

Press Release

South Sudan National NGOs' statement on the horrendous killings of aid workers in Maban County

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The South Sudan National NGO Steering Committee representatives are shocked and angered by the current wave of attacks in Maban County on South Sudanese aid workers targeted on the basis of their ethnicity.

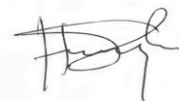
We condemn this act and demand:

1. An immediate end to the killings of aid workers whose primary focus is to provide much needed humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable people of South Sudan, and urge the perpetrators to refrain from these killings, reminding them to recognize the consequences of international human rights violations.
2. The perpetrators must be brought to account for this barbaric act against their fellow citizens through the existing human rights institutions.
3. UNMISS must exercise its current mandate (UNSCR 2155) to protect civilians (including the aid workers whose lives are being threatened) by deploying sufficient troops to avert further aggravation of the situation.
4. Aid agencies prioritize evacuation and relocation of South Sudanese aid workers who are at high risk in their areas of operation.
5. The Government of the Republic of South Sudan must exercise its constitutional responsibility of protecting its citizens regardless of their ethnicity or political affiliation.
6. That South Sudanese where ever they are spread the message of peace and co-existence among the different communities in this difficult moment.

This statement has been issued on behalf of the South Sudan National NGO Forum members.



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