

Photo of Aneet Market

Report on the Inter-Communal Clashes in Aneet Settlement

Prepared by the Investigation Committee Presented to H.E. The President of the Republic of South Sudan

List of Acronyms & Abbreviations

AIB Abyei Independent Brigade.

ASAA Abyei Special Administrative Area

CA-ASAA Chief Administrator - Abyei Special Administrative Area

CANS Civil Authority of New Sudan

CoHA Cessation of Hostilities Agreement

COTAL Council of Traditional Authority Leadership

CPA Comprehensive Peace Agreement

CPC Community Protection Committee

GoSS Government of the Republic of South Sudan

GoS Government of the Republic of Sudan

IDPs Internally Displaced Persons

JBC Joint Border Commission

NBGs Northern Bahr el Ghazal State

R-TNLA Revitalized - Transitional National Legislative Assembly

SOFA Status of Force Agreement

SPLA Sudan's People Liberation Army

SSPDF South Sudan People Defense Forces

TNLA Transitional National Legislative Assembly

UNISFA United Nations Interim Security Force in Abyei

Table of Contents

FOREWARDIV
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FINDINGSVI
RECOMMENDATIONSVIII
CHALLENGESIX
1. INTRODUCTION
2. MEMBERSHIP
3. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE
4. METHODOLOGY
5. VIEWS OF ELDERS FROM GREATER BAHR EL GHAZAL 6
6. VIEWS OF NGOK COMMUNITY IN JUBA
7. VIEWS OF TWIC COMMUNITY IN JUBA 8
8. INTERVIEW WITH HON. DR. FRANCIS MADING DENG9
9. JOINT STATEMENT OF TWIC -NGOK LEADERS10
10. FIELD VISITS
10.1 INTERVIEW WITH TWIC COMMISSIONER, HON. DENG TONG GOC12
10.2 INTERVIEW WITH THE ACTING PAYAM ADMINISTRATOR OF TURALEI MR. JOSEPH DENG MANYIN
10.3 INTERVIEW WITH GEN. AKUEI AJOU AKUEI, 3RD DIVISION INFANTRY COMMANDER14
10.4 INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF JACOB MADHEL LANG JUUK (COTAL)14
10.5 INTERVIEW WITH GEN. MARIO KUOL MONYLUAK DAK, THE COMMANDER OF ABYEI INDEPENDENT BRIGADE (AIB)
10.6 INTERVIEW WITH BRIG. GEN. MARKO MAWIEN, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER FOR TWIC COUNTY16
10.7 INTERVIEW WITH THE GOVERNOR OF WARRAP STATE17
10.8 FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION WITH CHIEFS OF TWIC18
10.9 INTERVIEW WITH BRIG. GEN. SANTINO CHOM RING CHOM - COMMANDER OF BRIGADE 7 A OF DIVISION THREE19
10.10 FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION WITH TWIC WOMEN20
10.11 FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION WITH TWIC YOUTH20
10.12 INTERVIEW WITH HON. BONA MALWAL MADUT21
10.13 KEY INTERVIEW WITH HON. LT. GEN. KUOL DEIM KUOL21

RUMAMER COUNTY	22
10.15 KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW WITH PARAMOUNT CHIEF BULABEK DENG KUOL	23
10.16 INTERVIEW WITH ACTING POLICE COMMISSIONER, RING MAWIEN NYIKUACH – ALE SECTION	
10.17 FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION WITH CHIEFS OF NGOK	25
10.18 FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION WITH NGOK WOMEN	28
10.19 FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION WITH NGOK YOUTH	28
11. SITE VISIT TO IDP CAMPS	29
12. SITE VISIT TO AFFECTED AREAS IN ASAA	30
PICTORIAL	
THE PICTURE OF SSPDF DURING THE BRIEFING BY THE COMMITTEE IN RUM-KOOR	31
PICTURES TAKEN IN NYIN DENG AYUEL, MAYEN ABUN AND MAJAK AHER IDPS CAMPS3 PICTURES TAKEN IN ANEET MARKET3 PICTURE TAKEN AFTER SIGNING OF COHA	37-39
GROUP PHOTO OF TWIC CHIEFS IN TURALEI.	
GROUP PHOTO OF NGOK CHIEFS IN ABYEI TOWNPHOTO OF NGOK PARAMOUNT CHIEF OF TWIC	
PHOTO OF GOVERNOR OF WARRAP AND CA ASAA	
PHOTO OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC SIGNING C0HA	45
ANNEXES	
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	46

FOREWARD

It is an honour and a privilege to submit the Preliminary Report of the investigation Committee on the Aneet Inter-communal clashes that broke out on 10th of February 2022 to H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank H.E. the President of the Republic for entrusting the Committee to undertake this challenging yet necessary assignment. The process of truth finding in reaching a resolution in such a conflict is essential in bringing about durable and sustainable peace for the two communities.

I am grateful to H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol, Chairperson of Aneet Inter-Communal Investigation Committee for his guidance and supervision of the entire process of investigation from the onset of consultative meetings in Juba, the field visit, compilation, and submission of the report to H.E. the President.

My sincere appreciation to my colleagues, co-opted members of the Committee and their aides for the tireless efforts in accomplishing the task despite challenges faced in the field.

I would be remiss if I do not acknowledge and appreciate the Secretariat for their excellent work and resilience to overcome challenges throughout the entire time of investigation, compilation and report writing.

Finally yet importantly, I thank all the participants who participated in the processes of the fact-finding investigation.

Hon. Dhieu Mathok Diing Wol, PhD.

National Minister of Investment and

Secretary of Aneet Inter-Communal Investigation Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On the 24th February 2022, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, the President of the Republic of South Sudan issued Republican Order No. 05/2022 for the formation of an Investigation Committee to investigate the inter-communal clashes that broke out on the 10th February 2022 in Aneet Settlement. According to different sources, the clashes are between the Twic and Ngok communities; however, the consequences of the incident engulfed other communities residing in the Abyei Special Administrative Area (ASAA). The report revealed that initially the dispute started as a protest against land surveying in Aneet. In addition, the long-standing historical, social and economic grievances between Twic and Ngok Dinka exacerbated the violence.

The report generates findings and recommendations based on a number of consultations and interviews conducted in Juba, Turalei, and ASAA. In Juba, the Committee met with the elders from Greater Bahr el Ghazal in general, Ngok and Twic communities in particular. The Committee further met with key representatives from both communities including Hon. Bona Malwal Madut and Hon. Dr. Francis Mading Deng. In the field, the Committee proceeded with the interviews, focus group discussions and key informant interviews with the two communities including but not limited to; the Governor of Warrap State - Hon. Aleu Ayieny Aleu, Chief Administrator of ASAA - Hon. Kuol Deim Kuol, County Commissioners, youth representatives, South Sudan People Defense Forces (SSPDF) Commanders, United Nations Interim Security Force in Abyei (UNISFA), commissioners of police, chiefs, women groups, survivors, and eyewitnesses.

The Committee also consulted some published materials and statements, which were widely considered to be amongst the root causes of the Aneet incident.

Based on the above-mentioned materials collected during the work of the Committee, below are the findings and recommendations.

FINDINGS

- 1. The Committee established that in 2017 the Abyei Administration initiated a survey of Aneet. However, Twic community particularly the sections of Ajak Kuac and Kuac Anganya perceived this activity as provocative and an intrusion into their ancestral land. Thus, the survey was resisted in February 2022:
- 2. The Committee established that the letters written by the Twic County Commissioner and the Caucus of Twic members in R-TNLA on the ownership of Agok were perceived to be incitement against Ngok Community;
- 3. The Committee also established that the role of intellectuals, the diaspora, and social media users from both communities had further aggravated the situation;
- 4. The Committee noted that the SSPDF in Majak-Kol and Rumkoor Barracks failed to contain the situation which led to insecurity that resulted in the loss of lives and properties, because they had identified themselves with their communities;
- 5. The Committee observed that the presence of UNISFA on the ground limited the role of SSPDF in providing security in the area, especially in Abyei area. In addition, UNISFA failed to carry out its duties of protecting the civilians in ASAA as mandated by Status of Force Agreement (SOFA);

- 6. The Committee identified that the longstanding historical and social grievances between the two communities which were not addressed contributed to the deterioration of relations;
- 7. The Committee noted that the employment processes in ASAA were discriminatory towards non-Ngok communities as the applicants were required to identify themselves with one of the nine Ngok chiefdoms;
- 8. The Committee further noted that both communities claim that they are the rightful owners of Aneet. Meanwhile, Twic community claims that River Kiir is the boundary separating the two communities, on the other hand the Ngok community believes their boundary with Twic is far south of River Kiir;
- 9. The Committee found that publications written by Hon. Bona Malwal and Abyei intellectuals including Hon. Dr. Francis Mading Deng fueled the conflict;
- 10. The Committee observed that the issues of poverty, underdevelopment, and unemployment contributed to the insecurity in the area;
- 11. The Committee found that the delay of the permanent settlement of Abyei status continues to frustrate the two communities;
- 12. The Committee recognized that the conflict has resulted into dreadful humanitarian devastations for the two communities. Many lives and properties lost, houses and markets burned resulting in a vast internal displacement in Twic and Ngok areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The Committee recommends the formation of the National Border Demarcation Committee to address the issues of internal boundaries in South Sudan. This Committee should coordinate with the Joint Border Commission (JBC) co-chaired by Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth to prioritize the delineation of Abyei and Twic borders [Bahr el Ghazal and Kordofan];
- 2. The Committee recommends the formation of special court in Aneet led by a judge from the High Court to address the crimes and atrocities committed during the clashes. The membership of this court should include chiefs from the neighboring communities;
- 3. The Committee recommends that new robust security measures be put in place to manage the current and future security situation in the area;
- 4. The Committee recommends the Government of South Sudan to provide developmental projects in Twic and Ngok areas; such as roads, telecommunication and clean drinking water;
- 5. The Committee recommends that the Government of ASAA should implement public service regulations in employment policies that promote equal opportunities for all South Sudanese;
- 6. The Committee further recommends that the traditional authority be empowered to address and resolve local issues within their communities as per the Local Government Act 2012;
- 7. The Committee recommends immediate commencement of inclusive dialogue that concludes in a peace, reconciliation and healing conference that will take place in Aweil, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State (NBG);

- 8. The Committee recommends that the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GoSS) immediately engage the Government of the Republic of Sudan (GoS) to resolve the final status of Abyei;
- 9. The Committee recommends that urgent humanitarian assistance and compensation be provided to the affected populations in Twic and Ngok areas;
- 10. The Committee recommends the dissemination of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) signed in Aweil by the two parties, and the resolutions of the upcoming peace conference.
- 11. The Committee recommends that a comprehensive disarmament of civilians be conducted by the government;
- 12. The Committee further recommends that GoSS to engage GoS in the disarmament of communities at the border between the two countries;
- 13. The Committee recommends that any individual or groups regardless of their positions in the government who are found to be implicated shall be held liable within the context of South Sudan's laws; and
- 14. The Committee recommends the aforementioned recommendations must be addressed with an urgent intervention by the government to address the deteriorating situation on the ground;

CHALLENGES

1. Complexity of the investigation

The two communities often questioned the impartiality of the Committee given that some members were perceived to be part of the problem. In particular Hon. Nyandeng Malek Deliech, Hon. Charles Majak Aleer and Hon. Deng Alor Kuol, Hon. Asha Abbas Akuei.

2. Terminology used in the Republican Order No. 05/2022

The term "settlement" used in the Republican Order was protested and challenged by the Ngok Community, arguing that it pre-empts the ownership of Aneet in favor of the Twic Community.

3. Reliability of Information

The Committee encountered difficulty while gathering data in the field where the respondents intentionally avoided surrendering or providing objective answers. Often, biased information was presented to the committee and it had to verify it accordingly as individuals identified with their communities and could hardly be impartial.

4. Inaccessibility

Some areas were inaccessible due to flooding and poor road network. This has hampered the Committee's ability to reach some of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who fled Aneet Inter-Communal violence. One of these areas was Nyiel Kuac-Turalei. As mandated by SOFA, access to Abyei requires permission from UNISFA. Hence, the Committee sought the President's intervention to access the Area.

5. Poor Communication network

As the Committee was leaving to the field, the Secretariat was divided into Juba and field groups and the communication process between the two groups was to be maintained. However, due to poor mobile and internet network connectivity communication processes were not effective resulting in the delay of the report.

6. Insecurity

After the conclusion of discussions in Abyei, the Committee headed to Majak-Kol Barracks as a neutral secured site in anticipation of signing of CoHA. However, the SSPDF forces of Division three (3) and the bodyguards of the Twic County's Commissioner had an altercation, which threatened the delegation's safety as the forces came to a standoff.

7. Time Constraint

The Republican Order No. 05/2022 allocated twenty-one working days to the Committee to conduct investigation, produce and present the findings and recommendations to the President of the Republic.

