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**South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC)
Statement on the current situation of violence in the Country**

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11).

We the Church in South Sudan are deeply saddened by the escalation of violence in nearly all the States of our country. We strongly deplore the increase loss of lives and destruction of properties of populations already impoverished by conflicts in the country. God is watching us and will hold us accountable for disrespecting and disregarding the sanctity of the gift of life.

We strongly denounce the recent and on-going violence in GREATER JONGLEI, RUWENG, WARRAP, GREATER YEI, LAKES and other places in the Republic of South Sudan including Gumba Sherikhat. We call upon the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGoNU) and all the Opposition groups to bring these multiple devastating violence to an end with immediate effect. We equally call upon our people to embrace peace and harmonious co-existence because we are all bound by the destiny and love for one another in this our beloved land.

We call upon all our political leaders in R-TGoNU and Opposition to be true to the Agreements and Declarations they have signed and ensure their full and timely implementations. We call for immediate cessation of hostilities and formation of State and County Governments. We also appeal in the name of God to all our political leaders to value the people over and above position, power and party interests.

We equally call upon the people of South Sudan in all their diversities to repent of their sins, forgive one another and reconcile with God.

We assure our people that the Church will remain true to its divine calling and ministry of Reconciliation (*2 Corinthians 5:20-21*); and we will continue to pray and work for our Country, because we believe there is still hope for us and South Sudan will overcome. Let's not give up.

"And the Peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7).

Oh God Bless South Sudan with PEACE!





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