
Long live the UN !
UN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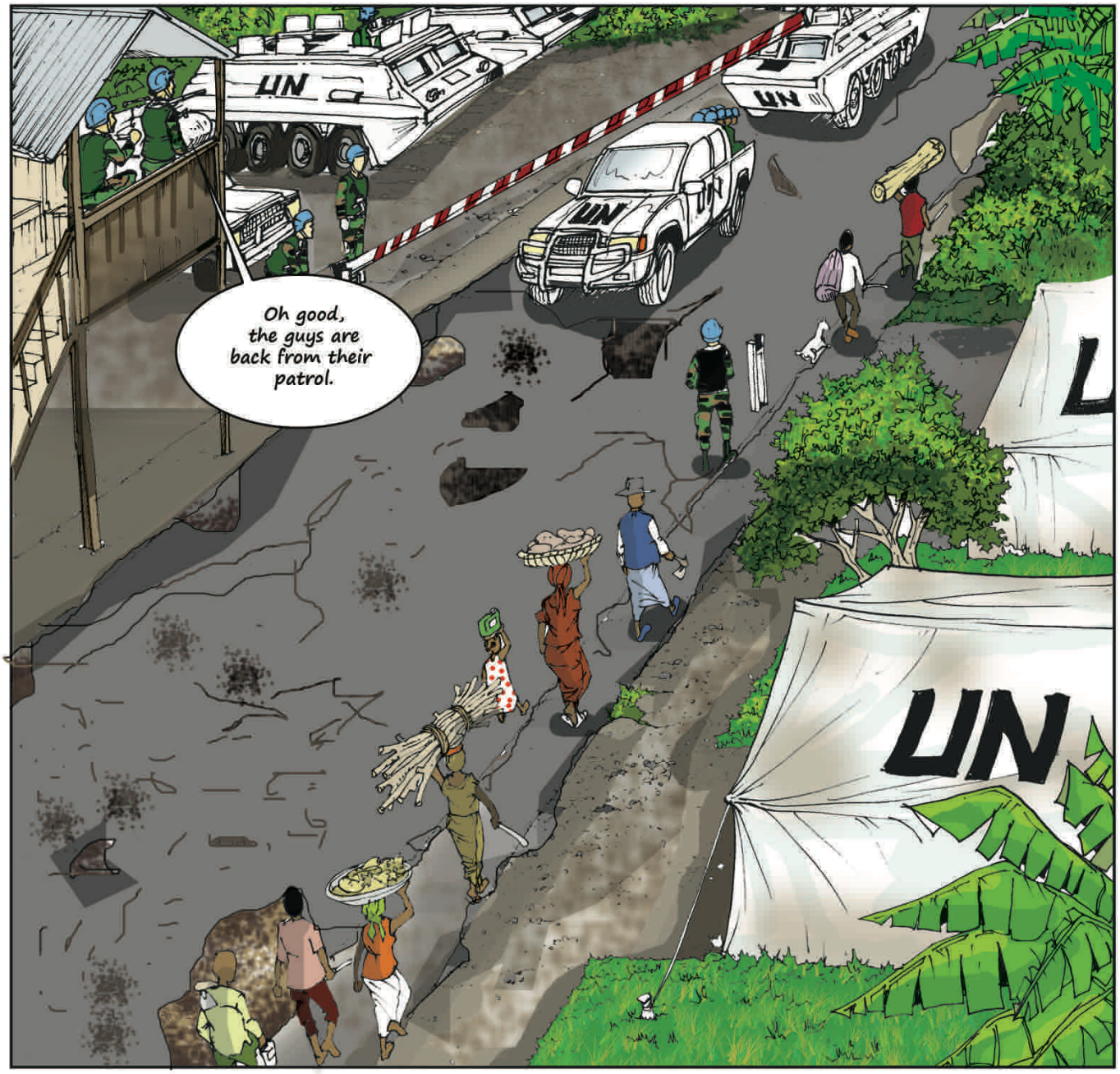
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Oh good, the guys are back from their patrol.
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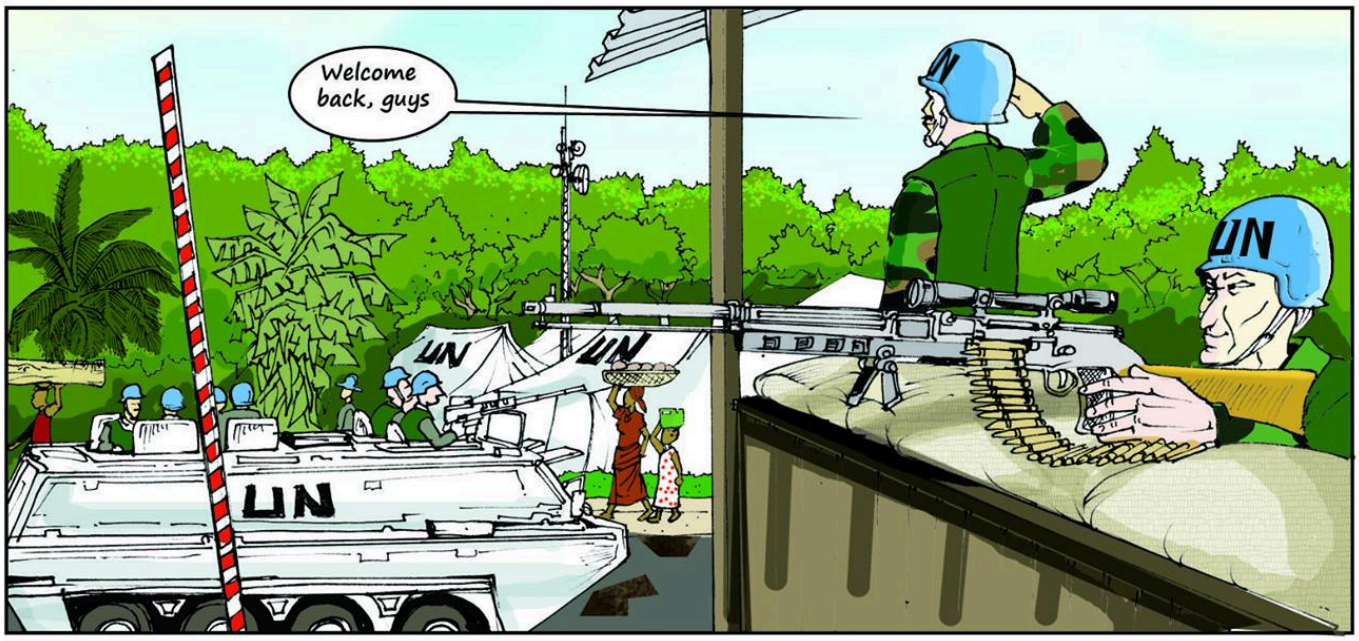