However, given the reality on the ground, the Committee did not commensurate with time. Thus, it could not visit IDPs Camps in Aweng, Majok Noon, Ajak Kuac, Rumamer and Ajak-Thony.

Although the conflict would not be resolved in a short span of time, the steps taken since the formation of the Committee have shown that continuous dialogue can pave the way to a peaceful coexistence between the two communities. The Committee commends the commitment demonstrated by the parties to implement the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement signed in Aweil, Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal State on 4th of April 2022.

In addition, the Committee applauds the joint statement made by **Hon. Bona Malwal Madut** and **Hon. Dr. Francis Mading Deng** in calming the tensions between the two communities. The Committee strongly encourages the leaders of the two communities to continue to engage with the spirit of peace and reconciliation.

Equally, the Committee appreciates the cooperation and hospitality accorded to it by the Government of Warrap State, ASAA, the Government of Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal, Twic and Ngok communities in general.

The verbatim report of the consultative meetings, focus groups, and interviews conducted shall be published for documentation and historical reference.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report delineates the tasks carried out by the Investigation Committee formed by the President of the Republic of South Sudan, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit to investigate the inter-communal clashes, which broke out in Aneet Settlement.

On the 24th February 2022, Republican Order No. 05/2022 was issued for the formation of a committee to investigate the inter-communal clashes, which broke out on the 10th February 2022.

According to different sources, the clashes were between the Twic and Ngok communities. However, the consequences of the incident engulfed other communities residing in ASAA.

Initially, the disputes started as a protest against the order of the Commissioner of Rumamer County to conduct land surveying in Agok. Conversely, the unresolved long-standing historical, social, and economic grievances between Twic and Ngok communities exacerbated the violence.

The purpose of this preliminary report is to present the outcomes of the Aneet investigation findings to H.E. the President of the Republic and to the public at large.

The Report covers the Investigation Committee's membership, terms of reference, methodology, consultative meetings in Juba, field visits to Twic County and Abyei Special Administrative Area, findings, recommendations, and annexes.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Investigation Committee as per the Republican Order No. 05/2022 comprises of the following members:

S/N	Name	Designation
1.	H. E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol, Vice-President of the	Chairperson
	Republic of South Sudan	
2.	Hon. Dr. Joseph Monytuil Wejang, Governor of Unity	Member
	State	
3.	Hon. Dr. Dhieu Mathok Diing Wol, Minister of	Secretary
	Investment	
4.	Hon. Deng Alor Kuol, Minister of East African	Member
	Community Affairs	
5.	Gen. Majak Akec Malok, Inspector General of Police	Member
6.	Gen. Akol Koor Kuc, Director General of the Internal	Member
	Security Bureau	
7.	Lt. Gen. Marshall Stephen Babanen, Chief of Military	Member
	Intelligence, SSPDF	
8.	Hon. Nyandeng Malek Deliech, Member, TNLA	Member
9.	Hon. Asha Abbas Akuei, Member, TNLA	Member
10.	Hon. Mel Wal Achien, Member, TNLA	Member
11.	Hon. Charles Majak Aleer, Member, TNLA	Member

The Committee co-opted the following members as required by Republican Order No. 05/2022:

S/No.	Name	Designation
1.	Hon. Joseph Bangasi Bakasoro, Minister of Public Service	Member
	and Human Resource Development	
2.	Hon. Peter Mayen Majongdit, Minister of Humanitarian	Member
	Affairs and Disaster Management	
3.	Hon. Tor Deng Mawien, former Presidential Advisor on	Member
	Decentralization and Inter-Governmental Linkages	

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

- 3.1To investigate the cause of the deadly inter-communal clashes that broke out on the 10th February, 2022 in Anet [Aneet] Settlement;
- 3.2 To come up with [construct] measures to deter the occurrence of such incidences in the future;
- 3.3 To co-opt any relevant member or members; and
- 3.4 To submit a report of the findings and recommendations to the President of the Republic of South Sudan within twenty-one (21) working days from the date of issuance of Republican Order No. 05/2022.

The Committee established a secretariat comprising of the following:

S/No.	Name	Designation
1.	Gabriel Kiir William	Head of Secretariat
2.	Abui Isaac Abraham	Secretariat
3.	Arek Ajou Deng	Secretariat
4.	Ngor Garang Arol	Secretariat
5.	Hellen Nyanywi Malith	Secretariat
6.	Kuol Kuol Makuac	Secretariat
7.	Akoon Towrek Akoon	Secretariat
8.	Baak Wieu Baak	Secretariat
9.	Diing Dhieu Luac	Secretariat
10.	Peter Deng Papdit	Secretariat
11.	Ayaga Garang Deng	Logistic & Finance
12.	Mariak Luol Mayuol	Logistic & Finance
13.	Adhieu Garang Monydeng	Finance
14.	Deng Chan Lual	Finance
15.	Manuel Makum Matop	Head of Protocol
16.	Anuol Deng Kuoreng	Head of Legal team
17.	Malong Thiik Riny	Legal Counsel
18.	Josephine Adhet Deng	Legal Counsel
19.	Stephen Lual Ngor	Secretariat

4. METHODOLOGY

The Committee held its first meeting on the 1st of March 2022 to review the terms of reference, develop the methodology, introduce the members, secretariat and set the timelines. The Committee decided to conduct interviews with the victims of the conflict, organize group meetings, conduct site visits and meet with local and traditional authorities. In addition, the Committee consulted some published materials and statements assumed to be part of root causes of the Aneet incident.

In writing this preliminary report, the Committee applied the chronological sequence in capturing the events.

The Committee conducted the following activities:

- 4.1 Consultation with elders from Greater Bahr-el-Ghazal in Juba to get their views on Aneet clashes;
- 4.2 Consultation with Ngok community in Juba that comprised of elders, members of parliament, women and youth representatives, with the aim of hearing and registering their views on the nature of incidents;
- 4.3 Consultation with Twic community in Juba comprising of chiefs, elders, members of the parliament, women and youth representatives; with the aim of hearing and registering their views on the clashes;
- 4.4 Key informant interviews conducted with **Hon. Dr. Francis Mading**Deng in Juba to acquire his views on the Aneet incident;
- 4.5 Focus group discussions on the ground with both communities of Twic and Ngok to listen and get their views on Aneet incident;
- 4.6 Coordinated a Joint Statement defusing the tensions between Twic and Ngok communities;

- 4.7 Visited IDP camps in Nyindeng Ayuel, Mayen Abun, and Majak Aher in Twic County;
- 4.8 Visited Aneet Market and surrounding areas;
- 4.9 Visited Army barracks at Majak-Kol and Rum-koor
- 4.10 Visited UNISFA Headquarters in Abyei;
- 4.11 Visited Aweil Town for the signing of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement.

5. VIEWS OF ELDERS FROM GREATER BAHR EL GHAZAL

On the 2nd of March 2022, the elders expressed the following views to the Committee:

- **5.1 Appreciate** the methodology adopted by the Committee by consulting the elders and condemn the incident that took place in Aneet on 10th January 2022. According to the elders, the incident is alarming because it is the first of its kind in the history of Twic and Ngok co-existence in the area.
- **5.2 Advise** the Committee to refrain from discussing border issues at this stage, rather they suggest the Committee discusses the restoration of peace and tranquility in the area.
- **5.3 Insist** on the necessity to carry on legal measures and investigate those who happened to instigate the clashes and bring them to book.
- **5.4 Propose** the establishment of a sub-committee for criminal measures led by the Department of Prosecution in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.

- **5.5 Propose** the creation of harmony between the two communities through the organization of peace conferences in the area with participation from the neighboring communities.
- **5.6 Further propose** the establishment of a border demarcation committee to deal with inter-state border disputes in the Republic of South Sudan based on January 1st 1956.
- **5.7 Request** the government of the Republic of South Sudan to consult the Sudan Archives in the Durham University to get historical maps on the Sudan. Moreover, the meeting recommends that experts including Douglas Johnson are to be consulted to provide their expertise.

6. VIEWS OF NGOK COMMUNITY IN JUBA

On the 3rd of March 2022, the Committee listened to the leaders of Ngok Community in Juba who expressed the following views:

- 6.1 **Unanimously** thank and appreciate H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan for his timely intervention by appointing the Committee under the leadership of Vice President H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol.
- 6.2 **Condemn** the position advanced by Caucus of Twic Community in R-TNLA and believes to be part of genesis of the conflict in the area.
- 6.3 **Express** concerns over the impartiality of the Committee as it includes members from the fighting communities who are supposed to be investigated and request the Chair of the Committee to remove Hon. Charles Majak Aleer, Hon. Nyendeng Malek Deliech, Hon. Deng Alor Kuol and Hon. Asha Abbas Akuei from the Committee.

- 6.4 **Convey** disappointment for the use of the word "settlement" in the Republican Order when referring to Aneet.
- 6.5 **Request** a quick visit of the Committee to the area to calm and supervise the situation closely on the ground.
- 6.6 **Suggest** inclusion of members from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs for legal investigation of crimes committed.
- 6.7 **Further request** an urgent provision of humanitarian assistance for the victims affected by the clashes in both Twic and Ngok areas.
- 6.8 **Unanimously agree** to apply 1/1/1956 boundaries when addressing issues to do with the border demarcation of Abyei's southern boundaries.
- 6.9 **Propose** that chiefs from the neighboring communities such as Aweil and Gogrial be part of the consultations.

7. VIEWS OF TWIC COMMUNITY IN JUBA

On the 5th of March 2022, the Committee also listened to the leaders of Twic Community in Juba who expressed the following views:

- **7.1Commend** H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit the President of the Republic for acting promptly to form the high-level Committee under the able leadership of H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol, the Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan.
- **7.2 Call** for an immediate cessation of hostilities to give chance to the Committee to investigate the incident prudently.
- **7.3 Condemn** the Abyei Chief Administrator, Kuol Deim Kuol for igniting the conflict by declaring the survey of Aneet, which is undesired by the people of Twic.

- **7.4 Urge** the two communities to refrain from circulating hate speeches in the social media but rather focus on restoring harmony and tranquility in the area.
- **7.5 Express** concerns on the presence of the Abyei Independent Brigade, UNISFA and Abyei Special Administrative Area's offices at the Southern parts of the River Kiir.
- **7.6 Denounce** the clashes and call for the perpetrators from both sides to face justice to mitigate future conflicts.
- **7.7 Call upon** the government and humanitarian agencies to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the victims affected by the clashes in both Twic and Ngok areas.
- **7.8 Reaffirm** its support to the Committee and call for a joint statement to the media by the two communities of Twic and Ngok.

8. INTERVIEW WITH HON. DR. FRANCIS MADING DENG

On the 6th of March 2022 in Juba, Dr. Francis Mading Deng in his interview with the Committee welcomed and appreciated the formation of the Aneet Investigation Committee by H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit President of the Republic of South Sudan. He believes that this is proof to Ngok people that their government is concerned about their affairs.

In 2016, a reconciliation meeting was conducted between Hon. Bona Malwal Madut and the Abyei leaders including Deng Alor Kuol, in Abyei. During the process, a copy of the book by Bona Malwal was served to him. Dr. Francis asserted, "I found the book to be disturbing. Upon sharing the content of the book with my colleagues, we proceeded with the reconciliation meeting in spite of the reservations."

Dr. Francis continued, "after the reconciliation, Bona and I went to Khartoum and met with [Sudan's former President] Al-Bashir where Bona said something very frank in presence of Bashir: we have to implement the [2005 CPA] Comprehensive Peace Agreement - Abyei Protocol. So, Bona stood with the cause [of Abyei]."

He added "According to people, Bona has a hand in what is happening [clashes in Aneet] but in my opinion I think it is what he wrote in his book that has become part of the narrative."

He concluded that Bona Malwal persuaded the Twic community not to discuss border issues until the final status of Abyei was settled.

9. JOINT STATEMENT OF TWIC -NGOK LEADERS

On the 7th of March 2022 in Juba, the joint press statement was held with the aim of calming the tension on the ground. The statement reads:

We the leaders of Twic and Ngok in Juba are grateful to the President of the Republic of South Sudan, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit for taking concrete steps towards resolving intercommunal clashes in Aneet that erupted on the 10th of February 2022;

We particularly welcome and applaud the formation of the Investigation Committee under the leadership of H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol, the Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan;

We are conscious of the long historical and social ties between the two communities since immemorial time. Thus, we resolve the following:

9.1 Deplore the incident that took place in Aneet on 10th February, 2022. The incident is alarming since it is the first of its kind in the history of Twic and Ngok co-existence since 1947;

- **9.2 Call upon** the clashing communities to refrain from confronting each other and cease hostilities immediately and give chance to the Committee to investigate the incident;
- **9.3** Urge the government to increase the forces on the ground to stop further escalation and bloodshed;
- **9.4 Request** the Government and humanitarian agencies to provide an urgent humanitarian assistance to the victims of Aneet Clashes;
- **9.5 Join hands** with the Committee to expeditiously address the situation on the ground; and
- **9.6 Call upon on** the clashing Communities to refrain from derogatory sentiments on social media but rather focus on how peace and tranquility be restored in the area.

