

Inter Church Committee of Eastern Equatorial State

Acholi – Madi Peace Conference of April 16-20, 2012

Communique

We, the mandated delegates to the Acholi-Madi Peace Conference that held in Fr Satunino Hall, Catholic Diocese of Torit, from 16 to 20 April 2012:

After deliberating for three days on common issues affecting our community and recognizing the fact that the Acholi and Madi share strong historical and kinship ties;

Noting that over the years our common ties have been consistently threatened and jeopardized by violent conflicts between our respective peoples;

Affirming our belief that without peace no form of development is possible in Magwi County;

HEREBY:

1. Call for an immediate end to all hostilities and all other forms of violent confrontations between our respective communities.
2. Commit ourselves to continue to work together with the ICC, its partners and the relevant levels of government to seek lasting peace and to promote peaceful coexistence between our respective populations.
3. Rededicate ourselves to pursuing bilateral talks under the auspices of the ICC and its partners with a view to seeking an acceptable and negotiated settlement of our common differences.
4. Pledge ourselves to collaborate with the EES Government and other partners to promote security, peace and development Magwi County.
5. Call upon the government to carry out a full-fledged investigation into the circumstances that led to the blocking of the Juba –Nimule road in 2010, the violent confrontations in Kit, Opari, Ameer, Magwi, Panykwara of



October/November 2011, and all other violent incidents that have occurred in Magwi County in the recent past, with a view to bringing their perpetrators to justice.

6. Request the government and the relevant UN agencies to facilitate the return of all persons displaced by the unfortunate events of October/November 2011 and provide compensation to those who lost their loved ones and their property.

WE THE DELEGATES ALSO:

1. Congratulate the Government of Eastern Equatoria State, the ICC and its partners for making this conference possible.
2. Express our sincere thanks to the facilitators, keynote speakers, the caterers, the drivers and all those who labored hard to make our stay in Torit comfortable and this conference a success.
3. Pray God almighty to bless and crown our efforts as we seek lasting peace between our people.

We acknowledge that there are contentious and unresolved issues relating to the status and ownership of certain localities of Magwi County, notably Kit/Ayii, Opari and Iwire. We urge the ICC, the Government and other relevant partners to continue to facilitate the search for a solution to these burning issues based on the recommendations made during this conference.

We note that this conference is the first crucial step towards seeking lasting peace and reconciliation between the Acholi and Madi. We understand that other conferences and/or forums shall be convened by the ICC in the shortest possible time to critically examine the key issues raised in this conference.

In testimony whereof, this communique has been signed by us, pending the publication of the minutes and resolutions of this peace conference.

Done in Torit, today the 20th Day of April, 2012



Signatories:

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2. Anjelo Voga

For the Acholi Community:

For the Madi Community:



Witnessed by:

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