



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

THE VICE PRESIDENT

Date: March 30, 2026

CONDEMNATION OF THE BARBARIC ATTACK IN KHOR-KALTAN, CENTRAL EQUATORIA

It is with a heavy heart and profound indignation that I have received reports of the heinous massacre of innocent citizens in the **Khor-kaltan** area, near **Jebel Iraq**, in Central Equatoria State on Saturday evening.

According to unverified assessments, at least **73 local miners** have been tragically killed and **25 others seriously injured** by unidentified armed assailants. As the search for the missing continues, we fear these numbers may rise. These were hardworking citizens, the backbone of our local economy, who were targeted while seeking a livelihood to support their families.

On behalf of the Government of South Sudan and on my own behalf, I condemn this cowardly and senseless act of violence in the strongest possible terms. Such brutality is not only a violation of the right to life but a direct assault on the peace and stability we are striving to build for our nation.

In response to this atrocity, I am directing the following immediate actions:

- We must provide urgent medical care and evacuation for the 25 injured survivors. Our thoughts are with them for a swift recovery.
- We must establish a formal inquiry to determine the identity and motives of these "unidentified assailants." We cannot allow "unknown gunmen" to continue terrorizing our people without consequence.
- We must reinforce the protection of mining sites and rural trade hubs to ensure that our citizens can work without fear of ambush or slaughter.

To the families of the 73 victims: your grief is the nation's grief. We stand with you in this dark hour and pledge that the blood of your loved ones will not be shed in vain. We will not rest until justice is served and the security of Central Equatoria is guaranteed.

I urge all citizens to remain calm but vigilant and to cooperate with security forces by providing any information that may lead to the arrest of those responsible for this massacre.

May the souls of the departed rest in eternal peace

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