

Civil Society Delegates at the High-Level Revitalization Forum

Khartoum, Sudan

September 5, 2018

Your Excellency Amb. Ismail Wais
Special Envoy to South Sudan
Intergovernmental Authority on Development

Ref: Request to Transmit a Letter of Civil Society Delegates

Civil Society Delegates at the High-Level Revitalization Forum requests your office to transmit the letter attached to the Chairperson of IGAD's Council of Minister.

Thank you,

Signed,

The People's Delegates:

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Your Excellency, Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
Chairperson of the Council of Ministers
Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

Ref: Appeal for Action on Continued Violence in South Sudan

We, Civil Society Delegates to the High-Level Revitalization Forum (HLRF), acting on behalf of the ordinary citizens of South Sudan whose aspirations we unreservedly carry to this process, appeal to you and the leadership of the IGAD for action on continued violence in our country.

Since August 30, 2018 fresh fighting has been reported in Kupera, Panyume, Pakula and Gimunu areas of Yei. According to verified reports from civil society contacts on the ground and other reliable sources including the Non-Governmental Organizations Forum, and various local media outlets a road ambush on a well-marked civilian humanitarian car in Limbe was carried out by armed groups. This resulted in the death of Mr. Joseph Kiri, a Clinical Officer and Lainya's Provincial Youth Coordinator of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. Mr. Kiri was shot dead in that attack on the humanitarian car within the vicinity of the fighting.

Your Excellency, this latest fighting and attack on well-marked humanitarian car and personnel amount to intentional violation of the Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities, Protection of Civilians and Humanitarian Access (CoHA, December 2017) and the signed permanent ceasefire under the Khartoum Declaration Agreement (KDA, June 2018). It also undermines the progress, spirit and credibility of the entire HLRF process which is in its final stages. In particular, it shows persistent lack of political will and commitments by the parties to end the conflict through dialogue.

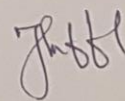
Your Excellency, we contend that these latest violations are consistent with the behavior of the parties to the conflict in South Sudan, and we urge them to commit publicly to end this fighting that might escalate violence in the country. Recent reports of ceasefire violations by the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM) consistently implicated the Sudan People's Liberation Army and the Sudan People's Liberation Army-In Opposition.

As the People's Delegates at the HLRF and in particular, the Khartoum Round of Talks, we are disheartened by these negative developments which greatly shake the people's trust in the regional efforts to restore peace in our country.

Your Excellency, after over 5 years of devastating conflict and over 8 months of intensive HLRF negotiations, the people of South Sudan cannot afford another failed agreement and continuous violence.

¹<http://www.eyeradio.org/aid-worker-killed-yei/>

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2018/09/episcopal-church-of-south-sudans-national-youth-coordinator-killed-in-gun-attack.aspx>



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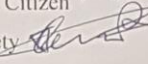
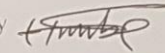


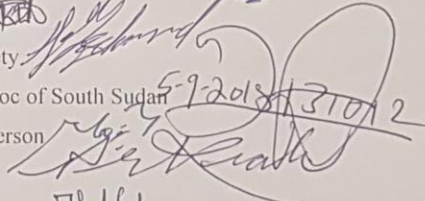
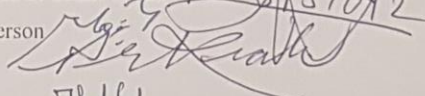
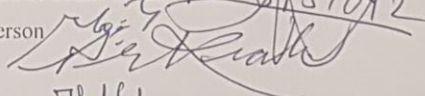
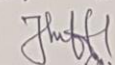




We therefore, appeal to Your Excellency and the leadership of IGAD to take measures necessary for immediate and complete end of the violence in South Sudan. We call for action against field commanders and political leaders responsible for this recent wave of violence. This will not only save lives and ease the suffering of ordinary citizens of our country, but will also guarantee successful implementation of the Agreements mentioned above, the Revitalized ARCSS now being finalized; and restore public trust in this peace process Sudan hosts and supports.

We further recommend an immediate visit of Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism to the locations where the fighting has taken place to verify and report on the violations.

The People's Delegates avail themselves of the opportunity to work with IGAD and the parties in ensuring a successful conclusion of the HLRF process and full implementation of the Agreement.

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CC: Hon. Al-Dirdiery Mohamed, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan, Head of the Sudanese Mediation Team.

CC: H.E Amb. Ismail Wais, IGAD's Special Envoy to South Sudan

CC: All Parties and Stakeholders to the HLRF

CC: Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism