



# *South Sudan Rescue Front*



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### *Persecution of Civilians in Wau County Western Bahr El-Ghazal State, South Sudan*

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Peace - What does it truly and genuinely mean for the ordinary citizens of South Sudan? Tragically, there are troubling reports emerging from Western Bahr El-Ghazal State that the endogenous civilians of Wau County, specifically in the payams of Bagari and Kpaile, have been uprooted, displaced and murdered with no remorse for elderly, women, and children, for the last two weeks.

These reports affirmed that these wreak havoc are coordinated and planned by armed group loyal to the ruling regime in Juba, with absolute involvement of South Sudan People Defends Forces (SSPDF). Also, it affirmed that these armed militias pastoralists migrated from the surrounding states, including Warrap to the East, Northern Bahr El-Ghazal to the North, and Western Equatoria to the South. Similarly, eyewitnesses and locals have attested that these armed individuals entered their villages in an organized military fashion and started shooting, looting properties, and burning houses.

Consequentially, about 13 innocent civilians lost their precious lives, and more than 500 were displaced and forced to evacuate their homes and farms for Wau City. On the other hand, over 1,000 civilians in Kpaile payam were sent into hiding in the bush for the safety of their lives. It is important to disclose that among these are those who fled Western Equatoria for Kpail several months ago seeking refuge from tribal violence committed against them by their neighboring The Azande.

The current situation has created a crisis that necessitated urgent and immediate intervention by the authorities to cease these atrocities and thereafter initiate a probe to investigate and ultimately bring rightful retribution; also, it demands rescue and humanitarians' needs and assistance which includes shelters, food and medicine to these victims, especially during this rainy season.

The South Sudan Rescue Front (SSRF) condemn in strongest possible terms this heinous and disgraceful act; similarly, it expresses its total support and solidarity to the people of Western Bahr El-Ghazal State during these challenging times. It therefore calls upon East African Community (EAC), African Union, IGAD and international organizations to acknowledge the ongoing humanitarian crisis and to take prompt action to address it immediately. South Sudan Rescue Front (SSRF) urges intervention to halt this disgraceful scenery and to restore peace and security these displaced citizens and ensure justice for affected victims.

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