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### **NGOs concerned about deteriorating security situation in Juba**

International and South Sudanese NGOs strongly condemn the killing of an aid worker, Rombek Paul Mori, in an armed robbery at the ACF office compound last Thursday. This brutal attack represents a worrying trend for NGOs based in Juba.

Since April, there has been a rise in compound robberies targeting NGO compounds, particularly around Tomping area and parts of Hai Cinema and Hai Malakal neighbourhoods, with a significant escalation of incidents in July and August. Over the past 3 months, 37 reports of NGO compound robberies were received by the South Sudan NGO Forum.

In light of these developments, NGOs have growing concerns about safety of their staff. In addition, the loss of valuable assets compromises NGOs' operational ability and affects the delivery of much needed humanitarian and developmental assistance across the country.

We call on the South Sudan authorities to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of NGO staff and assets in Juba and elsewhere in South Sudan.