

Lakes-Unity peace agreement

JOINT PEACE COMMITTEE MEETING RESOLUTION (PAYINJIAR, YIROL AND RUMBEK-AMONGPINY)

UNDER THE THEME, COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE PEACE

Held in Ganyiel on 14th to 18th May, 2018

Introduction

This brief publication provides the basic document of the Joint peace committee meeting Resolution (Payinjar, Yirol and Rumbek-Amongpiny) 14th - 18th May, 2018, The purpose of this publication is to immediately make the core document available to

- The Dinka of Yirol, Amongpiny and Nuer of Payinjar communities who have established the Ganyiel Resolutions and will be responsible to implement them.
- The broader grassroot communities who are eager to read the results of the meeting in Ganyiel and will be able to expand this peace to other areas of their locations
- The international and local partners and peace organizations in South Sudan who have assisted in this people to people peace process and will now have key roles in the implementation of the resolution
- The South Sudanese churches under South Sudan Council Of Churches(SSCC) , and
- The international community with special focus on the partners (PAX + AID and Development Botswana) who have contributed to this process and those who will need to assist in the implementation

Back ground

The Yirol, Amongpiny and Payinjar Joint peace committee meeting is a major step in a much larger process. It is designed to bring reconciliations to people of these three locations who are in conflict with one another. As the process grows and expands it carries the potential to transform the dynamics of this conflict.

THE AGREEMENT

Chiefs, Church representatives, Elders, women and youth leaders from Payinjar, Yirol and Amongpiny have met in the Joint Peace Committee meeting in Ganyiel under the auspice of AMA. The meeting has established Resolutions, and declared that border grazing lands and fishing ground that was abandoned due to inter- communal insecurity or conflict, shall be available immediately as shared resources between community of Payinjar and Yirol and shall be settled and utilized peacefully and harmoniously.

We declare and adopt the following,



- There was a call for a next general conference to be conducted either in Amongpiny or Yirol with the aim of bringing to an end all the hostile acts between the communities.
- It was agreed that there was a need for sensitization and mobilization of communities of four locations of Yirol, Payinjar, Rumbek North(Maper) and Amongpiny against cattle raiding, Robbery, border conflict and river Nile attack.
- The peace committees must carry out the peace advocacy in all four locations
- It was agreed that there was an immediate need to form a regional body that will monitor peace along the borders and on the river Nile.
- The participants resolved also that, the rules to govern this peace shall be developed, and any body or group of people from either sides shall be accountable for any border crime(s).
- It was agreed that there was a need for a blood compensation and compensation of other properties that were damage or destroyed as a result of action of other community such as cattle raided should be returned.
- Exchange visits and freedom of movement is affirmed and inter-communal trade, development and services are encouraged.
- Youth Monthly forum should be extended to payam levels this is to encourage the community in grass root to understand the importance of peace.
- There should be in the future another conference involving magicians or spear masters to agree on their roles in peace building.
- There was a call for IDPs support, especially those coming from Central Unity State and Maper County.
- It was agreed that there should be practices of inter-communal art and culture to promote peace among the communities.
- There was a call for facilitation of peace committees with communication equipment for conflict early warning.
- There was also a call for development partners to dig boreholes that are strategically located along roads to support free movement of people to support peace activities.
- There was also a call for support of livestock health.

Signed on behalf of Payinjar, Yirol and Amongpiny this 16th Day of May, 2018 in Ganyiel

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