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1 MILLIONTH BULLET DESTRUCTION

British NGO Cleared Ground Demining and its national NGO partner in Guinea Bissau LUTCAM (Lutamos Todos Contra As Minas), announced on the 30th October 2007 that their ERW (Explosive Remnants of War) Removal Program had reached the milestone of destroying a total of one million bullets collected from excess military munitions stockpiles.

The occasion was celebrated by a ceremony held on 30 October 2007 at their Ammunition Disposal Site in Paiol de Bra. The Permanent Secretary of National Commission for Non Proliferation of Small Arms & Light Weapons, Mr Andre Nhanca, symbolically placed the one millionth bullet in the destruction furnace, whilst observed by dignitaries including members of the National Commission for Non Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons, Government Ministries, Foreign Embassies and International Agencies.

This event marked an auspicious milestone for Small Arms Light Weapons Non-Proliferation, Security Sector Reform and generally improved human security for the population of Guinea Bissau.

The Norwegian Government supports Cleared Ground's activities in Guinea Bissau, whilst the operating costs of the LUTCAM Stockpile Removal Team were kindly donated by the US State Department.



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