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The South Sudan NGO Forum strongly condemns recent attacks on humanitarian aid workers

Juba, November 6, 2018 – The South Sudan NGO Forum strongly condemns recent attacks against humanitarians operating in South Sudan including one which ended in the fatal shooting of an aid worker.

Two road incidents were recorded in the last week, where NGO vehicle convoys were ambushed resulting in injuries, the fatal shooting of one driver and the abduction of aid workers.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of our colleague who lost his life in this cruel and senseless act,” said Dr Pius Ojara, the Director of South Sudan NGO Forum. “We are thankful for the safe return of the abducted colleagues and we continue to call for a safe operating environment for aid workers,” he added.

We call for universal respect of the freedom of movement for humanitarians who deliver services to populations in need. NGOs continue to work in the most challenging and dangerous areas across South Sudan to deliver much needed humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable people.

On behalf of its membership, the South Sudan NGO Forum appeals for unhindered and unimpeded access for humanitarian organisations and aid workers.

With the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan and the encouraging messages of peace at the recent Peace Celebrations on 31 October 2018, we hope for a permanent ceasefire and an end to all forms of criminal activities so that humanitarian aid workers’ lives are not endangered.

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