10. FIELD VISITS

The visit to the field formed part of the Committee's wider program of investigation into the clashes between Twic and Ngok communities. The Committee also visited UNISFA in Abyei.

The delegation had two specific aims in undertaking the visit to the field.

Firstly, to calm the situation by encouraging the two conflicting communities to cease hostilities and aggressions to allow the Committee to carry out its mandate which would lead to the establishment of new security measures.

Secondly, to address humanitarian situation on the ground.

Thirdly, to allow the members of the Committee to understand the situation on the ground.

10.1 Interview with Twic Commissioner, Hon. Deng Tong Goc

During the first interview on the 13th of March 2022, the Commissioner of Twic County Hon. Deng Tong Goc asserted that Anet is part of Twic County. He maintained that Ngok Dinka encroached into Twic area of Anet. The border between Ngok Dinka and Twic is north of Kiir River and not at the south of the river.

The commissioner acknowledged that he conducted meetings with the Twic National Members of Parliament and was duly selected to write to the Hon. Chief Administrator on behalf of the group. He wrote the letter on the 14th of December 2021 to communicate the position of Twic on the matter.

Prior to meeting with the Twic National Members of Parliament, he consulted with the First Vice-President in Juba and was advised not to solve the problem alone but to involve others.

On the 31st January 2021, Hon. Chief Administrator of Abyei, wrote to Hon. Governor of Warrap State, protesting the communication from the Hon. Commissioner of Twic County.

"On the 9th of February 2022, the land survey continued despite Twic protest. This provoked the youth to take the law into their own hands and on the 10th of February 2022, the youth from Ajak Kuach went to Agok and removed the survey equipment," he added. He further said "on the side of Twic, 62 people were killed, 22 injured and 183 are missing." He continued "Seven hundred and twenty-four shops (724 shops) made of local materials were burnt and thirty-four (34) concrete buildings were destroyed".

10.2 Interview with the Acting Payam Administrator of Turalei Mr. Joseph Deng Manyin

On the 13th of March 2022, the second interview heard the Acting Payam Administrator testify to the Committee that Agok is part of Ajak Kuach payam. He postulated that the Ngok community were allowed by Twic Community on the humanitarian ground for settlement and accommodation in 1998 during the Liberation War. He maintained that the intercommunal clashes that erupted on the 10th of February 2022 between Ngok and Twic of Ajak Kuach were caused by the decision of Hon. Chief Administrator of Abyei Special Administrative Area who proceeded with land survey despite objection from Twic.

The Payam Administrator recalled that he relied on the secondary information from his counterpart in Ajak Kuac Payam but did not go on the ground himself. As a result, the youth intervened and said this land should not be surveyed because it belongs to Ajak Kuach and not Ngok Dinka. The Ngok then temporary stopped their survey and went to prepare for a fight. "I was not there in person to witness these but this is what I heard from colleagues in Ajak Kuach" he added. He continued "I only heard through phone from my colleague in Ajak Kuach and I believe they are the ones better placed to give a clear narrative on what exactly happened in Agok between Ngok and Twic".

The acting payam administrator recommends that for the solution to be found and to ensure peace, Ngok should relocate to the north of Kiir River and vacate Agok to Twic who are the rightful owners. He emphasized that UNISFA is the cause of this conflict because of its support to Ngok Dinka. He further added "I am not aware of anyone involved in the fight with Ngok from the other payams other than Ajak Kuach."

10.3 Interview with Gen. Akuei Ajou Akuei, 3rd Division Infantry Commander

Similarly on the 13th March 2022, Gen. Akuei, while addressing the Committee stated that he arrived on the 13th of February 2022 to Rum Koor together with the Deputy Governor of Warrap State and met with the Chief of Abyei Special Administrative Area, Gen Mario Kuol Commander of the Abyei Independent Brigade, and Santino Chom, the Commander of Brigade 7 A. The group advised the chiefs and youth from both sides to de-escalate tension. He however, faced challenges trying to convince both sides to stop fighting as both sides presented their conditions. From Twic side, the conditions include withdrawal of Ngok community from south of River Kiir to north of River Kiir and on the side of Ngok, the demand include the call for Twic community to abandon the claim over Aneet and to recognize 1/1/1956 boundary between them (South Kordofan and Bhar el Ghazal). Also, the meeting conducted between military leaders, chiefs and youth from both sides failed to stop the violent conflict. Finally, Gen. Akuei, revealed that security forces (AIB, Brigade 7A and Abyei Community police, D.11) took sides.

10.4 Interview with Chief Jacob Madhel Lang Juuk (COTAL)

On 13th of March 2022, Chief Jacob Madhel, the head of the Council of Traditional Authority Leadership of Warrap, recalled the history of the region where Anyanya two (2) was operating in the Ngok area and Kiir River was a recognized borderline between Ngok and Twic. The road used to be located beyond Akur by Amuol Community. Akur was the place where traditional leaders, in particular chiefs conducted meetings between Kordofan and Bahr el Ghazal provinces.

According to Chief Jacob, the conflict between Misseriya and Dinka Ngok, chased the Ngok people from the north of River Kiir and moved to the south of the river. Ngok people were temporarily hosted south of River Kiir with the permission of Paramount Chief, Garang Nyuol Bol. Chief Jacob stressed that the real border between Ngok and Twic is at River Kiir.

10.5 Interview with Gen. Mario Kuol Monyluak Dak, the Commander of Abyei Independent Brigade (AIB)

On the 14th of March 2022, Gen. Mario chronologically revealed "On the 10th of Feb, I was in the northern part of Aneet and got a call that there were clashes in Madingjok-Thiang. Then Maj. Bagat Malual requested the army to be dispatch to the venue, but I instructed him not to move the forces. This was to prevent clashes between the attacking youth and the army."

"On the 11th of Feb, there were reports that some vehicles brought youth from Twic to Aneet market and started shooting in the air and thereafter, there were reports of 3 deaths (names: Angui Bol Chol, Kuol Alor Kuol and can't remember the third person) and 4 were injured." he added.

He continued, "On the 12th of Feb, there were rumors that Twic people working at MSF in Aneet wanted to be killed by Ngok youth, so, I dispatched a force to escort them to Majak-Kol. On the same day, some houses around MSF were burned by unknown culprits."

In addition, "On the 13th of Feb, Gen. Akuei arrived with authorities from Warrap at Wunkor. We held a meeting and immediately, an attack happened and about three quarters of Aneet market was burned down."

Further, he said, "On the 14th of Feb. we started deploying security forces to various locations bordering Twic to stop further clashes. These forces included the forces of Division 3, Brigade 7 B, AIB and Division 11."

On the 15th of Feb, Madingjok-Thiang was attacked by Twic youth.

He asserted further, "Twic youth raided at least 120 cattle at Malou/Akeec-Nhial/Akot Chok. The following youth took part in the attack (Riak Deng Riak, Manot Dhieu Riak)"

Finally, "on the 8th of March, a group torched down Anyiel village and I can't verify the number of households burned. Akur, Agech and Athor were burned down by Twic youth and two bodies were found."

In conclusion, he said, there were about 23 different attacks that were carried out from the 10th of February to 11th of March, 2022. He could not verify the report of deaths in Aneet and other areas because UNISFA could not allow them to enter Abyei Box.

10.6 Interview with Brig. Gen. Marko Mawien, the Police Commissioner for Twic County

On the 14th March 2022 Brig. Marko stated, "On the 9th, Feb. 2022, Twic people were arrested because they stopped the survey in Aneet. One person was killed by the name (Garang)." He added, "Fighting happened in Aneet and the surrounding villages. Yet, we don't have access to intervene since it was within Abyei Box under the jurisdiction of UNISFA." He further shared that only the body of one person was brought to Turalei but his family did not open the case nor any other complainants. He stressed that death cases regarding the conflict were equally not

brought to the police station for record purposes. According to the records, 34 people were injured however, they have not even taken their statements.

10.7 Interview with the Governor of Warrap State

On the 14th of March while sharing with the Committee, the Governor of Warrap State, Hon. Aleu Ayieny Aleu categorized the conflict into two aspects; political and administrative. He stated that Agok was established in 1991-1992 in response to humanitarian situation of the displaced Abyei people who were scattered in Gogrial, Twic and Tonj. He stressed that the conflict started on the 16th of May 2021 when Teeng Akoi a family from Kuac Anganya went to conduct rituals to honor his ancestors. Unfortunately, he was prevented from doing so and subsequently arrested by the commissioner of Rumamer County. The Governor pointed out that he reported to President Kiir about the rising border tension between Twic and Ngok three times. In response, President Kiir cautioned the governors during the governors' forum in November 2021 that the border demarcation was the prerogative of the national government.

The governor further pointed out that in 2021, Abyei Administrative Area initiated survey activities along the common borders of the two communities. These activities were perceived by the Twic community to be unilateral border demarcation. The sections of Ajak Kuac and Kuac Anganya strongly condemned the exercise and considered it provocative and an intrusion into their ancestral lands.

He recalled that on the 10th of February 2022, three young men among the youth were apprehended by Ngok youth and were badly assaulted for being part of the youth who vandalized Madingjok-Thiang. Two of whom were badly wounded and taken to Aneet MSF Hospital. The third escaped and misinformed his community

that two of his colleagues were killed by the Ngok youth. This report triggered an attack by Twic youth twice in the same day on the 10th February 2022 and several other skirmishes and arsons were carried out in Aneet Town.

He decried that the taxes from Aneet Market is only benefiting the Ngok community. Similarly, he stated that Twic community felt marginalized and not represented in the national government.

Not only that, the governor pointed out that hate speeches against each other by the two communities of Twic and Ngok on social media aggravated the situation in Aneet.

10.8 Focus Group Discussion with Chiefs of Twic

On the 15th of March 2022, the chiefs shared with the Committee that the border between Twic and Ngok people is Kiir River. When they drove cattle to River Kiir, they passed through Malek Dau, Rumamer, Malang and Mabok. Any attempt to cross without pass permit, you would be fined with one bull.

The two communities have not been living peacefully according to Twic chiefs for the following reasons:

- 10.8.1 When one seeks for employment opportunities, he/she would be forced to align himself/herself with one chiefdom of the nine Ngok-Dinka.
- 10.8.2 When one gets a job, he or she is further obliged to pay some amount to the chief who issued him/her residence certificate.
- 10.8.3 Once given a farming land in South of Kiir River to cultivate, one is forced to give half of the harvest to the authority of Rumamer County.

- 10.8.4 When a Twic person is arrested, the authorities in Aneet do not share information so that the authorities in Twic County could follow up the case.
- 10.8.5 Abyei Special Administrative Authorities executed several incidents of extrajudicial killings and looting of Twic residing in ASAA.
- 10.8.6 The decision to designate Agok as a Ngok displaced people administrative center, was a decision of the SPLA in Liet-Nhom. As a result, Agok became the Civil Authority of New Sudan (CANS) and humanitarian service delivery center for Ngok IDPs.

10.9 Interview with Brig. Gen. Santino Chom Ring Chom - Commander of Brigade 7 A of Division Three

On the 15th of March Brig. Gen. Santino Chom Ring, stated that the problem that ignited the conflict in Aneet was the survey of Madingjok-Thiang. He emphasized that he is not a soldier for Twic rather; he is a soldier for South Sudan, adding, "My role as the head of security is to protect civilians and to prevent violent conflict. We deployed forces to Maker-Benydit and other areas."

Among his forces, no one was killed, injured or arrested and has a total force of 434 personnel. They are deployed at Akot-tong, Bombil, Ajak Kuac, Mabek, Majok-non, Mayom Anoon and Majak-kol.

He informed the Committee that the arrests that were made include looters from Ngok and attackers from Twic who attacked the base.

10.10 Focus Group Discussion with Twic Women

On the 17th of March the Committee listened to the women who lamented, "Our fathers never fought each other. We never thought we would ever fight because we know one enemy and that is, Misseriya. Because of Misseriya, Ngok Dinka were pushed to the South." They also asserted that the fighting was triggered by land survey in Aneet. According to the women, Aneet belongs to Twic and anything regarding survey should have been done in consultation with the Community of Twic. They equally said UNISFA is fueling the conflict by supporting Ngok in their fight against Twic and hence they felt that UNISFA is not impartial.

10.11 Focus Group Discussion with Twic Youth

On the 18th of March 2022, the youth of Twic pointed out that the cause of the conflict was triggered by apprehension of three youth from Twic who removed survey pegs in Madingjok-Thiang.

The three youth were then assaulted by the county authorities of Rumamer. Two were badly wounded and taken to Aneet MSF Hospital. The third person escaped and informed the community about the incidence explaining that the two were beaten to death by the Rumamer authorities. This information prompted an attack by Twic youth on 10th, 12th and 13th of February 2022 that subsequently engulfed Aneet.