Welcome back, guys
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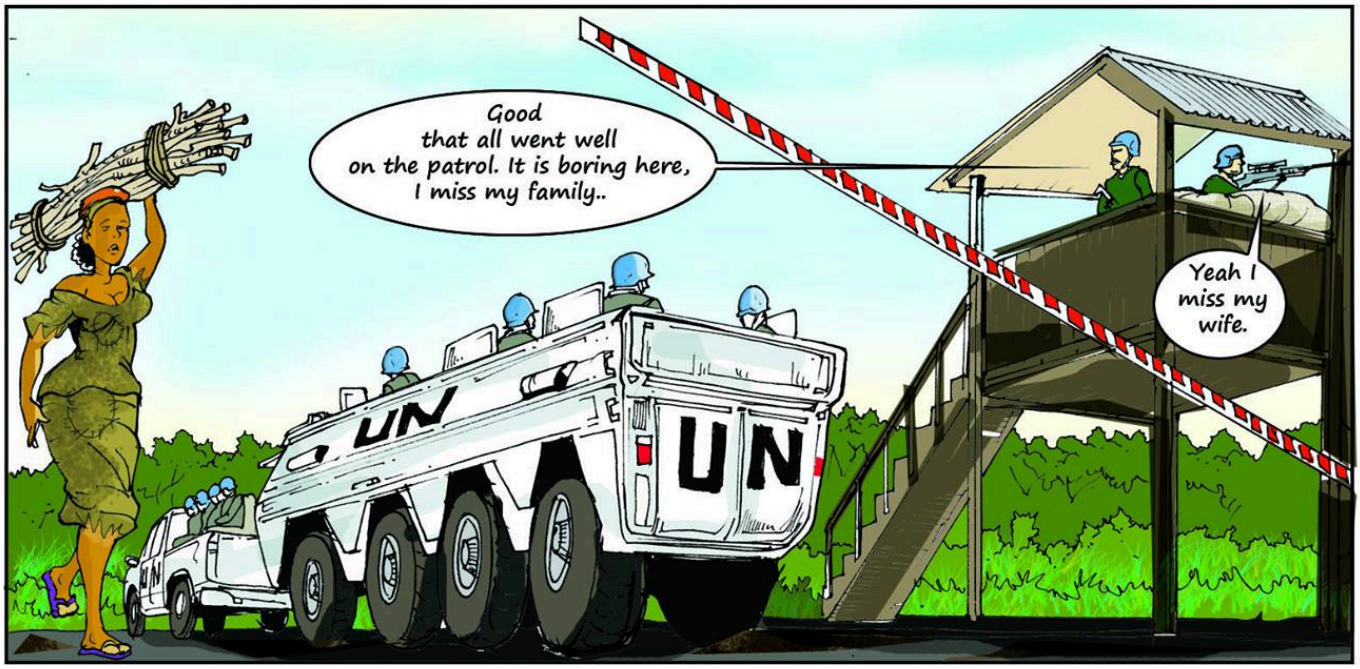
Good that all went well on the patrol. It is boring here, I miss my family..
Yeah I miss my wife.
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Everything good?
Oh my God, she looks so cute!
UN

What a cute girl, let me go down and have some fun.
But you can't do this, it is not right.
Hello !
Hi !
How are you today?
I am ok, Sir !
What is wrong with you? Can I help you?
Do you have something small for me?
Thank you for your help, Sir !
Yes, come with me.
SEX!
Come inside !
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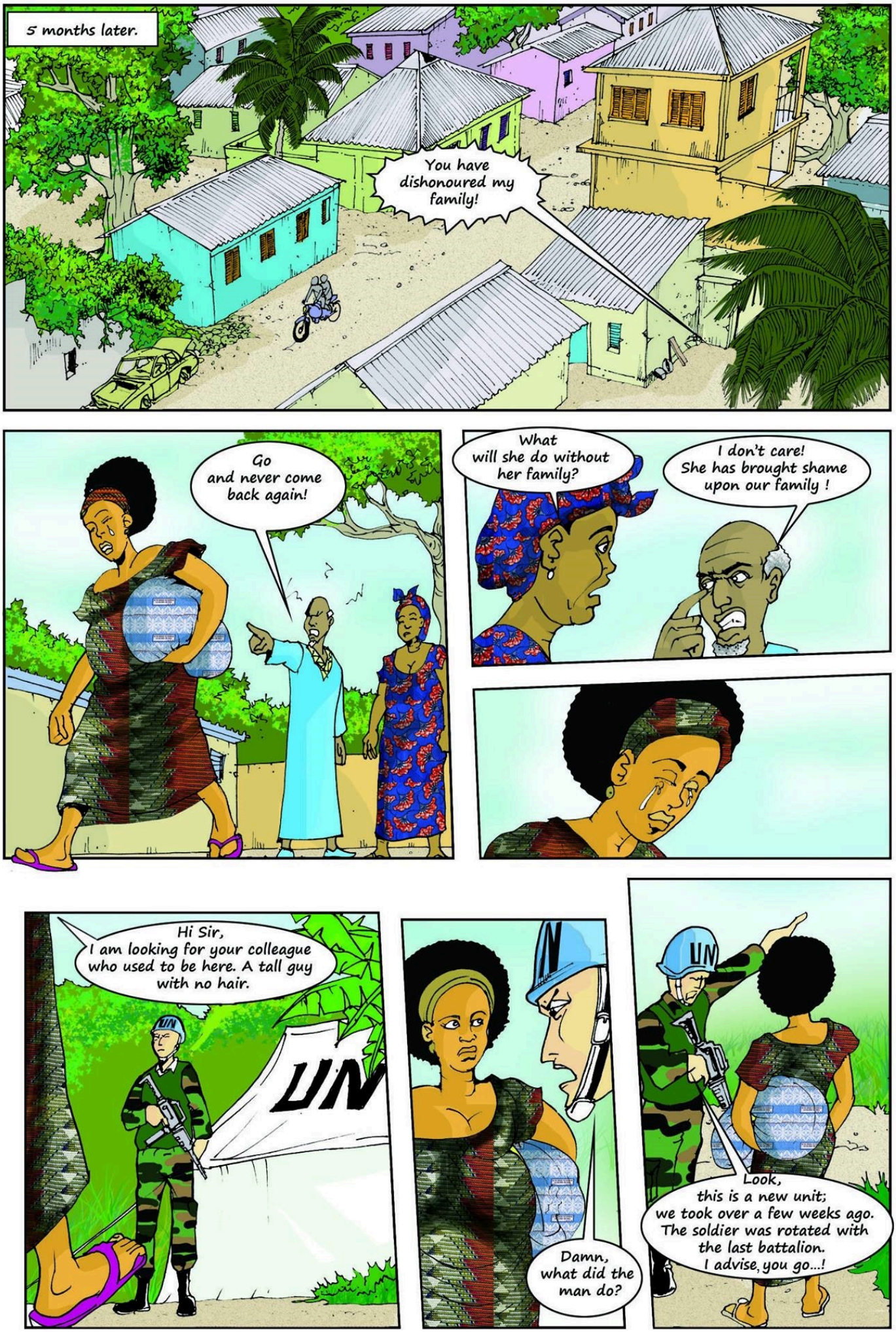
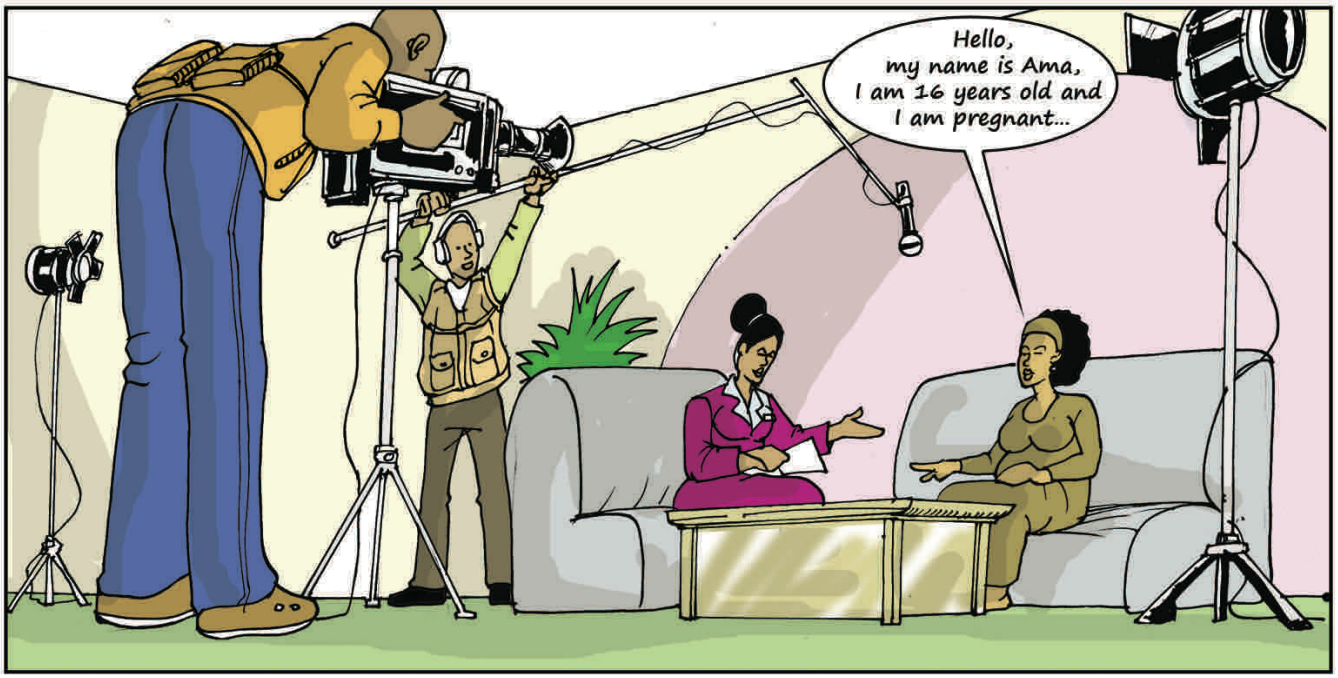
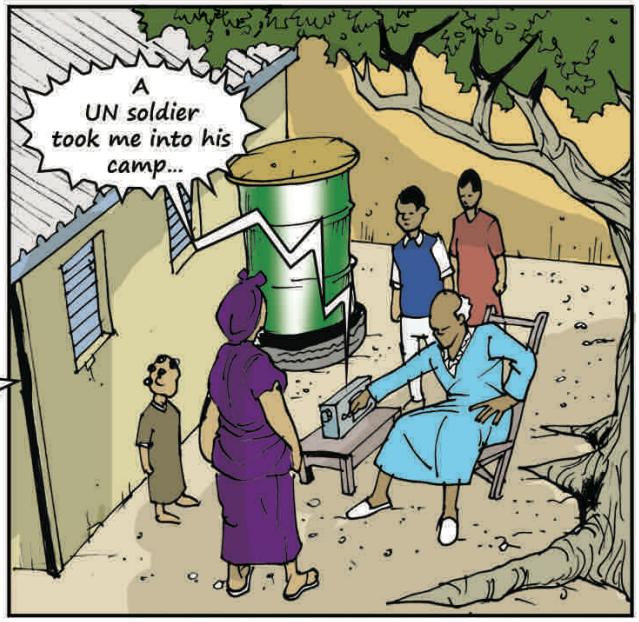
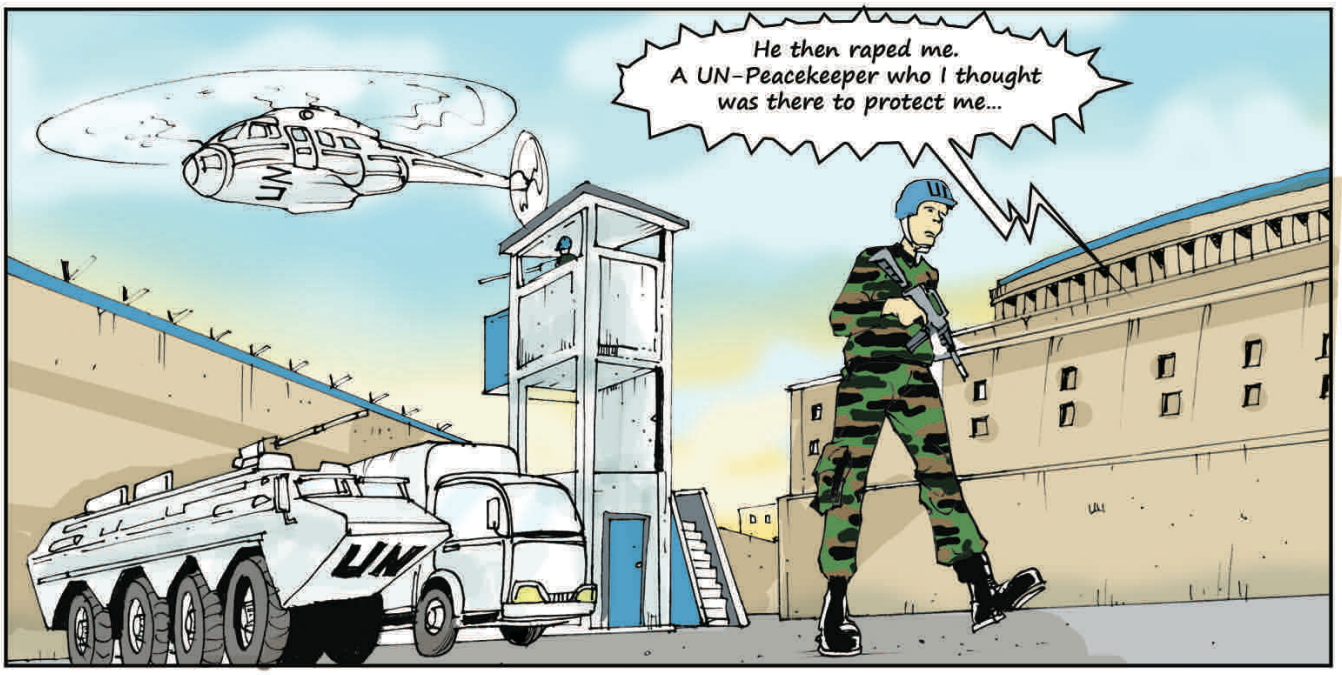
What are you doing? ...AAAHH !
Come on !


