

To:

H.E. The Governor
Jonglei State

Date: 12/02/2013

Petition from Great Akobo Youth Association (GAYA) regarding the Murle Attacks in Lou Nuer areas

As Lou Nuer Youths, we are hereby expressing our grievances to the government of Jonglei State and the Republic of South Sudan as whole. Since 2006-2013 Lou Nuer community has been in conflict with their neighbor, Murle community which results into devastating consequences while both the state government and national government keep silence to all incidents.

As Lou Nuer Youth, we condemn all these incidents that happened after the government of South Sudan disarmed Lou Nuer community while Murle youth were/are not disarmed which leads into today death tolls. As per now, we blames the government of South Sudan and State Government for failure to protect Lou Nuer civil populations who are disarmed while president of Republic of South Sudan launched out the statement of disarmament in March 2012 that all guns/arms must be taken out from hands of civilians and South Sudan force (SPLA) should protect the disarmed population. Why Lou Nuer community is not protected?

Therefore, starting from 2006- 2013, Lou Nuer community where disarmed four times while Murle were not disarmed even once. However, we fall decertified with this unfair treatment and mal administrations from both national and state government.

According to Transitional Constitution of South Sudan, Article 11, Right to life and Human Dignity “Every person has the inherent right to life, dignity and the integrity of his or her person which shall be protected by law; no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his or her life” and read together with Art. 10, 155 (1) in Jonglei State transitional Constitution stated out that all civilians shall be protected equally without discrimination “The Governor of the State, in consultation with the State Legislative Assembly, may upon the occurrence of any natural or man-made disaster or epidemic which may threaten the civil life of the people of the State take appropriate control measures to address the situation” if such a powers are given to governor why do you fail to apply the laws? We know Mr. Governor you might be blissful with the death of Lou Nuer Community because you give more protection to your community by deploying both police and army force but God knows your intention.

Right after the recent disarmament, there were 18 attacks including this fresh attack which has taken place on 8/2/2013 which lost the life of over 103 including women and children .Whereby 71 children and 58 women were abducted and more than 6,000 herds of cattle were raided.

Today as Greater Akobo Youth Association we appeal to both Governments to take action on these matters in order to avoid another lost of human life. Failure of the governments to protect Lou Nuer Community at this time (dry season), will lead Lou Nuer Youth to protect their parents by any mechanism. Thus, we need the government to implement the followings:

1. Re-arm Lou Nuer Youth who had been disarmed in order to protect themselves against whoever;
2. Deploy more SPLA troops across all borders and to surround the cattle camps;
3. Construct roads across the counties borders and also with Headquarter;
4. Connect network in the counties where there is no network since creation;
5. Bring back the abducted children and women; and
6. Bring back the raided cattle starting from the ones raided in the beginning of disarmament up to date.

UNMISS

With the mandate of United Mission in South Sudan, particularly Jonglei team site, the Lou Nuer Youth doubt the impartiality of UNMISS in Jonglei ethnic conflicts due to the following factors/reasons:

1. Consequently in the year 2011-2012 when Lou Nuer Youth made revenge after several attack by Murle youth in to their community, then UNMISS called for immediate protection of Murle community by the government. Whereas in all attacks that had happened in the Lou Nuer areas, UNMISS present in the State had never call for immediate protection to Lou Nuer civilians in these attacks; and why? And according to UN Security Council resolutions of 2057 (2012) "Adopted by the security council at its 6800, on fifth July 2012 by recalling its previous resolutions of 1996 (2011) and 2046 (2012), therefore; UNMISS has mandate to treat all civil population in South Sudan equally/fairly

2. Henceforth, we are calling UN's for immediate assistance to the remnants of the 8th Feb. 2013 in terms of livelihood and other NFIs.
3. Connection of Miraya FM antenna which is sponsor by UNMISS to Lou Nuer area
4. Finally, we urge your impartiality in all ethnic conflicts because we observe UNMISS/other Humanitarian Actors as Partial Organizations in all response.



With regards;

Greater Akobo Youth Association Board (GAYA)

Cc: Deputy Governor

Cc: State Legislative Assembly

Cc: Ministry of Law enforcement

Cc: UNMISS

Cc: Lou Nuer Community Elders

Cc: State Security