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### DE-MINING DOGS IN SOUTH SUDAN

#### VIDEO

4-WHEEL CARS ON SANDY  
ROADS

MAN HELPS DOG OFF CAR  
  
EXPLOSION

CAR WHEELS ON SANDY ROADS

CHILD SOLDIER RUNS, HOLDS  
WEAPON

BOYS MARCH WITH GUNS

#### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

It's early morning, and these dogs are getting ready for another day of work. These incredibly smart animals perform a vital activity: saving lives. (9.5")

They are de-mining Labradors working with Bangladeshi peacekeepers in Southern Sudan. (5")

Today they are being taken to Rajaf, site of major battles during the two-decade long bloody civil war. (7")

The conflict between the northern Muslims and the southern Christians and animists claimed the lives of over one million people. Many more were displaced... (9")

BOYS PUT GUNS DOWN AND  
MARCH

A peace accord signed three years ago silenced the guns. As security improved, two million people came back to south Sudan. But their return was far from safe. The countryside was peppered with silent killers – landmines. (16")

MAN WALKS WITH BIKE

David Gressley, UN Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan. (4")

GRESSLEY ON CAMERA

DAVID GRESSLEY: (English) **M**  
*"So far we've surveyed and cleared eight thousand kilometres of roads in southern Sudan. All major return routes are now open..."* (6")

TWO YOUNG MEN ON CAMERA

NARRATION  
Landmine clearance is an integral part of the post-conflict recovery process. Mined fields stunt economic development and limit travel and transportation. It is estimated that around 100 million mines are spread over 60 countries worldwide, maiming and killing thousands of people every month. (20")

LANDMINES

DOG LEAPS OFF TRUCK

The Bangladeshi de-mining team is made up of 22 people and four dogs. Blistering temperatures of 46 degrees Celsius – 116 degrees Fahrenheit – are

	common here. Frequent breaks are an absolute necessity. (15")
LANDMINE DETECTOR	Dog's acute sense of smell – about 40 times that of man – allows them to detect mines in the most difficult of terrains. (7")
PEACEKEEPER WALKS WITH DOG SNIFFING GROUND	Today, there are over 750 dogs used in humanitarian de-mining programmes worldwide. (6")
DOG SITS DOWN	When a dog finds a mine, he signals by sitting down. Major Farook Ahmed explains: (5.5")
FAROOK ON CAMERA	<u>FAROOK AHMED:</u> (English) <b>M</b> <i>"When the dog gives a signal, one manual de-miner remains with that team. That manual de-miner checks, investigates, that signal with the normal procedure, which you have just seen."</i>
MAN INVESTIGATES MINE	(11")
	<u>NARRATION</u>
PEACEKEEPER WALKS DOG AS IT CAREFULLY SNIFFS FOR MINES	The dogs are trained for about nine months before being put to work on a real minefield. The bond between dog and handler is of vital importance. (8")
LANDMINES AND EXPLOSIVES	Once a fair number of land mines and other explosives are collected they are

	then detonated. (5")
DOGS WALK WITH PEACEKEEPERS	It's the end of another working day for these heroic animals and their handlers... Throughout south Sudan more than eight million square meters of land have been cleared, and over 3,000 mines destroyed. (12.2")
	Major Shakhawat is a Bangladeshi demining officer. (3")
MAJOR SHAKHAWAT ON CAMERA	<u>MAJOR SHAKHAWAT:</u> (English) <b>M</b> <i>"That means we have saved thousands of lives of the people of Sudan. That's a great feeling for us."</i> (6")
PEACEKEEPER WITH DOG SNIFFING GROUND	<u>NARRATION</u> Very little is known about how dogs can actually find mines. Research in this field is ongoing, and other animals such as pigs, cats, rats and even bees have also been used to detect explosives.
PEACEKEEPER AND DOG WALKING AWAY	But dogs will continue to play a pivotal role in landmine detection for the foreseeable future... (19.5")
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