

The Resolutions of the Civilian – Military Dialogue in Mundu Diocese, Kuperia Payam, Lainya County – CES – Juba

Preamble:

We, the people of Lainya County together with the SSPDF – Ground Forces deployed to protect the people, properties and the natural resources of Lainya County;

Remembered the legacy of our heroes and heroines, unity, dignity and the peaceful co-existence of the people of South Sudan in general; and Lainya in particular;

Recognized that the 2013 and 2016 civil wars in South Sudan mostly affected and displaced the people of South Sudan in general; and particularly the people of greater Yei;

Cognizant and **Mindful** of the facts that the heinous and barbaric behaviors of the individual soldiers and the cattle keepers contributed to more destruction of livelihood and displacement of the people of greater Yei to the refugee and IDP camps inside and outside South Sudan;

Aware of the intentional land occupation, targeted killings between the individual civilian and soldiers; rape of young girls and elderly women; intra and inter communal conflicts between the farmers and the cattle keepers; displacement of innocent women, elderly and the children; and the general suffering of the grassroots;

Conscious of the danger that if the Necessary Unified Forces are not graduated; basic services provided, cattle keepers educated to adopt new methods of cattle ranching; and the Revitalized Peace Agreement implemented in letter and spirit; may aggravate new conflicts, disunity, displacement and more suffering to the people of South Sudan in general;

Committed to immediate restoration of peace, justice, harmony and peaceful co-existence through dialogues and awareness raising among the civilian, cattle keepers and the military;

Therefore, CEPO took this initiative in partnership with IOM and in collaboration with the religious leaders and Lainya County Administration to address issues affecting both the civilian and the military in order to create a peaceful and conducive environment for refugees and IDPs to return and rebuild their lives in Lainya County.

The Resolutions:

The religious leaders with support from CEPO and in collaboration with the Administration of Lainya County conducted a three days Civilian – Military Dialogue in Mundu Diocese, Kupera Payam, Lainya County and came out with the following resolutions:-

1. The Mundu civilian – military Dialogue resolved that Payam Administrators should be deployed in Mukaya, Kenyi, Kupera and Wuji Payams.
2. The Mundu dialogue resolved that Chiefs and the Military Commanders should establish effective communication mechanisms in order to create good relationship between the civilian and the military.
3. The civilian – military dialogue in Mundu resolved that any crime committed by any of the party against either of the party should be reported to the concern authority for quick intervention. For example, if a civilian or soldier is killed; or a woman/girl is raped; or civilian's properties looted; the incident should be communicated timely and procedurally to the concern civilian or military authority.
4. The Mundu dialogue recommended for the deployment of a civilian – military relations officer (Moral Orientation Officer/Chaplains) in Lainya County in order to provide Psycho-social support to the soldiers and also report issues affecting both the civilian and the military.
5. The Civilian – Military dialogue resolved that Police/Community Policing should be deployed and strengthened in order to manage social crimes and public order.
6. The dialogue resolved that civilian – military dialogues should be localized in areas of high displacement such as Wuji, Bereka, Loka and Mukaya.
7. The dialogue also resolved that Lainya Peace Committees should be autonomously empowered financially to reach out to the Holdout group (NAS forces) for resumption and revitalization of Rome, St. Egidio Peace Declaration between the government and the NAS faction; and to also create good relationship between the civilian and the NAS forces.
8. The dialogue also resolved that the County administrators, Chiefs and the Military Commander should regulate, control and restrict drinking of alcohol by both the civilian and the soldiers. For example, both the County and the Military Commander should pass an order that ban drinking of alcohol in the working hours and also restrict soldiers only to drink alcohol inside the barrack after work.
9. The dialogue referred the issues of road blocks/checkpoints and high taxes to be discussed at the security meetings with involvement of chiefs and serious follow up of the meeting outcomes.
10. The dialogue recommended that UNMISS, CEPO and other CSOs should advocate and lobby for the improvement of basic services for the army. These services include food, salary, leave and quick graduation of the unified forces.
11. The dialogue resolved that Lainya Peace Committee should conduct a dialogue between the cattle keepers and the farmers in order to explore lasting solutions.

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