5 months later.
You have dishonoured my family!
Go and never come back again!
What will she do without her family?
I don't care! She has brought shame upon our family !
Hi Sir, I am looking for your colleague who used to be here. A tall guy with no hair.
UN
Damn, what did the man do?
Look, this is a new unit; we took over a few weeks ago. The soldier was rotated with the last battalion. I advise, you go...!


Hello, my name is Ama, I am 16 years old and I am pregnant...

Ey guys, this is Ama. She is on television!!!
A month ago I tried to kill myself because...


A UN soldier took me into his camp...


He then raped me. A UN-Peacekeeper who I thought was there to protect me...
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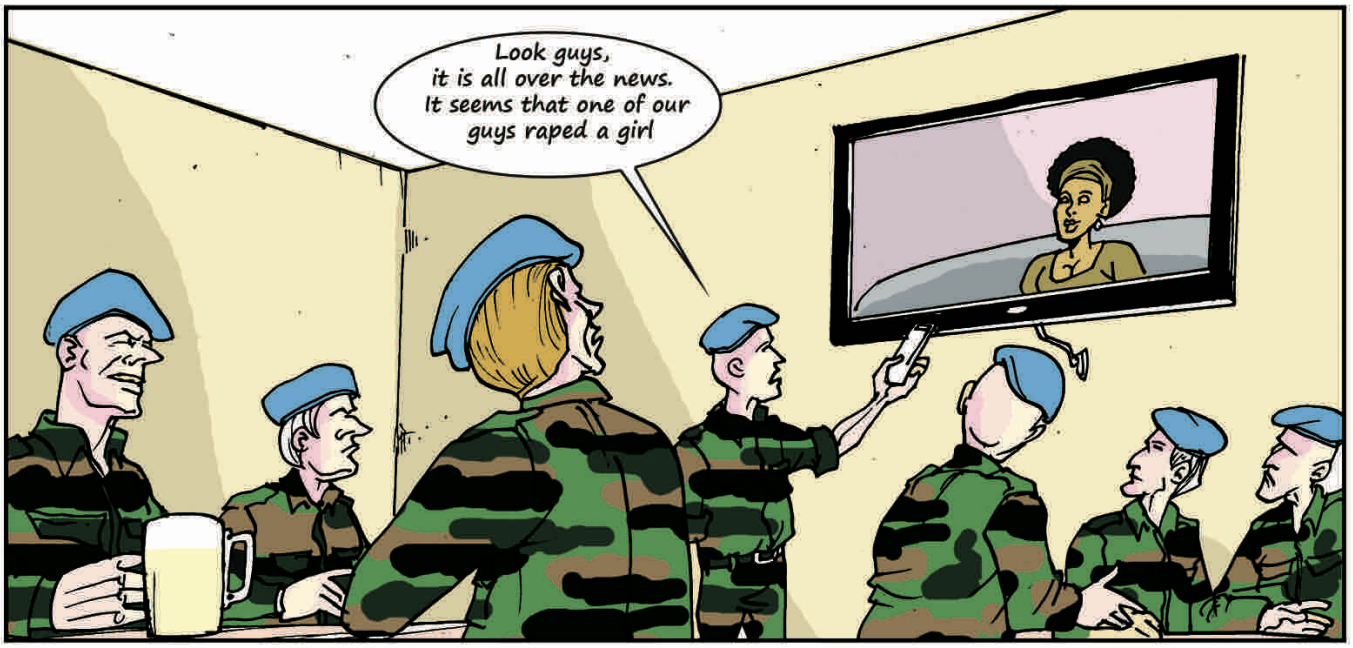
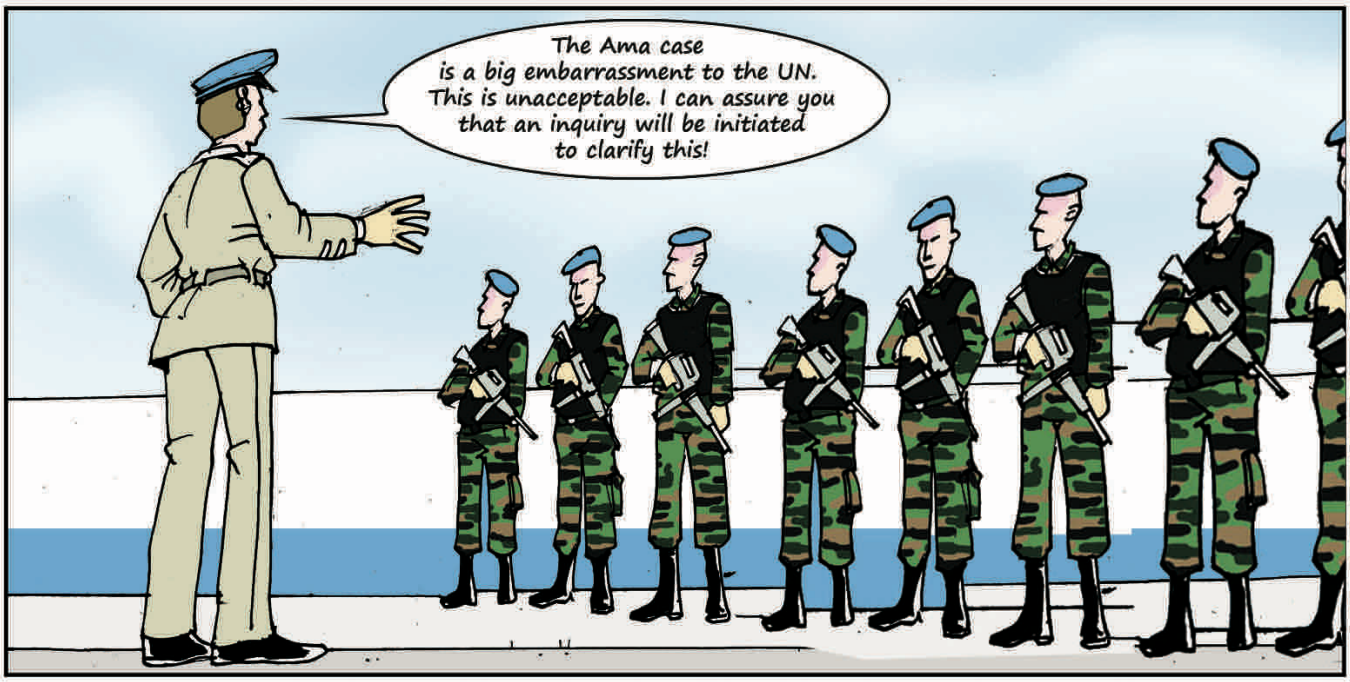
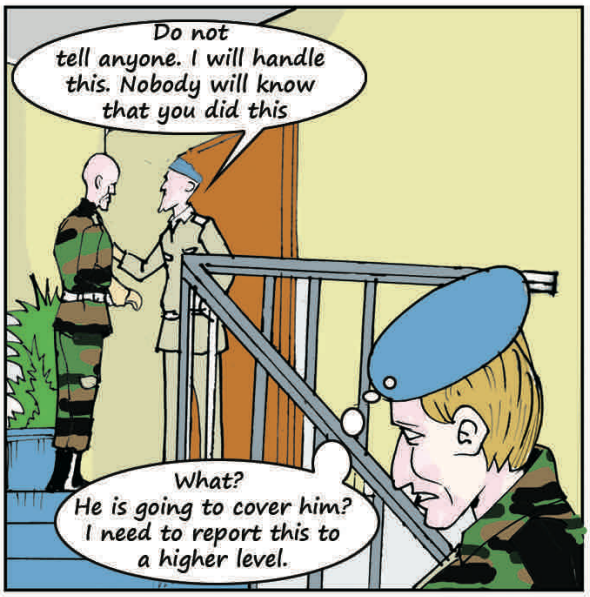

