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SSPDF demand for full explanation and accountability from MSF

In December 2025 and January 2026, SPLA-IO rebels launched unprovoked and unjustified attacks on SSPDF's bases that resulted in the fall of Waat, Yuai and Pajut in Nyirol, Uror and Duk Counties respectively. Following those attacks, a sizeable number of servicemen and women were captured and taken as Prisoners of War (POWs).

In line with MSF's mandate of providing treatment and care, some of the POWs were taken to Pieri, Uror County. However, following the start of "Operation Enduring Peace" which enabled capture and recapture of lost bases, SSPDF command was utterly shocked and dismayed at the discovery of thirteen (13) corpses of former POWs executed in MSF's container in Walgak, Akobo County. On a positive note, four survived and rejoined SSPDF while ten (10) including four (4) servicewomen remained in captivity with SPLA-IO rebels on retreat.

In light of aforementioned unfortunate developments, SSPDF command hereby demand for full explanation and accountability from MSF on the exact circumstances under which own personnel were executed in their container.

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