The youth continued to say, "Abyei Box is the cause of all this confusion and must be corrected to indicate the areas between Ngok and Twic". They complained that UNISFA is conniving with Ngok by illegally developing new maps to extend the Abyei map into the areas of Twic.

10.12 Interview with Hon. Bona Malwal Madut

On the 21st of March 2022, the Committee conducted an interview with Hon. Bona Malwal Madut where he stated, "Our borders are spiritual. We as Dinka know that, it is wrong for one to grab other people's land. You cannot claim a land that belongs to somebody. It means you are bringing a curse to yourself"

Hon. Bona Malwal emphasized that the issue of Abyei has become a security problem for South Sudan. He further suggested that the GoSS should sit down with GoS to resolve the problem of Abyei. "The problem is not in Aneet or Turalei, the problem is the government of Sudan and South Sudan to give the people of Abyei a chance to decide where to belong. Twic and Ngok are one community," he added.

He continued to say that not all conflicts should be resolved with the use of guns. Borders among people are not so strict. Abyei [Ngok people] and [people of] South Sudan are one, but as land, Abyei belongs to Sudan (Kordofan).

10.13 Key Interview with Hon. Lt. Gen. Kuol Deim Kuol

On the 24th of March Hon. Lt. Gen. Kuol informed the Committee that he did not believe what had happened recently on the 10th of February should be termed as fighting between Twic and Ngok; rather, it is a fighting instigated by some elements from eastern Twic.

The maps endorsed by the government of South Sudan are based on the 1/1/1956 boundary of Bahr-El-Ghazal and Kordofan. The Abyei Box was drawn by Hague Tribunal Arbitration of 2009. Therefore, Agok/Akur are part of Abyei area as it is in the said box.

21

According to the Hon. Lt. Gen Kuol, the root causes of the conflict are clear and include:

- 1. Incitement of community of Twic by some politicians in Juba. Highlighted in four letters
- 2. Poverty which has affected much of Northern Bahr el Ghazal sub region
- 3. Challenges of the command of the forces which led to looting of forces
- 4. Boundary dispute (It did not begin now. It started long time ago)

He stated that there were no attacks instigated by Ngok community against the Twic. He lamented that this is a war of shame – victory in such a war is not victory.

The conflict resulted in the following losses:

- I. Eighty-five people (85) were killed
- II. Seventy-one (71) Houses were burned in different places.
- III. Losses, two billion three hundred twenty-two million two hundred eighty-four thousand three hundred ten South Sudanese Pounds (SSP 2,322, 284, 310)
- IV. 10,000 households with an estimated population of fifty thousand people (50,000)

10.14 Key Informant Interview with Hon. Chol Pur Chol - Commissioner of Rumamer County

On the 25th of March, Hon. Chol appeared before the Committee where he began by giving a brief history and background of the area stating that Aneet is not the whole name of the area but rather a market under Agok Town.

In his opinion, the events that have led to the eruption of the conflict on the 10th February 2022 actually began to escalate from the 7th February. In these days leading up to the breaking point, many disturbances happened in Madingjok-Thiang. The road coming from Wau, vehicles used to be stopped, harassed, and looted. On the 22/11/2021, the government started opening roads until the time fighting broke out on the 10th of Feb. 2022. It was not the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure that issued the document to the citizens.

"Twic and Ngok living in Aneet have been living peaceful for centuries. There have been no clashes between the two communities. Since, I started to know things, I have never known of any conflict existing between the two communities." – Hon. Chol

10.15 Key Informant Interview with Paramount Chief Bulabek Deng Kuol

On the 25th of March 2022, the Paramount Chief shared with the Committee that, "Aneet belongs to Dil community. Dil is divided into four: Mareng, Agany, Payath, Pajok and Pabukjar clans are the owners of Aneet."

The relationship between the Ngok and Twic communities has always been smooth. They have always worked together in the issue of moving across the border, as non-Ngok Dinka always required a pass permits from Sultan Deng Majok to move their animals north of Abyei. Twic herders would make their stop near Nyin Deng Aluel by the river and Ngok would take it from there heading north and back south. They worked as partners and allies. The most recent example is during the conflict between Aguok and Apuk, most people from those communities were accommodated by the Ngok community.

The recent publications written by Bona and Francis that created tensions between the two communities in his opinion. He mentioned an encounter in 2019 at the conference for Twic dialogue with Hon. Bona Malwal where they interchanged words about the presence of Thiel Malual Awak in the north of Abyei, the response he received at the time is that the President of the Republic of South Sudan had not acted or responded. According to the Paramount Chief, this is worth mentioning because he speculates the events that have occurred since are connected to Twic.

The Paramount Chief insisted "from what I know, no sons of Ngok went to Twic to burn or attack their villages. What I know also is that, we are so related socially. Even if one kills one person from Twic, some family members will cry from Ngok, since they are related."

10.16 Interview with Acting Police Commissioner, Ring Mawien Nyikuach – Alei Section

On the 26th of March, the acting commissioner shared with the Committee that the conflict has resulted in a division within the police forces. When the conflict was reported to the police, it found that the acting commissioner was in Aneet, he recounted the events that two vehicles entered the market mounted with 12m artillery and subsequently three (3) people were killed. He affirmed that one truck is for Bol Ahol, a businessman.

Although he followed up with an investigation where he arrested some of the perpetrators, the escalation of the conflict provided an escape for them.

He also stated that on the 10th of February, the forces in Mayom were released and given bullets leaving Majak-Kol under the leadership of Chom Ring. The forces proceeded to Agok and began their attack from Madingjok-Thiang, Mabuny, Anet and Juoljok.

Community Protection Committee (CPC) evacuated Aneet town after the attack happened on the 10th of Feb. 2022. Only the forces of Rumkoor and armed youth remained to defend the town. He claims that the CPC stayed nearby but rather defended their own individual houses. Upon the deployment of Gen. Akuei's forces to Madingjok-Thiang and Maker Banydit two days after the fighting erupted, the situation is said to have improved within three days. Although many began returning home, the chief shared that the killings were taking place such as that of Major Abraham Mayot Chol who was killed on the 12th of Feb in Akur Riang.

Critically, the acting police commissioner questions Gen. Akuei Ajou for deploying his forces away from Madingjok-Thinag to Aweil to receive Gen. Deng. He judged that this move led to the attack that took place on the 5th of March 2022.

He asserted that the youth of Abyei were armed, and their intentions were to protect themselves from Misseriya, but in this event of being attacked they did not have a choice but to defend themselves. "We can't fold our hands as we are being killed," He declared. Furthermore, he asserted that Gen. Akuei led better in the first two days of the conflict only. The acting commissioner also expressed his belief that the former Minister of Interior, Hon. Aleu Ayieny Aleu while addressing people in Agok, had sided with Twic over the claim of Agok.

10.17 Focus Group Discussion with Chiefs of Ngok

On the 28th of March during the discussions, the chiefs stated that they were not aware of any past conflicts that reflect this caliber of violence between Twic and Ngok. They however recalled a series of incidents that contributed to the conflict:

10.17.1 In 2005 the differences started on the collection of revenues.

- Capt. Deng Manyuar, Magir Malual, Aguer and three others from Ngok were killed. The case was investigated by SPLA headquarters but remains unresolved.
- 10.17.2 In 2008 according to Sultan Bagat Makuach Abiem, Twic's chiefs were complaining that there was a map produced by Hon. Deng Alor Kuol and Hon. Dr. Luka Biong Deng, which encroaches the land to the Ngok Dinka.
- 10.17.3 In 2016 during the reign of CA Chol Deng Alak and Bona Panek Biar (who was the governor of Warrap State), a conference was organized in Ajak Kuac and attended by the Chiefs held in the house of Bol Ahol. In the said meeting, it was claimed that the Twic community raised the need for the Ngok to relocate to the north of River Kiir as they are residing in Twic areas. The commissioners informed the gathering that the issue of the border is the prerogative of President Kiir.
 - 10.17.4 In 2017 an illegal checkpoint was established in the areas bordering Aneet during the governorship of Kon Manyiel. At the checkpoint, people were taxed, harassed and threatened.
 - 10.17.5 Arop Atak who was arrested for the killing of two boys in 2018 (son and a nephew of Chief Akonon Ajuong Deng- Anyiel) in Tong Liel, was later set free without accountability.
 - 10.17.6 In 2019, Sultan Teeng Deng Teeng mobilized youth to remove the signposts and demolish the payam office [in Aneet].
 - 10.17.7 In May 2021 Sultan Teeng Deng Teeng came with some chiefs:
 Mayen Kur Mayen, Deng Kol Ajal, Ring Wol Chan, Yak Aguek and slaughtered a bull in Madingjok-Thiang in the house of Deng Changath and claimed that area belonged to them. The commissioner

- of Rumamer arrested Sultan Teeng Deng Teeng for wanting to slaughter another bull in Aneet. As a result, the violence erupted and subsequently some youth raped a number of women from both sides, and no arrests were made.
- 10.17.8 On the 9th of February 2022, Twic chiefs and youth entered Madingjok-Thiang, they started to beat people and arbitrarily arrested them;
- 10.17.9 On the 10th of February 2022, two cars entered Aneet market with one vehicle mounted with 12.7 artillery and shot at people in the market. Four people were killed and three were injured. The elders claimed that one of the cars belonged to a businessman Bol Ahol Ngor;
- 10.17.10 On the 11th of February 2022, an attack reported in Majak-Kol claimed to have been led by forces from Mayom Anyuon who gathered and slaughtered two bulls. They came with four vehicles at night in four directions: Mabuny, Juoljok, Ajak-Thany and one car was directed to Rumkoor in case of any reinforcement from there. They attacked people, burned houses, looted and abducted children from Wun-Anyall in Mabuny and many were killed. These events have been recorded by UNISFA according to the elders;
- 10.17.11 On the 12th of February 2022, Aneet market was burned;
- 10.17.12 On the 16th of February 2022, Abraham Mayot was killed in Gokyik
- 10.17.13 On the 17th of February 2022, a civilian by the name, Mayen Mijak was killed in Gungpen;
- 10.17.14 On the 22nd of February 2022, a number of cattle and goats/sheep were raided in Akottok, Abathok and a child was killed;

10.17.15 On the 5th of March 2022, the same forces attacked people in Wuncuei east of Aneet. They shot people and burned houses. On the same day, Agok was attacked and the incident spread to Administrative Center in Agok.

The Chiefs reiterated that the people of Abyei have no problem with Twic people. However, they cannot return to their places until the government provides protection. They added that they advocate for peaceful coexistence with their neighbors.

10.18 Focus Group Discussion with Ngok Women

On the 29th of March while addressing the Committee, the women regretted the inclusion of the Members of the National Parliament representing both clashing communities in the Committee: Hon. Nyandeng Malek Deliech and Hon. Charles Majak Aleer on Twic side, and Hon. Deng Alor Kuol and Hon. Asha Abbas Akuei on Ngok side. They believed that nobody would listen to them during the investigation and would not be neutral.

They further observed that politicians from Twic were the clear suspects in the conflict through their letters written to the Chief Administrator.

"Aneet is like a bridge for all the tribes of South Sudan, because any area in South Sudan belongs to South Sudanese we should own it all and develop it," argued the women.

10.19 Focus Group Discussion with Ngok Youth

On the 31st of March as shared by the Ngok youth, the conflict did not just erupt out of nowhere. They believed that the acts of discrimination started in 2007 where four

(4) people from Ngok and one from Twic were killed at the police station in Aneet. The criminals claimed to be from Majak-Kol and Nyin Deng Ayuel. On the same note, two young men from Ngok were killed.

The youth collectively listed series of events that they believed to have changed the relationship between the communities in a negative way. the events include, the letters from the national members of parliament, county commissioner of Twic and the book written by Hon. Bona Malwal entitled "Abyei of Nine Ngok Dinka, not yet South Sudan".

They further charged that Garang Mabil on the 29th March 2022, mobilized Twic youth in Akoc-Thon leading to the burning of houses and breaking of shops in Aneet.

The youth testified that the land south of River Kiir belongs to their ancestors. They reiterated that they are for peace.

11. SITE VISIT TO IDP CAMPS

The Committee visited the IDPs Camps in Nyin Deng Ayuel, Mayen Abun and Majak Aher in Twic County.

The Committee witnessed multitude of displaced persons sheltering in the hot Sun under the trees without basic human needs.

According to local authorities in Twic County, there are over 121,000 IDPs in the Camps. Their conditions were dire and catastrophic. They urgently need intervention from the Government and NGOs to provide the basic services.

In his statement in one of the above camps, H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol, the Chair of the Committee called on the humanitarian agencies and neighboring states' governors to urgently rescue the situation.

In response to this call by the Chair of the Committee, Hon. Dr. Joseph Monytuil Wejang Governor of Unity State and Hon. Tong Akeen Ngor, Governor of Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal State immediately responded and provided food assistance to the displaced.

