



Statement from the Transitional Justice Working Group (TJWG) on the violence that broke out in Juba on the eve of Independence

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We, the members of the Transitional Justice Working Group (TJWG), on our beloved country's Independence Day, strongly condemn the armed clashes that occurred on Thursday 7 July and Friday 8 July 2016.

We are deeply concerned and troubled by the rapidly deteriorating security situation in Juba and the rest of South Sudan and extend our sympathies to the families of those who lost their lives on the eve of our Independence and in all clashes before it. Today was meant to be a day of joy, a day of celebration. A day where fireworks should have filled the sky, not bullets.

We call upon all citizens in South Sudan to remain calm and we extend our appreciation to President Salva Kiir and First Vice President Dr. Riek Machar Teny for having done the same. We furthermore congratulate the leadership for taking a united stand in response to the violence and we call on them to continue a constructive collaboration that will work in favour of peace and prosperity in South Sudan.

We call upon the President Kiir and the First Vice President to investigate the incidents that occurred both yesterday and on Thursday 7 July when armed clashes occurred in Gudele, Juba. We strongly urge the leadership to ensure that those responsible for violence are brought to account.

We would like also to applaud the president stand on bringing the perpetrators of the 2013 – 2015 worst Human Rights violators to justice that is a leadership example which has come out clearly to dismiss the allegation that the President and the First Vice President are against Justice which was published on New York Time on their behalf.

To rescue our country from the hardship to which we have been subjected over the past two-and-a-half years, we, the undersigned members of the Transitional Justice Working Group, a national coalition of civil society organisations, urge President Salva Kiir and First Vice-President Riek Machar to recommit themselves to the full implementation of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan since it is the only hope for the country to overcome its economic, political and security crisis and transition to sustainable peace, justice and prosperity for all.

Signatories:

1. Assistance Mission for Africa (AMA)
2. Dialogue and Research Initiative (DRI)
3. Human Rights Development Organization (HURIDO)
4. South Sudan Law Society (SSLs)
5. South Sudan Women Empowerment Network (SSWEN)



6. Foundation for Democratic and Accountable Governance (FODAG)
7. Solidarity Ministry Africa for Reconciliation and Development (SMARD)

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