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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **On the Killing of Innocent Civilians in Wau – South Sudan**

The National Salvation Front (NAS) condemns in the strongest possible terms the killing of innocent civilians on Monday 10 April 2017 when Kiir's militiamen, dressed in SPLA uniform, went on a door-to-door search and murder of fellow South Sudanese from the Fertit and Luo nationalities in Wau town.

At least 16 innocent civilians were executed in cold blood, dozens injured and thousands - mainly women and children - sought refuge in Catholic Church there. A few others, who found their way past government road-blocks, managed to get to the UN protection camp in Wau.

While the leadership of NAS finds these serial genocidal crimes by the regime Juba very troubling, it also finds the silence and inaction of the regional and international community towards Kiir's regime unacceptable. This only leads to impunity.

That said, the leadership of NAS would like to make the following statements:

1. The leadership of NAS passes its sincere condolences to the families of the deceased, and reaffirms its solidarity with all the victims of this cowardice act by the Kiir regime. The leadership also extends its solidarity to all those affected by these acts - the injured, the displaced citizens who have ran to seek refuge around the town, and all those who have been affected.
2. The leadership of NAS also applauds the roles of the Catholic Church and many others - individuals and organizations - who received and are hosting those civilians who knocked on their doors. NAS would like to appeal to the humanitarian community, local and international NGOs, to help and assist the hosts as well as the displaced citizens of Wau.

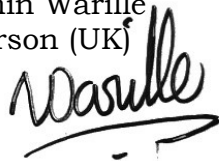
3. It is apparent that President Kiir is determined to continue pursuing his tribal politics in order to prolong his stay in office. NAS calls upon our people to be vigilant and resist this regime's dirty politics of turning tribes against each other.
4. NAS, would also like to reiterate its call for the region and the international community to effectively intervene and stop the Juba regime from killing the people of South Sudan!
5. NAS calls upon the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) and the African Union (AU) to ensure that a thorough investigation is conducted, and perpetrators of this heinous act in Wau, and similar ones like the Pajok Incident that took place a week ago, are brought to book.

Accountability is needed for peace to prevail in South Sudan. The regime in Juba will continue to deny any involvement in any of the crimes committed in South Sudan. The regime is defiant because it is allowed to act in impunity. The cycle of violence against the people of South Sudan can only stop when Kiir and his officials are held responsible for their crimes.

Signed:

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NAS Spokesperson (UK)

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