



NETWORK FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (NeCSOs)

"Together for Quality and Efficient Service Delivery"

Communiqué

From the Network of Civil Society Organizations (NeCSOs) Western Equatoria State, South Sudan on the cruel attack on humanitarian workers at Nambara Bridge, Ezo County, Western Equatoria State.

Date: 22 May 2025

The Network of Civil Society Organizations (NeCSOs) Western Equatoria State, South Sudan is alarmed by the barbaric attack on Rural Development Action Aid (RDAA) humanitarian workers. It must be recalled that RDAA, a National Non-Governmental Organization on the 20th of May, 2025 came under an armed attack at Nambara Bridge, Tambura Road, right after Yangiri Payam, Ezo County, Western Equatoria State. The attack occasioned to the death of Mr. Muchunguzi Johnson, a Ugandan national and driver working for Fast Transporters Co. Ltd, and Mr. Daiman William Mburo, a local community member. It further led to the displacement of 19 other humanitarian workers and the burning of an aid truck by the assailants. The attack came at a time when RDAA was constructing Nambara Bridge as part of the UNMISS aided 2024/2025 Quick Impact Projects.

The Network of Civil Society Organizations (NeCSOs) Western Equatoria State;

- 1. Deeply Concerned about** the increasing safety needs of humanitarian workers and agencies in Western Equatoria State, South Sudan.
- 2. Aware that**, humanitarian workers are protected persons and by the virtue of Common Article 3 to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, all parties to an armed conflict must protect persons not taking part in the conflict. As such, acts of violence to life and person, in particular murder of all kinds, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture are prohibited.
- 3. Further aware** of Rule 31 and 32 of Customary International Humanitarian Rules that demands the respect and protection of humanitarian and relief personnel as well as all objects employed for relief operations.
- 4. Reiterates that** under no circumstance should humanitarian workers or their objects be subject to attack as the same offer no military advantage to any belligerent party.
- 5. Contents that** attacks on humanitarian workers or their assets can be treated as a war crime under the Rome Statute and potentially subject to international prosecution.

6. Notes that the attack on aid workers at Nambara Bridge could amount to an act of terrorism within the context of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1566 (2004).

7. Requests that Western Equatoria State authorities conduct an expeditious investigation to apprehend all perpetrators involved in such ferocious acts and have them subjected to the full wrath of the law.

8. Calls upon all actors to guarantee unhindered access, and adequate security to humanitarian agencies, their personnels and assets in the performance of their functions.

Dated: 22nd day of May 2025

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CC: Rt. Hon. Speaker – Western Equatoria State Legislative Assembly

CC: Head of Field Office - United Nations Mission in South Sudan – Yambio

CC: Hon. Commissioner Ezo County

CC: Hon. Commissioner Tambura County

CC: Head – Legal Administration and Public Prosecutions Attorney – W.E.S

CC. Nation Security Service – WES – Yambio

CC. Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) – W.E.S – Yambio

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