The committee appeals to the National Government of South Sudan and the International Humanitarian Agencies to act promptly and avert the situation by providing more assistance.

12. SITE VISIT TO AFFECTED AREAS IN ASAA

The Committee visited Aneet and Juol-Jok markets, which were burnt down to ashes during the clashes.

The Committee also visited other affected areas in Agok town, which include Mading-jokthiang, Mabuny-South, Ajak-Thony, Akech-Nhial and Malual Aleu. The Committee also visited Majak-Kol and Rum-Koor barracks.

Further, the Committee visited UNISFA and held meetings in its premises in Abyei Town. It also visited the tombs of the late Ngok Paramount Chief Deng Kuol Arop (Deng Majok) and Gen. Chol Ayuak, an SPLA war veteran.



Credit: to the Committee's Secretariat March 2022

The picture shows SSPDF during the briefing by the Committee in Rum-Koor











Credit: Committee's Secretariat March 2022 Pictures taken in Nyin Deng Ayuel, Mayen Abun and Majak Aher IDPs Camps







Credit: Committee's Secretariat March 2022 Pictures taken in Aneet Market



Credit: Committee's Secretariat March 2022 Group photo of the parties after signing the CoHA in Aweil-NBGs



Credit: Committee's Secretariat March 2022 Group photo of Twic Chiefs in Turalei



Credit: Committee's Secretariat March 2022 Group photo of Ngok Chiefs in Abyei Town



Credit: Committee's Secretariat March 2022

Picture showing Paramount Chief of Ngok Bulabek Kuol Deng (L) and Ag. Paramount Chief of Twic Deng Mayen Deng (R) signing CoHA in Aweil-NBGs.



Credit: Committee's Secretariat March 2022

Hon. Aleu Ayieny Aleu, Governor of Warrap State (R) and Hon. Kuol Deim Kuol, Chief Administrator of ASAA (L) signing CoHA in Aweil-NBGs.



Credit: Committee's Secretariat March 2022

H.E. Hussein Abdelbagi Akol, Vice-President of the Republic and Chairperson of the Aneet Inter-Communal Investigation Committee signing CoHA as a Guarantor in Aweil-NBGs

1. Republican Order No.2022/5



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN The President

RSS/RO/J/05/2022

24th February 2022

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (RSS):

Republican Order No.05/2022 for the Formation of Investigation Committee to Investigate into the Inter-Communal Clashes that broke out on 10th February 2022 in Anet Settlement, 2022 A.D.

1. <u>TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:</u>

This Order shall be cited as "Republican Order No.05/2022 for the Formation of Investigation Committee to Investigate into the Inter-Communal Clashes that broke out on 10th February 2022 in Anet Settlement, 2022 A.D." and shall come into force on the date of its signature by the President of the Republic.

2. THE ORDER:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Article 106A(2)(c) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011, (as amended) read together with Section 5 (1) of the Investigation Committees Act, 2006, I, Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, do hereby issue this Republican Order for the Formation of Investigation Committee to Investigate into the Inter-Communal Clashes that

broke out on 10th February 2022 in Anet Settlement comprising of Members as hereunder:

S/N	Name in Full	Position
1.	H.E. Hussein Abdelbaggi Akol, Vice President in Charge of Services Delivery Cluster	Chairperson
2.	Hon. Joseph Monytuil Wejang, Governor, Unity State	Member
3.	Hon. Dr. Dhieu Mathok Diing, Minister of Investment	Secretary
4.	Hon. Deng Alor Kuol, Minister of East African Community Affairs	Member
5.	Gen. Majak Akec Malok, Inspector General of Police	Member
6.	Gen. Akol Koor Kuc, Director General, Internal Security Bureau, NSS	Member
7.	Lt. Gen. Marshal Stephen Babanen, Director for Military Intelligence, SSPDF	Member
8.	Hon. Nyandeng Malek, Member, TNLA	Member
9.	Hon. Asha Abbas, Member, TNLA	Member
10.	Hon. Mel Wal Acien, Member, TNLA	Member
11.	Hon. Charles Majok Aleer	Member

3. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE:

- (1) The Terms of Reference for the Committee shall be as hereunder:
 - a) to investigate the cause of the deadly inter-Communal clashes that broke out on 10th February 2022 in Anet Settlement; and
 - b) to come up with measures to deter the occurrence of such incidences in the future.
- (2) The Committee may, where it deems necessary co-opt any relevant Member or Members.

(3) The Committee shall submit its findings and Recommendations to the President of the Republic within twenty-one (21) working days from the date of issuance of this Order.

Issued under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Sudan in Juba, this Twenty-Fourth Day of the Month of February in the Year 2022.

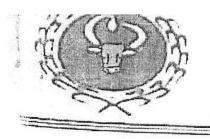
Salva Kiir Mayardit,

President,

Republic of South Sudan,

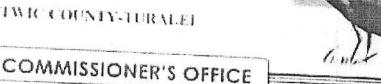
Juba.

2. Letter of the Commissioner of Twic County to Chief Administrator of ASAA



or occurrantalian

WARRAP STATE-KUAJOK



14/12/2021

REF: RSS/AVSK/TC/CO/50.A.1

Hon. Kuol Deim Kuol Chief Administrator Abyei Special Administrative Area Abyei, Republic of South Sudan

SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE CEASATION OF SURVEY AND DEMARCATION IN A ATHOONY AND MAJAK DENG MUON AREAS OF TWIC COUNTY-WARRAP STATE

Hon. Chief Administrator.

Reference is hereby made with the above mentioned subject that the Authority of Twic County of Warrap State is dismayed and saddened and eventually compelled to bring into your attention the illegal survey and demarcation recently launched by your authorities at Athnony, Majak Deng Minon, Ancet and others. These steps or actions are provocative against Twic County security and Warrap State at large. We are aware that Agok was given to the Dinka Ngok Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and were placed by Late Gen. James Vol Kuol Bol in 2002-2003 at presence of the then Governor of Bahr El Ghazal Mr. Deng Alor Kuol This was meant to give services to displaced persons during the war with the Sudan. Now putting up administrative units at the places mentioned above followed by the survey going on now gravely contravene the spirit of cooperation and sheltering of the Internally Displaced Persons from Ngok Community

Given these serious contraventions on the Twic County Lands, our administration at Turafel have decided to make the following:

1. To instruct your administration and survey in the areas mentioned above to immediately stop and relocate to Abyei Headquarters North of River Kiir.

Commissioner Office 1 5 DEC 2021

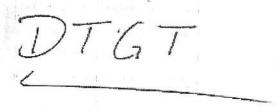
Page 1 of 4

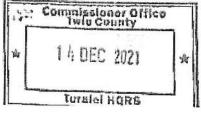
--- relocate the UNISFA from South of River Kiir to North

3. All ordinary Ngok citizens who are residing in the areas mentioned above are free to choose to go to Abyei Headquarters or stay in the present places under the protection of Twic County-

Twic County Administration and its people still remain committed to peaceful resolution of the likely conflict and coexistence with its neighbouring communities. However, the current survey and installation of checkpoint in Atheony indicated a great danger of the insecurity and for the sake of the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS), the County Administration remain committed to it and furthermore, direct your Administration in order to instruct sub-Administrations of the rural councils of Agok, Athoony, Majak Deng Muon and others to observe and implement the followings:

- I Immediately cease survey activities in Agak, Aneet, Juofjok, Majak Deng Muon, Mahuny and many other areas which are not mentioned herein and fall South of Kiir River solely under Twic County territory and this is in accordance with border between South Sudan and Sudan map in the first of January 1956.
- 2. Urgently dismuntle unofficial checkpoint in Athonny Hama of Turalei Payam-Twic County because the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan does not allow your administration (s) to establish checkpoint (s) in lands which belong to other sovereign Country or County. See article 1 12/a /b /of South Sudan Transitional Constitution 2011 as amended
- 3. We are here by asking your administration to recommit to recognition of the original border between two provinces namely. Bahr El Ghazal and Kordofan as it stood on First January, 1956. which is known regionally and internationally and you are part of that recognition despite all these malicious activities in your watch.
- 4. Direct your administration to disregard the community map called Abyei Box that favors only Abyei at all cost and we termed it as a map intentionally designed to include or grab Twic lands and annexed them to Abyel Special Administrative Area to possibly compensate Abyel lands which were surrendered to Messyris in Western Kardafan of Sudan by Ngok Dinka.
- S. Advise your administration to direct the United Nations Interim Security Force in Abyel (UNISFA) to adhere and commit to their initial mandates and forget this incursion South of Kiir'





Page 2 of 4

2 You are directed as far as this document is concern to impose immediate relocation of three rural council administrative units illegally operating South of Klir River as their existence frequently pose greatest instability every now and then

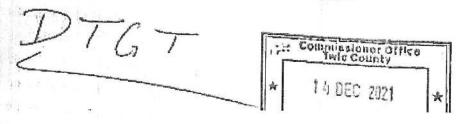
Normal civilians or citizens of Dinka Ngak Nine Chiefiloms who may intend to continue stay at the areas of Twic County seeking for greener pastures South of Kiir River are deemed to have domestic and international rights of residency in our lands and Twic County Authority is fully committed and capable to protect and provide adequate security upon their stay in our lands until such times suitable for their return to places of their origin. It is our full mandate as government of Twie County

Twic County Authority has been longing for all peaceful means to resolve all forms of contentions between Twic County and Abyei Special Administrative Area and your administration has been paying deaf cars to this matter and therefore, any failure to comply with these points, know henceforth that Abyei Special Administrative Area would have contributed and equally will bear ninety nine percent (99%) responsibility of the consequences of these encroachments into Twic County lands without permission, the laws of Republic of South Sudan term those practices as trespasses and serious offences which are punishable by law

It is crystal clear in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) particularly the Abyei Protocol in Naivasha Agreement where the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) position on the status quo of Abyel and its boundaries of January First, 1956 will not and cannot under any circumstances be subjected to any changes or alterations

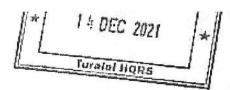
Hon. Chief Administrator, people of Twic County have really suffered tremendous harassments. tonuring, various forms of inhumane and constant fear from Administration of Abyei and for that matter, Twie County Authority feels necessary to forward this into your attention and therefore, we appeal to your authority to stop survey activities immediately and relocate your administrative "rits to Abyei Headquarters without delay, the copies of this letter will be served to all relevant

Please accept the assurance of my highest regards and thanks.



Commissioner

Twic County-Turalel



Copies to:

- 1. H.E President of the Republic of South Sudan
- 1. H.E First Vice President of the Republic
- Their Excellencies Four Vice Presidents of the Republic
- 4 H.E Presidential Advisor on National Security Affairs-Hend of Abyei Joint Oversight Committee
- 5. Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- 5. Hon, Minister of National Security in the Office of the President
- 7. Hon. Minister of Interior
- Hon Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
- 4. Hon. National Minister, Ministry of Peace building
- Jon Minister of Federal Affairs
- 1. Hon. National Minister of Housing and Land
- 2. Rt. Hon. Speaker of Reconstituted Transitional National Legislative Assembly
- 1. Rt. Hon. Speaker for Council of States
- ! All Hon Members of two Houses-Twic County
- Hon, Governor of Warrap State
- · Hon. Chairman, the Local Government Board
 - Rt. Hon. Speaker of Reconstituted Warrap State Legislative Assembly-Warrap State
- Hon. Minister, State Ministry of Local Government and Law Enforcement Agencies-Warrap

Hon Minister, State Ministry of Peace Building and Social Cohesion-Warrap State

U. J Nations-Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

United Nations Interim Security Forces in Abyei (UNISFA)

Twic County Worldwide Community Leader

File

3. Letter of CA-ASAA to Governor of Warrap State



Republic of South Sudan

The Presidency

Abyei Special Administrative Area

Chief Administrator's Office



Date: 31st January, 2022

Ref: RSS/ASAA/C.A.O/L/03/2022

To: Hon. Lt. Gen. Aleu Ayieny Aleu,
Governor of Warrap State;
Kuajok.

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Letter of Protest

I am writing in protest to Hon. Eng. Deng Goch Tong, the Commissioner of Twic County, letter No. RSS/WSK/CO/50.A.I dated 14/12/2021, attached below, addressed to the Abyei Area Chief Administrator, in which he intensively used strange, non-institutional and unjustified harsh language, without respect to my leadership position or even the historical ties that have been linking the two communities' leadership and the grassroot levels throughout our history.

This letter has raised multiple concerns in contravention of all official correspondence exigencies known in every institution, a reason which necessitates reacting to it in a way or another and I found the best option is writing to you and not responding to him. I would like therefore to highlight the following:

- (1) It would have been procedural and advisable that such a letter to come directly from Warrap State Governor and not from him.
- (2) Such contentious issues like the ones the Commissioner raised Hon. Governor, are normally discussed face-to-face by the leadership to avoid possible inconveniences in the interest of the stakeholders concerned and not in the way these issues were raised.

