



NETWORK FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (NeCSOs)

"Together for Quality and Efficient Service Delivery"

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Western Equatoria State Civil Society Organizations press statement on the Current Security Situation in Yambio Town Municipality.

We the Civil Society Organizations in Western Equatoria State are aware and closely following the recent security situation in Yambio County which includes; the killing of one SSPDF at the army site in Sug-siro residential area on 22nd August 2024, the random gunshots at Masia market on 25th August 2024 injuring two SSPDF and two Civilians and another random gunshot in Sug-siro at the last funeral rites on 27th August 2024.

Therefore, we the civil society organizations condemn such barbaric acts that plans to destabilize the state and Yambio County in particular, has this continue to create insecurity, fear and panic among the civil population hence destabilizing economic activities and farming.

The Civil Society organizations, after series of meetings with the state authority and other stakeholders in the state including the army leadership have understood the importance of this civil disarmament, which is one of the calls CSOs have been makings during their previous press statements especially that of 30th/April 2024.

We continue to appreciate all efforts exerted at county, state and national level to restore peace and rule of law in our state, however we understand there are some challenges still existing during such exercises and therefore call for the followings;

1. We are appealing to the Division 6 operation forces to exercise their duty with high level of professionalism and ethics to avoid blames such as loss of property and torture of innocent civilians.
2. We call upon the SSPDF leadership to harmonize the army- civil relationship in order to promote good relationship between these groups for peaceful co-existence.
3. We also call upon the state and national government to take good care of the deployed forces providing security in the state so that they don't abuse powers.



4. We are also calling upon the civil population where the exercise of disarmament is being conducted to fully cooperate and comply with the operation team and not to show resistance.
5. We strongly urge the civil population to cease from pinpointing their adversaries just with the aim of making them suffer, hence leading to long lasting community hatreds.

Finally, the Civil Society in the state will continue to advocate for justice and human rights for all the civil population and stand ready to support the efforts of the government in restoring peace, tranquility and rule of law in the state and South Sudan at large.



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