

The Republic South Sudan
Jonglei State
Bor Community

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To: H.E First Vice President, Republic South Sudan and Head of Delegation

**SUBJECT: DINKA BOR COMMUNITY POSITION PAPER ON THE CURRENT CONFLICT
CAUSED BY MURLE CATTLE RAIDERS AND CHILD ABDUCTORS**

Your Excellency, the 1st Vice President and the high National Delegation, The current fighting between the Youth of the two States of Jonglei and Boma is caused by the persistent of the Murle Youth to continue cattle raiding and with child abduction and random killing of innocent farmers with intention to force them to abandon their villages as it has happened now most of the population are currently in Equatoria and Bhar -El Ghazal.

We are presenting this position paper to affirm to you that Dinka Bor is a peace loving community. We stand for peace agreements signed with neighboring community of Murle. Our culture as Dinka Bor taught us to love our neighbors; peaceful coexistence and respect for human rights. But Child abduction and killing of innocent people are unacceptable to us.

You are much aware of reports and media outlets that the Murle criminals or bandits are widely accused by Dinka Bor community and other neighboring communities of Nuer, Anyuak, Jie, Kachipo Mundari, Bari even Ethiopia across international border. These acts of cattle raiding and child abduction have created reign of terror among the neighboring communities without exception.

Peace Agreements Violation by Murle

Murle violated many agreements including the recent December 2016 Peace Agreement organized in collaboration of Jonglei and Boma states governments. The agreement was signed and witnessed from both sides by Paramount chiefs, Women leaders, Youth leaders, Church leaders, Local Government Ministers, neighboring states of Bieh and Fangak, Governors of Jonglei and Boma states, two national legislators (Hon. Deng Lual Anyang from Jonglei State and Hon. Kennedy Gaiyin from Boma State and head of UNMISS mission in Jonglei.

While we were still in Pibor attending peace agreement, attacks started and were intensifying in different parts of Jonglei State in Jalle, Duk Padiet, Gadiang, Baping, Anyidi, Kongor and Maar to cite a few examples orchestrated by Murle raiders involving vicious killings of innocent women, abducting children and raiding cattle and destabilizing community environment.

In the month of December 2016 alone over 18,000 cattle were raided, more than 50 people were killed including two ECSS Pastors in Jalle and Baping and over 30 children were abducted. Murle raiders' activities of cattle raiding, child abduction and killing of innocent are on the rise to this far of 2017. The figures increased to 18, 664 cattle raided, 200 people killed, 50 children abducted and 75 people wounded as shown in our county records.

Proliferation of illicit arms among Murle

The community of Murle is heavily armed than any other community in the greater Jonglei and two Murle community leaders are responsible for this proliferation of illicit arms. It is Sultan Ismail Konyi, the current Governor of Boma state, who had been allied and militia commander for Northern Sudan Government fighting against SPLA/M for many years during liberation struggle and David YauYau, the current Deputy Minister of Labour, Public Service and Human Resource who had been a COBRA leader. The two did involve in the business of child abduction and cattle raiding and support their community in recruiting tribal militia against neighboring communities.

Frequency Displacement caused by Murle

The rate of displacement among the Dinka Bor population is higher than any other community in greater Jonglei. As the records shown from State Government, National Government and UN that major displacement of our people are caused by Murle resulting to Internal Displaced persons and Refugee Camps including cattle camps in the neighboring States. These massive numbers of displacement out of homes have caused people to become destitute and vulnerable. This is because of sporadic killing, abduction of children and cattle raiding by Murle. It is a serious violation of human rights and we request our National Government and international community to return our displaced people to their homes and help them out to contain the worsening livelihood and security situation.

Human Rights Violation by Murle

Internationally, child abduction is a crime and violation of child rights. The community of Murle has institutionalized child abduction as a business, prestige and culture to be passed down to generations to come. Young Murle raiders are trained to abduct children from other communities for sell to wealthy Murle individuals and receive cows in return for marriage as alluded to in paragraphs above. This act of child abduction by Murle has affected thousands of families, whose children were abducted; that is out of 10 children born in rural village of Jonglei State two or more children are likely to be abducted by Murle. Alarmingly, the trend has changed from cattle rustling in 15th and 16th centuries to mass killing or massacre innocent people in cold blood in 19th century onwards. For example, in recent years of 2012, 140 people were massacred in Duk-Padiet and 120 people were butchered in Maar, Paliau and Jalle in 2013. In 2014, 32 people were killed in Kolnyang, than in 2016 Jalle, Baping and Gadiang attacks were gravely and humiliating. They are just examples of major atrocities committed by Murle. This has been happening for over 100 years in addition to enormous child abductions practices.