Hon. Governor:

The points that were raised by the Commissioner should not be left without reaction, therefore, I would like to briefly react as follows:

(1) He talks about Agok, Athony and a place he named Mijak Deng Muon illegal survey by saying "I instruct your administration to immediately stop and relocate to Abyei HQs north of River Kiir". This is what I called strange, non-institutional and unjustified harsh language from a constitutional post holder, who is supposed to be well informed and knowledgeable about government hierarchy system.

- (2) The Commissioner also added Hon. Governor that, Agok Town became a IDPs center in 2002 2003 when late Gen. James Yol Kuol, hosted the Ngok Dinka IDPs over there, and this to me is just a corrupted history, because the SPLM/SPLA history defeats his claim as we all know that Agok was named as Abyei County Headquarters in June 1994, during the SPLM First National Convention held in Chukudum.
- (3) As you are aware Hon. Governor, the States' boundaries disputes, were the most contentious issues reported by Hon. Governors in the 5th Governors' Forum, being the root causes of the inter and intra communal conflicts and the Forum recommends in its recommendation No. (9) which says "the Council of States to actively resolve inter and intra- states boundary' conflicts and between states and administrative areas", therefore it is advisable that all of us should adhere to this recommendation in letter and spirit.
- (4) The Commissioner has instructed me to immediately relocate UNISFA from south of River Kiir northward, and my reaction to this point is that, UNISFA is in the area as per (SOFA) the Status of Forces Agreement between the Republic of South Sudan and UN. This point looks odd and unreasonable..!!.
- (5) Six (6) Ngok Dinka Chiefdoms in three (3) counties, have their presence south of River Kiir namely: Dhiil, Manyuar, Mareng, Anyiel, Achueng and Abior since time immemorial in Rum-Amer, Mijak and Alal Counties, these indigenous communities are asked to remain in their homelands under Twic County protection or choose to go to Abyei North of River Kiir Hon. Governor by the Commissioner. This is a very strange request of its kind to dictate on the rightful owners of a certain land to remain under your protection or face the consequences by chasing them out of their home areas.
- (6) Abyei Area borders had been internationally well defined by The Hague Arbitration and all the areas the Commissioner indicated in his letter fall within Abyei Box, therefore are not contested area; and if he has a different view, then it is advisable for him to compile and present his new historical documents and evidences to the Council of States for settlement.
- (7) The Abyei Box map is internationally agreed upon and recognized by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, and H.E. the President of the Republic of South Sudan, used it as a reference for the Establishment Order of Abyei Special Administrative Area in February 2015, and Rum-Amer, Mijak and Alal Counties were therefore established Legally.
- (8) The Commissioner also advised me Hon. Governor to order UNISFA Mission to adhere to its initial mandate and relinquish the current incursion south of River Kiir and as you know Hon. Governor, this is solely within H.E the President prerogative or Ministry of Foreign Affairs and not within my capacity for sure.
- (9) The Commissioner language and behavior pose a clear threat of violence in Abyei Area, therefore he is to be held responsible should anything of this kind occurred.(10) He is calling on us to observe Abyei Protocol, a task which we are practically doing on the ground by virtue of our responsibilities.

Hon. Governor;

In conclusion, at different stages some honest leaders have exerted efforts to reduce the emerging and sporadic tensions, while others insist on the intrusion of their personal agenda on our two communities' relations and these elements are mainly government officials and political leaders. The populace are innocent.

Ngok and Twic Communities are one people in two State, who are peacefully living together in their respective home areas and villages, therefore fostering the spirit of peaceful coexistence, repudiating all forms of frictions, antagonism and such unnecessary skirmishes on the boundaries issues, can be settled by the Council of States.

As the two communities' leadership, our priority is to propose effective crisis management mechanisms to all contentious issues as well as ensuring peaceful solutions and not widening cleavages between our communities.

The Commissioner labeled numerous unsubstantiated accusations against the Abyei Area Administration which is not advisable and the tone of threat and harsh language he used in his letter, is paradoxically not compatible with the peace call in his conclusion, therefore he should be disciplined to put to an end such a blatant transgression.

Please, Honorable Governor, accept the assurances of my highest consideration and Regards.

Thanks

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:-

Hon. Lt. Gen. Kuol Deim Kuol,

Chief Administrator,

Abyei Special Administrative Area,

Abyei Town.

Cc: H.E. President of the Republic of South Sudan

Cc: Director General of National Security Services- ISB

Cc: Abyei File Office

Cc. File



THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

WARRAP STATE-KUAJOK TWIC COUNTY-TURALEI



14/12/2021

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

REF: RSS/WSK/TC/CO/50.A.1

Hon. Kuol Deim Kuol
Chief Administrator
Abyei Special Administrative Area
Abyei, Republic of South Sudan

SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE CEASATION OF SURVEY AND DEMARCATION IN ANEET, ATHOONY AND MAJAK DENG MUON AREAS OF TWIC COUNTY-WARRAP STATE

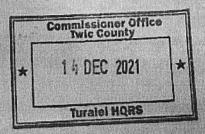
Hon. Chief Administrator,

Reference is hereby made with the above mentioned subject that the Authority of Twic County of Warrap State is dismayed and saddened and eventually compelled to bring into your attention the illegal survey and demarcation recently launched by your authorities at Athoony, Majak Deng Muon, Anect and others. These steps or actions are provocative against Twic County security and Warrap State at large. We are aware that Agok was given to the Dinka Ngok Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and were placed by Late Gen. James Yol Kuol Bol in 2002-2003 at presence of the then Governor of Bahr El Ghazal Mr. Deng Alor Kuol. This was meant to give services to displaced persons during the war with the Sudan. Now putting up administrative units at the places mentioned above followed by the survey going on now gravely contravene the spirit of cooperation and sheltering of the Internally Displaced Persons from Ngok Community.

Given these serious contraventions on the Twic County Lands, our administration at Turalei have decided to make the following:

 To instruct your administration and survey in the areas mentioned above to immediately stop and relocate to Abyei Headquarters North of River Kiir.

GT

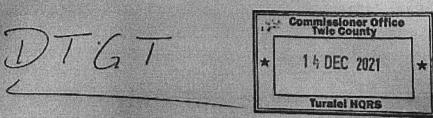


Page 1 of 4

- 2. Immediately relocate the UNISFA from South of River Kiir to North.
- All ordinary Ngok citizens who are residing in the areas mentioned above are free to choose to go to Abyei Headquarters or stay in the present places under the protection of Twic County-Turalei.

Twic County Administration and its people still remain committed to peaceful resolution of the likely conflict and coexistence with its neighbouring communities. However, the current survey and installation of checkpoint in Atheony indicated a great danger of the insecurity and for the sake of the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS), the County Administration remain committed to it and furthermore, direct your Administration in order to instruct sub-Administrations of the rural councils of Agok, Athoony, Majak Deng Muon and others to observe and implement the followings:

- Immediately cease survey activities in Agok, Aneet, Juoljok, Majak Deng Muon, Mabuny and many other areas which are not mentioned herein and fall South of Kiir River solely under Twic County territory and this is in accordance with border between South Sudan and Sudan map in the first of January 1956.
- 2. Urgently dismantle unofficial checkpoint in Athony Boma of Turalei Payam-Twic County because the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan does not allow your administration (s) to establish checkpoint (s) in lands which belong to other sovereign Country or County See article 1 /2/a /b /of South Sudan Transitional Constitution 2011 as amended.
- 3 We are here by asking your administration to recommit to recognition of the original border between two provinces namely: Bahr El Ghazal and Kordofan as it stood on First January, 1956 which is known regionally and internationally and you are part of that recognition despite all these malicious activities in your watch.
- 4. Direct your administration to disregard the community map called Abyei Box that favors only Abyei at all cost and we termed it as a map intentionally designed to include or grab Twic lands and annexed them to Abyei Special Administrative Area to possibly compensate Abyei lands which were surrendered to Messyria in Western Kordofan of Sudan by Ngok Dinka
- Advise your administration to direct the United Nations Interim Security Force in Abyei (UNISFA) to adhere and commit to their initial mandates and forget this incursion South of Kiir River.

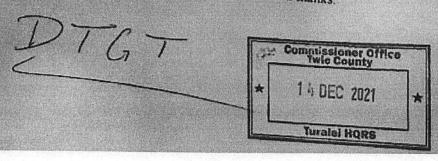


Page 2 of 4

- 6. You are directed as far as this document is concern to impose immediate relocation of three rural council administrative units illegally operating South of Kiir River as their existence frequently pose greatest instability every now and then
- 7. Normal civilians or citizens of Dinka Ngok Nine Chiefdoms who may intend to continue stay at the areas of Twic County seeking for greener pastures South of Kiir River are deemed to have domestic and international rights of residency in our lands and Twic County Authority is fully committed and capable to protect and provide adequate security upon their stay in our lands until such times suitable for their return to places of their origin. It is our full mandate as government of Twic County.
- 8. Twic County Authority has been longing for all peaceful means to resolve all forms of contentions between Twic County and Abyei Special Administrative Area and your administration has been paying deaf ears to this matter and therefore, any failure to comply with these points, know henceforth that Abyei Special Administrative Area would have contributed and equally will bear ninety nine percent (99%) responsibility of the consequences of these encroachments into Twic County lands without permission, the laws of Republic of South Sudan term those practices as trespasses and serious offences which are punishable by law.
- 9 It is crystal clear in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) particularly the Abyei Protocol in Naivasha Agreement where the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) position on the status quo of Abyei and its boundaries of January First, 1956 will not and cannot under any circumstances be subjected to any changes or alterations whatsoever the case.

Hon. Chief Administrator, people of Twic County have really suffered tremendous harassments, torturing, various forms of inhumane and constant fear from Administration of Abyei and for that matter, Twic County Authority feels necessary to forward this into your attention and therefore, we appeal to your authority to stop survey activities immediately and relocate your administrative units to Abyei Headquarters without delay, the copies of this letter will be served to all relevant authorities for peaceful resolution.

Please accept the assurance of my highest regards and thanks.



1 4 DEC 2021 Eng. Deng Tong Goch Tong Turalei HQRS Commissioner Twic County-Turalei

Copies to:

- 1. H.E President of the Republic of South Sudan
- 2. H.E First Vice President of the Republic
- 3. Their Excellencies Four Vice Presidents of the Republic
- 4. H.E Presidential Advisor on National Security Affairs-Head of Abyei Joint Oversight Committee
- 5 Hon Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- 6 Hon Minister of National Security in the Office of the President
- 7. Hon. Minister of Interior
- 8. Hon Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
- 9. Hon National Minister, Ministry of Peace building
- 10. Hon. Minister of Federal Affairs
- 11 Hon National Minister of Housing and Land
- 12. Rt. Hon. Speaker of Reconstituted Transitional National Legislative Assembly
- 13 Rt Hon Speaker for Council of States
- 14. All Hon. Members of two Houses-Twic County
- 15. Hon Governor of Warrap State
- 16. Hon. Chairman, the Local Government Board
- 17 Rt. Hon. Speaker of Reconstituted Warrap State Legislative Assembly-Warrap State
- 18. Hon. Minister, State Ministry of Local Government and Law Enforcement Agencies-Warrap
- 19. Hon. Minister, State Ministry of Peace Building and Social Cohesion-Warrap State
- 20. United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
- 21. United Nations Interim Security Forces in Abyei (UNISFA)
- 22 Twic County Worldwide Community Leader
- 23. File

4. Letters of Twic Caucus in R-TNLA

Annex 7

Transitional National Legislature _ Juba

Date: 3rd/Feb/2022

Hon . Lt. Gen. Koul Diem Koul. Chief Administrator, Abyei Special Administrative Area, Abyei.

Subject : <u>Great Concern Over Continuous Abyei force occupation of Twic lands in Warrap state of former Bahr Al Gazal Province.</u>

We the undersigned persons are members of Transitional National legislature, who are very much concerned over continuous force occupation of Twic lands before and currently under your administrative management.

So many Twic citizens and other citizens from greater Gogrial died in the occupied areas of Twic County alloted Agok place as a camp for Ngok Dinka IDPs, now forcely occupied by Abyei Administration in form of civil administration and security forces.

The borders you claimed as coming from Hague are strange and not known to Warrap, and Twic people who are the actual owners of the lands.

What we know is the dispute between Abyei and messieryia of Muglad over latitude 13 degree border within former Kordufan that took them to Hague for arbitration together with unfortunate case of Panthou of Ruweng of former Unity State from former Upper Nile Province that finally got lost to former Kordufan of Sudan in Hague arbitration in total absence of the real owners of the land, that is the current Adminitrative Area of Ruweng. This is not going to happen to Twic land whose people defended this dear land by sacrificing their lives through many generations to secure this very land for their children to live in confortably together with their brothers and sisters of South Sudan.

Twic County is not a party to the Abyei arbitration because they were not there in Hague Court of Arbitration.

