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Upper Nile People-to-People Convention for Peaceful Co-Existence among Murle, Lou Nuer and Dinka Bor Communities

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The People's Democratic Movement has learned with great dismay of ongoing tension and threat of renewed violence and confrontations in Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA).

Incoming reports have cited a large SPLM/A-IO[1] militia force together with members of the white army from Lou Nuer and Dinka Bor militia, who are said to be mobilizing and advancing towards the GPAA for revenge attacks against Murle, even when SPLA-IO forces are signatories to the (CoHA[2]) under the terms of the R-ARCSS, and are therefore technically understood to be stationary in their training camps and cantonment sites for unification of forces.

PDM is deeply perturbed about the unabated threat and escalation of violence in GPAA with further revenge attacks while the state and administrative area governments have not been formed in the country. In this climate of government absence, the reports of fresh violence and looming escalation of bloodshed requires urgent intervention of CTSAMVM[3] and UNMISS on the ground to raise alarm and mobilize appropriate interventions to avert violence. Meanwhile the IGAD countries, AU and the UNSEC are called upon to unreservedly condemn the violence and take measures to swiftly abate and stop the looming violence in its track.

There is high risk of further damage to the social fabric and relations in South Sudan between the neighboring Murle, Dinka Bor and Lou Nuer communities as a result of this conflict, which would take years, possibly decades to repair if not swiftly addressed to avert the escalating violence that the inept R-TGONU[4] in Juba is unable and impotent to effectively prevent.

In the absence of the failed and impotent Juba Government, PDM calls upon our Murle, Lou Nuer and Dinka Bor peoples and communities to urgently convene Upper Nile People-to-People Convention for peace and for their peaceful co-existence with each other, not just in Upper Nile but with all the people's of South Sudan in Equatoria and Bahr al Ghazal.

President Salva Kiir and First Vice President Riek Machar, the lead parties charged with implementing R-ARCSS must be held responsible for their failures to avert the civil wars between the Murle, Lou Nuer and Dinka Bor of Upper Nile which has gone on for far too long.

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[1] SPLM In-Oposition
[2] **Cession of Hostilities Agreement**
[3] monitoring and verification team
[4] Revitalised Transitional Government of National Unity

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PDM urges the AU, UNSC, Troika, EU and IGAD, the region and internal communities to:

1. Task a UN Panel of Experts to conduct investigations into the wide spread violence and atrocities against civilians from the raging wars in Upper Nile, Equatoria, and Bahr al Ghazal regions and report on the underlying root causes and people's grievances.
2. Support efforts on People-to-People Conventions in Upper Nile for peace-building and peaceful co-existence between the Murle, Lou Nuer and Dinka Bor communities in a new constitutional order under a Federal system of Governance which respects territorial integrity and regional development
3. Provide relief assistance to IDPs in GPAA, Dinka Bor and Lou Nuer areas
4. Support peaceful measures to relocate Dinka pastoralists from Equatoria occupied lands back to their homes of origin in Bor, in order to avoid stoking further and needless violent conflict with the local population in Equatoria

The monitoring and verification team, known as CTSAMVM, a creation of the R-ARCSS, is silent and not doing its work on breach of the peace violations under the CoHA by any party to a conflict in South Sudan.

The flawed R-ARCSS does not address the root causes of conflict and power sharing equitably between the peoples of Equatoria, Upper Nile and Bahr al Ghazal, and which leaves all political power in the hands of corrupt SPLM elites in Government and in IO.

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