Recommendations:-

1. Bor Community is ready and willing for Peace talks with Murle. This peace talk will be negotiated by the community and youth leaders.
2. All abducted children must be returned to rightful parents.
3. Cattle and Goats raided in 2016 - 2017 by Murle must be returned to owners.
4. People killed and wounded must be compensated.
5. All perpetrators/ culprits of cattle raiding and child abduction must be brought to book
6. Find here attached records of Murle killings, children abducted, Cattle and goats raided.

Signed by:

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CHRONOLOGICAL INCIDENCES FROM JONGLEI STATE COUNTIES (DUK, TWIC & BOR)

Year	Location/Area	People Killed	Child Abducted	Cattle raided
1962	Purpiny (Maar)	7 people	No children	24,000
1964	Gadiang (Duk-Payuel)	10	No children	300
1969	Duk-Payuel (Paguith)	45	No children	1000
1969	Duk-Payuel (Gorbeck)-Twic E. C	50	No children	900
1970	Kolmarek (Jale)	20 people	No. children	26,000
1971	Akoot (Chuei-keer)	9 people	No. children	20,000
1979	Pakool (Chuei-keer)	15 people	No. children	23,000
1983	Amoumeth (Anyidi)	80 people	No. children	40,000
1983	Anyidii	92 people	No. children	2,000
1983	Paluer (Chuei-keer)	15 people	No. children	No.cattle raided
1983	Wunlit (Paliau)	24 people	No children	30,000
1984	Machar-Deer (Makuach payam)	19 people	No. children	35,000
1984	Akoi-koch (Makuach payam)	20 people	No. children	30,000
1984	Duk-Payuel	18	No children	No cattle raided
1985	Awuwic (Maar)	40 people	No children	30,000
1986	Kakoto (Makuach)	No. People	No.children	74
1988	Pabiech-Abii(Chuei-Keer)	7 people	No.children	No.cattle raided
1988	Werkok (Makuach Payam)	2 people	4 Children	No.cattle raided
1988	Bondeng (Duk-Padiet)	7 people	20 Children	24,000
1997	Pakam (Duk-Padiet)	No. person	6 children	No.cattle raided
1998	Duk- Padiet	3 people	42 children	67
1999	Kolmarek (Jale)	46 people	10 Children	3,200
2000	Jalle	14 people	4 children	900
2006	Jalle	10 people	13 children	600
2006	Lualajokbil (Twic East)	5	4	250 cattle
2007	Jalle	16 people	No. Children	100
2007	Ariek (Chuei keer)	7 people	9 Children	2000
2007	Duk-Payuel	5	3	600
2007	Duk-Payuel(Mareng)	8	4	280
2008	Duk -Padiet	47 people	3 children	3000
2010	Kongor (Pajumba)	4	4	No cattle
2010	Kongór (Pageer)	5	6	No
2011	Pajut (Maar)	37 people	49 children	20,000
2011	Jalle	43 people	No. Children	2000
2011	Jalle	4 people	4 children	1000
2011	Kuei/Akhot (Jale)	4 people	5 children	500
2012	Duk -Padiet	103 people	42 children	1070
2012	Duk-Payuel	3 people	No.children	26
2012	Wunbong (Duk-Payuel)	3 people	3 children	No.cattle raided
2012	Pajut (Panyang)	27 people	43 children	18,000
2013	Adubaar X2 (Paliau/Maar)	88 people	24 children	30,000

CHRONOLOGICAL INCIDENCES FROM JONGLEI STATE COUNTIES (DUK, TWIC & BOR)

2013	Duk-Payuel (Poktap)	10	11	100
2014	Kuei/Akhot (Jalle)	7 people	No. Children	550
2014	Kolnyang	50 people	14 children	cattle raided
2015	Jalle	6 people	No. children	No cattle raided
2015	Maar	23	No. children	112
2016	Jalle	22 people	29 children	12587
2016	Patiou (Maar)	1 person	No. children	60
2016	Gadiang (Duk Cattle Camp)	2 people	No Children	1,300
2016	Gadiang (Twic Cattle Camp)	3 people	No. Children	862
2017	Gierwar (Maar)	No. People	No. children	220
2017	Kongor (Pachol)	2 people	3 Children	No cattle
	Total	1,088	359	390,658

Table showing Peace Conference and Agreements reached and Dishonored by the Murle:-

S/N	Conference Destination	Year
1.	Bor Peace Conference	1963
2.	Akobo Peace Conference	1972
3.	Gadiang Peace Conference	1981
4.	Pibor Peace conference	1976
5.	Lielier Peace Conference	1999
6.	Anyidi Peace Conference	2000
7.	Anyidi Peace Conference	2001
8.	Pariak Peace Conference	2003
9.	Boma Peace Conference	2004
10.	Anyidi Peace Conference	2004
11.	Bor Peace Conference	2005
12.	Gumuruk Peace Conference	2006
13.	Monyibol Peace Conference	2011
14.	Bor Peace Conference	2012
15.	Gumuruk Peace Conference	2016
16.	Bor Peace Conference	2016
17.	Pibor Peace Conference	2016