Abyei is part of former Kordufan province now known as Southern Kordofan province and any talks of borders between South Sudan and Sudan are governed by borders of 1st January 1956

of nine provinces when Sudan took independence to which Abyei was being administered in Southern Kordofan province. Your reference to Governors' conference for setItlement can be acceptable as a go in between factor for this case because the current dispute between Warrap state or Twic County are fasIsely shown as Sudan lands in Southern Kordufan for which you are the prime instruments to acquire Twic lands using borders of former Southern Kordufan mapping to include Twic lands inside the borders on 1st January 1956 before Abyei arbitration is settled to promote the validity of these lands as belonging to Abyei of former Kordufan province that borders former Bahr El Ghazal Province as they stood on 1st January 1956 Independence.It is a crafty game that will never see a finished house.

We are following all those crafty make ups of mechanical borders buildings under secret discussions to annex Twic lands to the so called Abyei Box. Therefore the Council of State cannot settle this issue in the asbsence of 1st January 1956 borders with Sudan. This is our prime document never to be ignored by any body who has people of South Sudan at heart to do wrong decision that would make South Sudanese to engage in conflict over a clear case favouring former Bahr El Ghazal Province that is Twic County. Anything short of this would not be acceptable as it happened to people of Ruweng. Our borders with former Kordufan province to which you are attached, are governed by Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) that adopted and agreed to the 1st January 1956 for borders settlement between Sudan and South Sudan without excluding Abyei as you appear to project or believe.

The issue of Abyei Box is your own drawn up maps with friendly NGOs we know. Such self drawn up maps as remarked by H. E the President of the Republic in the Governors' conference that such maps drawn by NGOs, are not officially recognized by South Sudan government because they have not passed through any legal channels of the government like Parliament, Executive so that they become legal instruments gazetted and consequently be recognized internationally. In the absence of these processes your claim of international recognition is self proclaim recognition and have nowhere to be honored for application due to lack of legal ground.

Your recent attempt to encroach into Aweil lands using UNISFA tool was repulsed with great force by the citizens there because you were a stranger that have no borders with Aweil but you were trying to make expansion of your new empire into the lands of others after you lost your lands to the friendly neighbours in former Kordufan Province.

It is Twic County that has borders with Aweil due to long historical ties between the two communities during the wars of Turkco Egyptian Sudan and the Mahdia. Ngok Dinka people

were not party to those wars but living peacefully together with Arabs of Messeiryia and the Nuba. This is history we all know in greater Gogrial, Ruweng, Northern Sudan and Chieftaincy of the nine Ngok Dinka sections.

UNISFA presence south of River Kiir is totally illegal and we advise you to relocate them north of River Kiir together with the administration to avoid any conflict to the disadvantage of the two communities. We always said in some of the letters we wrote that those Ngok Dinka who are still feeling insecure to go to the North of River Kiir can remain under administration of Twic county in the camp of Agok; but nobody from you is ready to talk. All our appeals have at all times fallen into deaf ears of powerful Abyei elites.

Hon. chief, the best way of coming out when you are seriously entangled into a problem is to take courageous stand to tell the truth. Our people have suffered very much in the hands of your authorities before you came in and now as we talk about humiliation of our people in their own lands under Abyei force occupation without just cause. You will be embarrassed when these stories of killings, mistreatments and wrong detentions by your authorities inside Twic lands by Abyei Administrators, are unveiled for possible case litigations.

Those maps which you Ngok elites drew inside Twic lands will not see light because they are crafty and baseless. When Akonoon of Mareeng section agreed with Jok to prepare the present structure of Ngok Dinka settlements along north of the River Kiir as a base facing settlement towards the north; the two agreed that Jok of Padhieu and leader of Abior section go together with his sections or clans to the western side facing Keregi or Kerega to the north. While Akonoon of Dhiendior or Mareeng section together with his other sections like Diil go to eastern side along north of River Kiir facing Nuba mountains to the north and Ruweng to the east. The rest of Ngok Dinka sections were settled between the two leaders except Bongo that was left in the extreme north at their original settlement. The rest of the sections settled in between the two leaders strutures to the west and east that borders Ruweng to the east along north of River Kiir and Twic South of River Kiir to Ruweng and Ngok generally.

To the extreme west of Twic settlement is Thon Ayuel Longar bordering Aweil way from the South to the north of River Kiir where they have border with Arabs Hamr together with Riiny Twic sections of Liangarol, Goi, Aruet and Hol up to Bar Ajak historical side. These are historical proofs that will engage all of us if matters go too far from now as they are being driven at moment.

Our people have suffered enough in their own land as a result of the land given to Ngok Dinka to shelter in as displaced persons when Turalei could not carry Ngok and those of Turalei over services at Turalei air strip which is well known to Comrade Monydhaang when he was the very commissioner who was there when comrade Deng Aloor Kuol came to Turalei in 2002 as Governor of Greater Bahr El Ghazal to arrange with the Commissioner of Twic County to allot a piece of land for the Internal Displaced Persons from Abyei of former Kordufan Province. This place was Agok of sub chief Teeng Akoi of Kuac Anganya of chieftaincy of Amuol Twic Section that was chosen to shelter them for better services through airstrip of their own. Now totally denied by you and possibly by ALL Ngok people despite the good intensions for which it was done by late James Yol Kuol Bol who was the Commissioner of Twic county witnessed by some of us, no regret on our side for your denial for good offers of our land to shelter your internal displaced persons at times of difficulties getting rewarded with stone now.

Let us observe good neighbourhood and avoid conspiracies, bullying, mockery. Killings and wars being chased by your side all the way from the war of liberation until today. Let us NOT endanger the lives of our people.

The claim you made that Agok was declared as county of Ngok HGrs in Chukudum SPLM National Liberation Council meeting appears to suggest that Twic people were not there at the time of the declaration. Since Twic members of the Movement were not there as it is implicit in your talks; produce the document to that effect and the Chairman of that meeting, because any meeting chaired by John Garang would not exclude Twic members and this development could have not passed without reaction of Twic Leaders. It is your own invention.

The action of the commissioner of Twic County writing directly to your authority was influenced by us as MPs of the area to timelly correct the insecurity you suddenly stepped up through illegal survey of Twic lands as an emergency to stop any insecurity that may engage the two communities into violence. It is your action that can be described as contributing factor in generating conflict and violence and you will be implicated in this long manufacturing of problems over and over again by All Administrators of Abyei. It remains to be seen how future will judge our behaviours towards each others given the way our people have suffered in the hands of your administration inside Abyei Headquarters and in their own lands at Agok Camp with the view to subdue them accept your administration as legal entity in their land.

All the good call of the commissioner without using any violence still remain valid and we repeat again to your good offices to relocate your illegal administration and UNISFA now occupying Twic county land for death to go to Abyei HQrs . If we are to remain in good relationships as it used to be between the two communities, let us promote good

This ends our sincere letter to your honorable authorities

Signed:

1-Hon. Charles Majak Aleer Deng.

2-Hon. Dr Majok Yak Majok

3-Hon. Victoria Adhar Arop.

4-Hon. Justice Angier Ring.

5-Hon. Nyadeng Malek Dielic.

AJul

6-Hon. Ajuet Moun Mawiir Rehan.

May gol

7-Hon. Mangok Gum Nyuol .

8-Hon. Kuany Mayom Deng.

9-Hon. Yolanda Awel Deng

10-Hon. Rose Adau Deng.



12-Hon. Ayen Luka Ngor

13-Hon. Mayom Kuoc Malek

Murlen

14-Hon. Nyadeng Kerubino Kuanyin

15-Hon. Albino Mathem Ayuel.

16-Hon. Chan Malual Chan . rc mahaw

17-Hon. Joseph Mabior Malek Arop.

18-Hon. Goc Makuac Mayol



19-Hon. Kuot Akec Thokluoi



Copies:

- 1 .H. E Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudanese.
- 2.H.E Dr. Riek Macher Teny, 1st Vice President for Governance Cluster.
- 3.H. E Wani Egga Vice President for economic cluster .
- 4.H. E Taban Deng Gai Vice President for Infrastructure.
- 5.H.E Hussein Abdel Bagi Ayii Akol for Serrvice Cluster.

6.H.E Nyadeng Garang De Mabior Vice President for Gender, Youth and Sport Cluster.

Rt. Hon. Nunu Kumba, Speaker of the legislature

8. Honorable Deng Deng Akoon, Deputy Speaker of the legislature .

Hon. Tut Galuak,Security Affairs Adviser.

Hon. Lt. Gen. Aleu Ayieny Aleu,
 Governor, Warrap State.

Hon. Lt. Gen. Obote Mamur,
 Minister of Security Affairs. Office of the President.

12. Hon. Lt. Gen. Mahmoud Solomon Agook, Minister of interior

Hon. Mayik Ayii Deng,
 Minister of Foreign affairs and International8 Cooperation.

14. National Security

16 Hon. Engineer Deng Tong Goc, Commissioner, Twic County.

5. Ajak Kuac Community Association



AJAK KUAC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Juba - South Sudan

Date: 17 January 2022

To: lion Kuol i Kuol

Chief Administrator of Abyei Special Administrative Area.

Subject: Condemnation Letter for the recent Visit of Chief Administrator of Abyel

Special Administrative Area and it's Allied (UNISFA) to the Areas of Alak Kuac payam of

Twic county

Dear Hon, Kuol Diem

We AJak Kuae Community strongly condemned your recent establishment of new administration units by your Administration on 30 /12/2021 on Ajak Kuac Payam areas. This move is none other than violation for revitalize Peace Agreement for the Resolution of the Conflict of South Sudan as well as rmining 01/01/1956 border between Bahr El Ghazal and Kordufan. We consider this move as downplayed tactic by not considering the recent letter wrote by Hon.Commissioner of Twie county on date 14/12/2021 in which the same issue was addressed and all the concern authorities were copied. We are not here to instigate the conflict but to alert the concerns Authorities to intervene and rescue the situation before things get out of control between two sisterly communities. Your people should know very well that what cause their current suffering was their elders and not Twic and we have been standing with them since the first bullet for the liberation up to date which does not mean giving them our land. The border between between Bahr El Ghazel and Kordufan is Kiir River which is the border between Ajak Kuac and Abyel. The chlef Administrator should refer his visit to the map of closed districts to avoid confusion between the two communities because border between Dinka Ngok and Twic in generally and Aj ac in particular is River Kiir The Administration and UNISFA should immediately stop L. Systematic settlements which has been going on, while failing to provide the maximum protection to the people of Abyei leaving them be randomly killed by nomads Arabs. We have been alerting your administrations to cease this activity because South Sudan belong to all of us. Twic citizens can reside in Abyei areas but knowing that he/she is in Ngok-Dinka land, likewise Ngok Dinka and viz versa. We are not in the position to loss any portion of the land. The dream of creating new State to be called (Abyel State) that lead to the ideology land should not included other territories. Instead of inviting others to join hand with them to bring the land back You and your people should know we did not play any negative role to annexed your Areas. We are asking your Administration to stop the ongoing demarcation and evacuate ANEET (Majak-Kol. Kol-Luodh, Wau-yicin, Wunchuel, Mabior, Rel-Baar, Marol, Malual-Atem, Gunga, Maker, Ag 22 and Anyar-Chuai) and leave the ordinary citizens of Dinka-Ngok to live in peaceful environm the before the independent of South Sudan. We thought the Administration

of Abyel should be a good example in South Sudan in term of being very peaceful that is why you were granted temporally settlement in Maker Aneet and Agok, but your people have proved to be worse than evils. We always like to live with people of Abyel in peaceful life and ready standing side by side with them in any needs but the previous and current administration keeps doing opposite. Finally, we urge your administration to cease the current demarcation because your people are there only to access their dire needs for humanitarian services which was the prime aim of their settlement in Aneet and thank.

Long live Ajak Kuac

Long live Twic

Long live Warrap State

May God bless South Sudan

Cc. The President of the Republic of South Sudan Office

Cc. National Legislative Assembly

Cc. Council of States

Cc. Twic Representatives in National Legislative Assembly

Cc. Warrap State Governor's Office

Cc. Twic Representatives at State Assembly

Cc. Twic county commissioner's office

Cc. File

Simon Mayar Aguek

General Secretary

Sion Szan

Peter Ngor Athual.

Ajak Kuac Community Chairperson.

Sign.



6. Joint Statement between Hon. Bona Malwal Madut and Hon. Dr. Francis Mading Deng

A Joint Statement on the recent Ngok-Twic Conflict Bona Malual Madut and Francis Mading Deng

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

Date: Sunday, April 4, 2022

On Thursday, March 31st, 2022, we had an honest discussion at the invitation of Her Excellency Rebecca Nyandeng de Mabior, Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan, at her residence. The lunch meeting presented us with the opportunity to share ideas on how to support the Presidential Fact-finding Committee headed by H.E. Vice President Hussein Abdelbagi Ayii, which H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit has commissioned.