Look guys, it is all over the news. It seems that one of our guys raped a girl

He destroyed my life...

This is unacceptable!

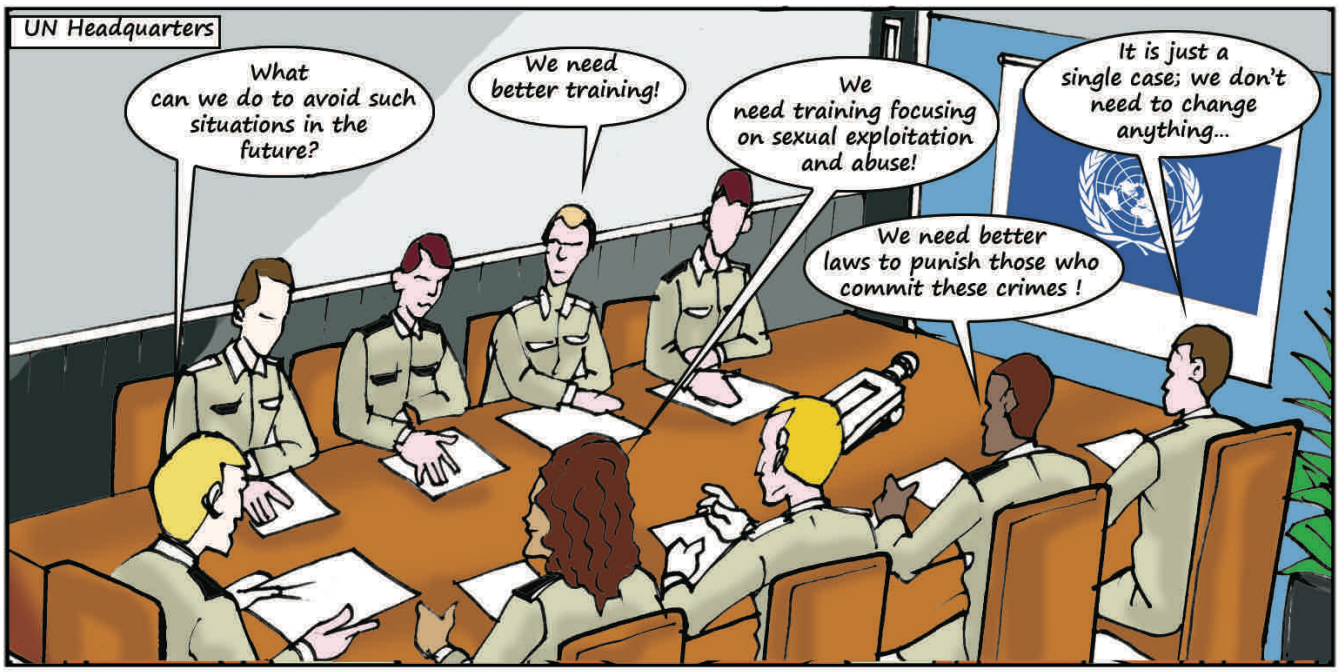

The Ama case is a big embarrassment to the UN. This is unacceptable. I can assure you that an inquiry will be initiated to clarify this!

You did this?


Do not tell anyone. I will handle this. Nobody will know that you did this
What? He is going to cover him? I need to report this to a higher level.

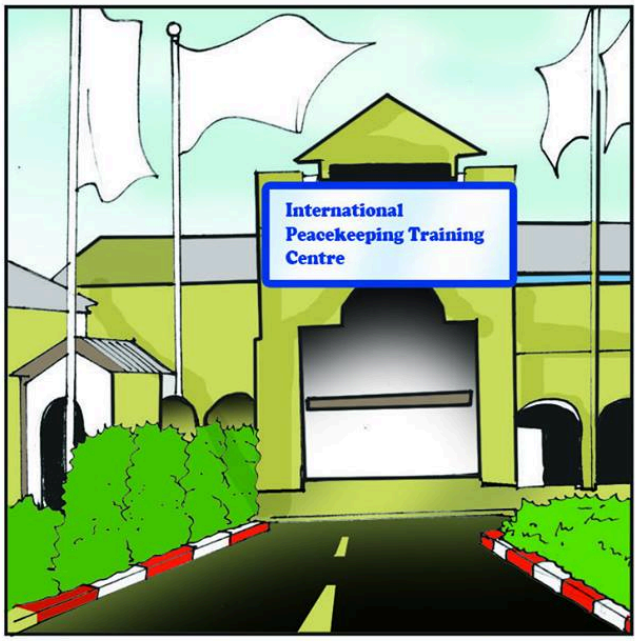
The General will speak to you soon

Ama was raped by one of us. I can testify to this. Our commanding officer knows about it, but wants to cover it up
Thanks for reporting this. I will take care of it personally


UN Headquarters
What can we do to avoid such situations in the future?
We need better training!
We need training focusing on sexual exploitation and abuse!
It is just a single case; we don't need to change anything...
We need better laws to punish those who commit these crimes !

UN Press Conference.
The Ama case is very unfortunate. The soldier who did this and the superior who wanted to cover up the incident have been identified and will be punished according to the law!
We will look into the laws and change them to prevent those crimes from happening again!

What measures are taken to assure this will not happen again?
We believe that better training for our personnel will minimize the risk.
Modules on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse will be for instance integrated in the training courses for personnel even more than before.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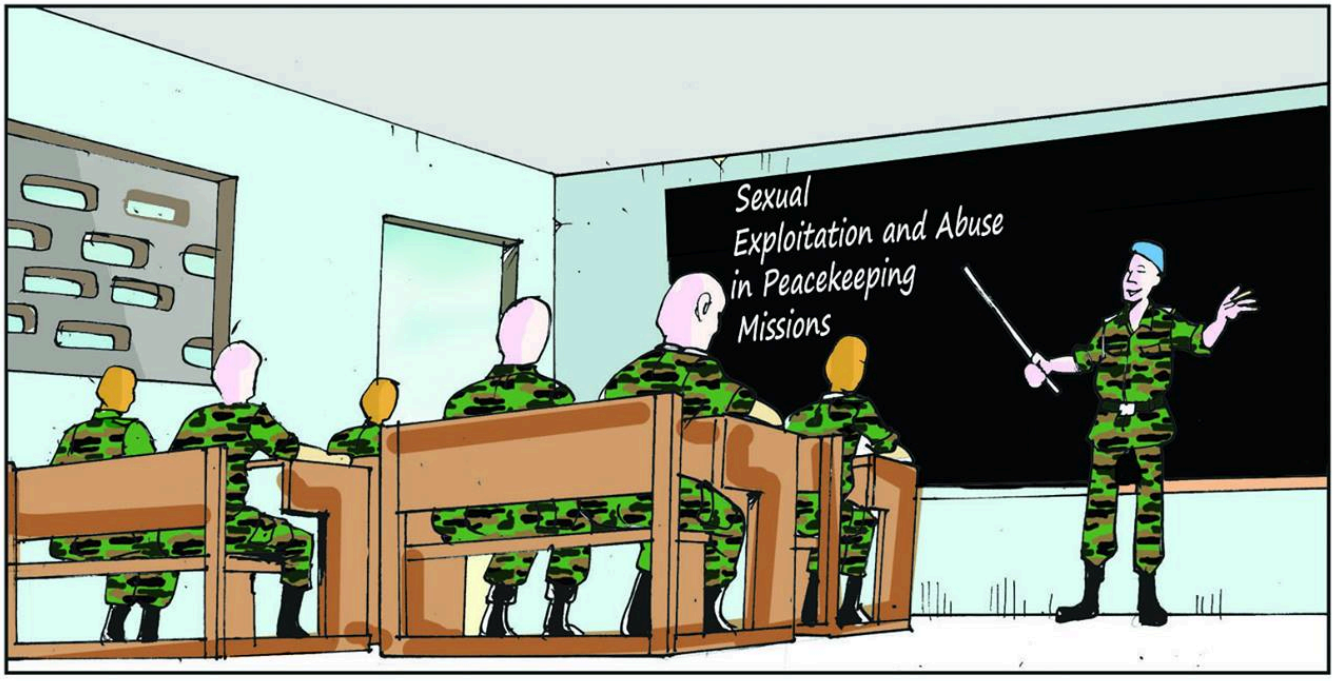
Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Peacekeeping Missions