



NUER LEADERSHIP PEACE FORUM

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Subject: - Press Statement responding to Dr. Martin Elia Lumoro's, damaging statement
Profiling (gazette Nuer areas as hostile and friendly counties, Friday April 26th, 2025)

The Nuer Leadership Peace Forum and the entire community are deeply concern with the deteriorating security situation in South Sudan in specific areas, such as Central Equatoria, (Lanya, Morobo, Yei, Lobonok and the periphery of Juba, Western Equatoria: (Maridi, Yabio, Anzra and Tumrua. Eastern Equatoria, (magwui) Warrap, lakes, cattle rustling among the sisterly states of unity, Warrap and Ruweng Administrative area, fighting between the youth of twice Mayardit and Abyie, fighting in areas of Upper Nile (Nair and Ulang) and frequents attacks related to cattle rustling in areas of Jonglei state and Pibor administrative area. In this context, it reveals that, fighting is sporadically happening across most parts of the Country including the home county of the cabinet Minister Hon Dr. Lumorro and not particularly in the areas inhabited by Nuer as he indicated in his damaging statement by Dr. Elia 'aka' as Equatoria civic forum chairman. Hon. Martin Elia Lumorro has never called for press statement in all these skirmish attacks to profiles these counties as hostiles and friendly to government.

We assumed the statement on date 26/04/2025 by the Hon. Minister was aimed to brief the people of South Sudan on the status of peace and how government is addressing the current crises in the country as her primary responsibilities in accordance to the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011(as amended 2018) Chapter III Part Four article 53: (a,c and e) read together. However Dr. Martin Elia choose to divert from primary roles of the government to his own conviction and dishonestly, profiling, and defaming the identity of Nuer.

The question we are asking the people of South Sudan is, who is Hon. Martin Elia Lumoro and what did he contributed to this country to qualify him profiling the Nuer into hostile and friendly counties? Hon. Dr Martin Elia is a well-known figure who was openly opposing and fighting the SPLM/A during the struggle. One of his mischievous action was throwing a rotten egg to late leader of SPLM/A, Dr. John Garang de Mabior in London. Dr Elia is a known figure for inciting and fueling conflict even in his own community of wundoroba, Juba and Lanya County. Dr. Elia



has been in spotlight in the Country and he is known for creating controversies likes profile and defaming certain as 'MTN'.

The Nuer Leadership Peace Forum Executive committee and the entire membership of Nuer community: elders, Youth, women groups and civil society are deeply disturbed by this irresponsible statement of Hon. Martin Elia Lumoro, the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, for profiling the (16) Counties of Nuer community into hostiles and friendly. Hon. Dr. Martin went as far as accusing the Nuer of being allies of the rapid support force. These allegations are serious and aimed to disintegrate the integrity of the Country under the leadership of H.E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit, the president of Republic of South Sudan.

The Nuer leadership came to concluded that, Dr. Martin Elia statement is intended to:

1. Incite the Nuer against the Government, our fellow Dinka and others communities to erase the historical records contributed by the Nuer throughout South Sudanese struggle, coexistence and the great tradition of the African hospitality embodied in the norms of humanity.
2. Hon. Martin Elia is advocating and profiling a group of people in term of their ethnicity that can lead to crime of genocide against the Nuer community. The world history taught us, profiling and targeting a group people is identity deformation and discrimination (the UN Charter 1948 on human rights discrimination on race, gender, ethnicity, religion and place of origin)
3. Dr. Martin statement also portray Nuer as hostile community to members of regional and international community.
4. The statement can also be viewed as working indirectly against the government.

On this note what Hon. Martin Elia Lumoro is ignorant about the Nuer history and the contribution the Nuer made and continues to do so as one of the nucleuses in the liberation struggle for freedom of South Sudan.

The Nuer like any other community has played essential roles in hosting whole Liberation Movement.

Hon. Martin Elia, mission is to saw the seeds of division between Nuer and other ethnic groups, in particular the Dinka not knowing that the two Nationalities has their historical link and relationship, no matter what someone want to collide them for person gains.


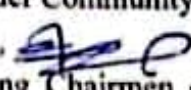
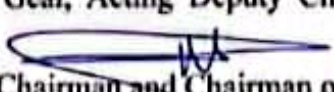

Reference to the above sequences, on behalf the entire Nuer Community, the Nuer Leadership Peace Forum executive leadership demands the followings:



1. Condemning the derogatory statement of Dr Lumoro with strongest terms possible,
2. Hon. Martin Elia Lumoro, the Minister of Cabinet Affairs must immediately resign from his two positions, meanwhile we humbly appeal to His Excellency the President of the Republic of South Sudan to relieve him from government Portfolio in order to give peace a chance.
3. Profile a group of people is against the RSS laws; therefore the Nuer Leadership Peace Forum has a right to seek legal advice against Dr. Martin Elia Lumoro.
4. We are calling upon the entire South Sudanese Communities to unite for the of peaceful coexistence and not to listen to element likes Hon. Martin Elia Lumoro whose agenda interest is to incite communities against each other in advocating for genocidal.

We the Nuer Leadership Peace Forum, do hereby, express our sincere appreciation for the efforts being made by H.E the President of the Republic of South Sudan and His government , the peace partners to the A-RRCSS (Regional and International community) and peace loving people for maintaining peace in our country since the signing of the agreement in 2018. The Republic of South Sudan all the communities stand tall, embrace and promote peace, unity and reconciliation.

May God bless South Sudan,

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 2. Hon. Dr. John Jooyul, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of Lou Nuer Community Council
 3. Hon, Hassen Dong Gatpan, and Chairman of Fangak Community, 
 4. Hon, Michael Chianjiek Geai, Acting Deputy Chair and Acting Chairmen of Bentiu Community 
 5. Hon. Wiu Kuon , Deputy Chairman and Chairman of Eastern Jikany, 
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