Like the rest of the country, we were shocked to learn that the Ngok Dinka of Abyei and Twic Dinka of Warrap were involved in a brutal conflict that first broke out on February 10-12, 2022, due to the dispute over the border market town of Aneet. The conflict has resulted in the unfortunate loss of lives, including women and children, from both sides. The human impact of such conflict brings the bitter grudge of war for both of us as elders from these two neighboring and sisterly communities.

In our discussions, the Vice President expressed her hopes that the process of reconciliation will reaffirm the unity of the Ngok and Twic communities. She further advised that the reconciliation and frank engagements would allow both sides to address historical tensions, grievances, and misconceptions between the Ngok Dinka of Abyei and the Twic Mayardit Dinka of Warrap State. In addition, Vice President, H.E. Rebecca Nyandeng, spoke at length about the importance of reconciliation dialogue following the conclusion of the fact-finding

We call on the leaders of the two Dinka communities to demonstrate leadership by stopping this senseless violent conflict. These leaders understand that war destroys more than human lives and property because it also damages social capital and ties, especially in the case of Ngok Dinka and Twic Dinka, brotherly and sisterly neighbors who took up arms during the liberation struggle against their common enemy.

In peace and unity, we call for cooperative relations between the Ngok and Twic Dinka. Both communities, especially leaders, should allow the Fact-finding Committee to finish its work and permit justice to take its due course. Although the damage done has catastrophically changed the physical landscape of the town of Aneet, not coming together prompts an even greater breakdown of social relations, which may result in a culture of hate that never existed

In this contemporary atmosphere, we fear that violence can become normalized and woven into the fabric of our daily life, and that is not a welcome practice for the Ngok and Twic Dinka. We call on our people on both sides to immediately cease all hostilities and await the conclusions and recommendations of the Fact-finding Committee.

We also call on the Government of South Sudan to actively and promptly engage the Government of Sudan to expedite the resolution of the final status of Abyei in accordance with the aspirations of the Ngok Dinka of Abyei. We believe these recent events should not undermine hundreds of years of peaceful coexistence, inter-marriages, and shared cultural values between Ngok and Twic Dinka.

Francis Mading Dan

Donama

7. Interview Guide Questions

Methodology for Gathering Information.

The methodology shall apply two formats namely; focus group discussions and key informants' interviews.

1. Focus Group Discussion

- i) The youth
- ii) Women
- iii) Chiefs and Elders
- iv) Victims of Intercommunal Violence
- v) Consultations with stakeholders (politicians, business people security leaders etc)

2. Key informant Interviews

- i) Governor
- ii) Chief Administrator
- iii) Commissioners
- iv) Payam Administrators
- v) Paramount Chiefs
- vi) Youth Leader
- vii) Women leader
- viii) Religious leaders
- ix) Security
- x) Representative of the Civil Society

3. Open ended questions/Interview guide questions

(A). Conflict profile

- i. Are you aware of an area called Aneet? If yes, briefly tell us what you know
- ii. What happened on the 10th of February 2022 in Aneet
- iii. Has there been any intercommunal clashes between the two communities over Aneet (if yes why? And how was it resolved? And if no why)?

(B). Causes of conflict

- i. What do you think are the circumstances (causes) that led to the intercommunal fighting in Aneet in February 10th 2022?
- (C). Actors to the conflict
 - i. Who were the key actors of that violence?
 - ii. What did these key actors do?
- (D) Way forward to resolve the conflict
 - i. Do you think that this conflict could have been avoided (if yes how? And if no why)?
 - ii. What do you suggest could be done to resolve this conflict?

Prepared by the Secretariat

The END

8. List of the Interviewees and participants in Abyei

List of Key informants interviewed in Abyei

- 1. Hon. Chief Admin. Kuol Diem Kuol
- 2. Hon. Eng. Deng Alak
- 3. Hon. Commissioner Chol Pur Chol
- 4. Hon. Minister Mayot Kuindit
- 5. Hon. Minister Ayom Korchiek
- 6. Hon. Kelek
- 7. Brig. Gen. Ring Mawien Nyikuach (Police)
- 8. Col. Ayuel Kiir Chol
- 9. Lt. Col. Bagat Malual
- 10. Kon Amuom Deng
- 11. Sultan Bulabek Deng Kuol

Focused Groups Discussions

1. Chiefs

- i. Sultan Bulabek Deng Kuol (Paramount Chief)
- ii. Arop Kuol Kon (Dhil)
- iii. Bagat Makuach Abiem (Mannyuar)
- iv. Akonon Ajuong Deng (Anyiel)
- v. Ring Achuil Juoc (Abior)
- vi. Nyol Paguoot Deng (Bongo)
- vii. Mijok Kuol Lual (Mareeng)
- viii. Bith Ajak Malual (Achueng)
- ix. Belbel Chol Akuei (Alei)
- x. Monyluak Monyror Pur (Achak)
- xi. Kuol Piok Piok (elder-Dhil)
- xii. Lual Deng Akonon (Mareeng)
- xiii. Dier Nyok Pajol (Bongo)

2. Women Group

- i. Shirma Deng (Chairperson of women association)
- ii. Nyandeng Arop Ayuel
- iii. Nyanwai Marial
- iv. Abionweng Majith
- v. Nyankiir Chol Piok
- vi. Awuor Kuol Arop
- vii. Nyanlor Deng

3. Youth Group

- (a) Miyan Ayuong(Presenter)
- (b) Achueng Deng Achueng
- (c) Nhial Yak
- (d) Achai Kuol Deng
- (e) Joseph Mawan

- (f) Deng Kuol Deng
- (g) Aluk Mareng Ayuel
- (h) Chan Chol
- (i) Kuol Wuor Alei
- (j) Chol Lual Miyan

4. Survivors/Victims/Eye witnesses

- i. Mawien Athian Deng
- ii. Malek Guiny Deng
- iii. Nyimuora Kuol Rou
- iv. Deng Nyuol Mawien
- v. Kat Cigoom Deng
- vi. Ajak Mathiang Goc

5. UNISFA

- Acting Chief of Mission
- JOC
- UNPOL

9. List of the Interviewees and participants in Turalei

List of Key informants interviewed in Turalei

- 1. Hon. Gov. Aleu Ayieny Aleu
- 2. Hon. Commissioner Deng Tong Goc
- 3. Hon. Peter Paduol Mangong (Former Minister of Local Government)
- 4. Uncle Bona Malual Madut
- 5. Sultan Jacob Madhel Lang
- 6. Deng Manyin (Payam Administrator)
- 7. Maj. Gen. Mario Kuol Monyluak
- 8. Maj. Gen. Akuei Ajou Akuei
- 9. Brig. Gen. Santino Chom Ring Chom
- 10. Brig. Gen. Mario Mawien (police)
- 11. Lt. Col. Sunday Ali Malou

Focused Groups Discussions

1. Chiefs

- i. Tor Makol Madut (Kuac)
- ii. Atem Dhieu Deng (Kuac (Ayuang)
- iii. Teeng Deng Teeng (Kuac Anganya)
- iv. Madit Adoor (Kuac Anganya)
- v. Mawien Goc Goc (Anganya)
- vi. Gai Teng Akoi (Anganya)
- vii. Garang Nyuol Agwek (Amuol)
- viii. Deng Mayen Deng (Adiang)
- ix. Marko Yol Ayuel Kuol Bol (Chobok)
- x. Malek Malek Deng (Akoc)
- xi. Koch Madut Koch (Adiang)
- xii. Lual Bol Ajak (High Court)
- xiii. Ngor Nyuol Nyuol (Turalei)

2. Women Group

- Pantheer Yor Malith (Chairperson of women association)
- ii. Nyibol Akuien
- iii. Angong Majok
- iv. Agwek Manyang

3. Youth Group

- (a) John Atem Atem (Chairperson)
- (b) Adhar Malong Garang
- (c) Paulino Malek Adiang
- (d) Mangong Tor
- (e) Joseph Kuot Akot
- (f) Abraham Biar Malek
- (g) Akoi Deng Malek
- (h) Petero Makor Deng
- (i) Machteng Deng

4. Survivors/Victims/Eye witnesses

i. Joseph Achut Gitjok Koleng

ii. Nyibol Atak (Blind lady)

iii. Ator Manyuon Deng

iv. Achan Mawien Chol

v. Akuol Ayuel Longar

vi. Malek Manyuel Majok Ayuel

vii. Ngor Aleu Atem

viii. Uztaz Malui Luil Kuot

ix. Madut Bol Atem

x. Nyandeng Mawien (whose husband was killed)

xi. Wol Gum Ayuel

xii. Atong Marial Madit

xiii. Agwek Thuc Agwek

xiv. Mangok Ring

xv. Luka Kuol Kol

10. Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA)



CHIEFS OF TWIC COUNTY - WARRAP STATE

AND

CHIEFS OF NGOK DINKA OF ABYEI - ABYEI SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

AGREEMENT ON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND TO GRANT NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE CHANCE TO MEDIATE AND FIND PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT BETWEEN TWIC AND NGOK

Dans John Day 2 200 1 1 Page Door 1 1 Page D

Whereas we, the Twic and Ngok Dinka Chiefs applaud and appreciate the great efforts exerted by H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan for his quick intervention in the recent conflict in Aneet between the two communities by forming in time Aneet Facts Finding Investigation Committee. We recognize and appreciate the efforts of the investigation team led by H.E Hussein Abdelbagi Akol, Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan and Chairperson of the Aneet Facts Finding Investigation Committee.

Whereas we recall that the recent violence has caused losses of lives and properties and other unspeakable damages to both communities and we are committed to see ways in which this matter can be immediately resolved to bring lasting peace and stability to both communities

Whereas we are mindful of the fact that the two communities are historically related and have lived peacefully over the centuries,

Whereas without any reservation, the two communities have decided willingly and agreed to the following terms as ways to immediately address the current conflict:

1. To declare immediate cessation of hostilities and to stop all forms of aggression whether direct or indirect between the two communities

2. To rejuvenate peaceful co-existence and social cohesion between the two communities and to ensure trust and confidence of the communities to live in peace

3. To end all forms of direct or indirect provocations whether verbal or written including hate speeches on the social media and other medium of communication.

To stop all forms of unauthorized road blocks or check points

5. To ensure free movement of people and goods in our respective areas of jurisdiction including in Aneet and surrounding areas

6. To allow the National Government without any reservation to convene and facilitate peace and reconciliation dialogue which should establish the root causes of the conflict with the objective of finding permanent solution to the conflict between the two communities

7. To recognize the fact that inter-state boundaries are the responsibility of the national government not state or communities

8. To ensure that all accused persons from either side must face justice according to the laws of South Sudan.



- To ensure our commitment to peace and stability, we are determined to accept the outcome of the permanent peace settlement that should convene at the place of the National Government choice.
- 10. To immediately suspend without any reservation all forms of survey in Aneet/Agok or surrounding areas until such further notice from the National Government.
- 11. To reiterate our role as chiefs and local authorities, we are determined to help ensure proper security and peace in all areas of our jurisdiction
- 12. To henceforth, in the event of any attack on either side, the chief from the attackers will be fully held to account in accordance with the laws of South Sudan unless he produces the attackers to face justice.
- To Appeal to the National Government and humanitarian agencies to urgently provide humanitarian assistant to the victims of the conflict in Aneet.

We the undersigned persons, on our own will and consent, signed this document for and on behalf of our respective communities on this 4th day of April 2022 in Aweil Town, Northern Bhar El Gazel State.

Mann)

Deng Mayen Deng

Ag. Paramount Chief

Twic County

Hon. Deng Tong Goch

4/2022

Commissioner

Twic County

Warrap State

Hon. Lt. Gen. Aleu Ayieny Aleu

Governor

On behalf of the Government of

Warrap State

Bulabek Deng Kuol Paramount Chief Ngok Dinka of Abyei

Hon. Chol Pur Chol

Commissioner

Rumamer County

Abyei Special Administrative Area

Hon. Lt. Gen. Kuol Diem Kuol

Chief Administrator

On behalf of the Government of

Abyei Special Administrative Area

3 | Page

2)930 Ride 8

A.

+ 50 /s

Bung wer

We the following chiefs signed this document on behalf of our respective chiefdoms in our acceptance to be bound by this agreement.

Ngok Chiefs Twic Chiefs Signature Chiefdom Name No Chiefdom Signature Name No Mannyuar Makuac 1. Bagat Anyiel Teeng Deng 1. Abiem Kuac Teeng Arop Kuol Kon Dhil 2. Ajak Kuac Tor Makol Madut 2. Nyol Paguot Deng Bongo Yol Ayuel Kuol Panyok 3. Chobok Alei Chol Ag/ Akoc Belbel Ag. Chan Akuei 4. Akuei Dut Anyiel Ajuong Akonon 5. Akuar Mourter Ring 5. Deng Yuot Mijok Kuol Lual Mareng 6. Amuol-Garang Nyuol 6. Turalei Aguek. Achak 7. Monyluak Monyror Pur Ring Achuil Juoc Abior 8. Bith Ajak Malual Achueng 9.

len

4 | Page

GT

