

Communiqué

Dinka Malual & Rezeigat Grassroots Peace Conference

January 22nd to 25th, 2010 (Aweil, Northern Bahr El Ghazal State)

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- **Believing** in each other as one family cemented by intermarriages that bring close kinship between Rezeigat and Dinka Malual and the long history of mutual self respect, identity of esteem, sombreness, respect of lives, fraternity and compassion that augment and grip out two communities with everlasting mutual interest in the shared natural resources that dictates good neighbourhood;
- **Being Conscious** of each others' culture, values, beliefs and respect to each other and in desire to exchange each others' cultures;
- **Being cognizant** of each others' right of unhindered access to and sustainable use of natural resources inside both communities' land across the fraternal borders;
- **Cognizant** of the consequence of instability and destruction of property that has been mutually inflicted upon our own communities during the North-South war between 1983 and 2005 where innocent youth were mobilized by the warring parties to cause self destruction, abduction of children and women, wanton killing, displacement and devastation of property in the area;
- **Recalling** the long history of marginalization by successive government in Khartoum since 1956 until our present days;
- **Gratified** by the commitment of the Government of Northern Bahr el Ghazal State to build road networks to enhance acquaintance between Rezeigat and Dinka Malual communities for sustainable peace and mutual socio-economic development;
- **Recognizing**, respecting and committed to full and timely implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA);
- **In respect** to common destiny between Rezeigat and Dinka Malual communities despite the possible multifaceted challenges that are likely to be experienced as a result of the end of the CPA in 2011;
- **Conscious** of huge potential for development of our natural resources, agriculture, forestry and livestock owned by Rezeigat and Dinka Malual and the desire for attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the unhindered access to the rights of our people to their portions in the distribution of the national cake;
- **Inspired and encouraged** by wisdom and good leadership by the Presidency of H.E. Omar Bashir, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit First Vice President and GoSS President, H.E. Ali Osman Taha, Vice President of Republic of Sudan and H.E. Paul Malong Awan, Governor of Northern Bahr el Ghazal State;
- **Urging** the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), European Unions, United Nations and International/Local NGOs and both GoNU and GoSS to timely respond to our needs to empowerment of our traditional authority, local governments and priorities of our local development and support to our desire to live as good neighbours and people of common good;
- **Thankful** for the outstanding hospitality to this Historic Conference for grass root peace by the Dinka Malual and administration, people of Aweil Town,

USAID/OTI/AECOM, PACT Sudan, Southern Sudan Peace Commission (SSPC), USAID/Bridge, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and facilitation by Policy Advocacy & Strategic Studies (PASS);

- **Joint hands** in prayer, plea and to put our destiny to The Will of All-Mighty God-The Allah;
- **We the delegates that are representing the following communities:**

(1) Malual West, (2) Malual North (3) Malual Centre (4) Abeim and (5) Malual East being the Dinka Malual on one hand and on another hand the Rezeigat communities of (1) El Nawaiba of Western Grazing Route – Elfardous to Aroyo (2) Um Dhahiya of the Eastern Grazing Route – Abujabra, Wanjok and Warawar (3) of Abumatariq of Gok Machar and (4) Mahameed of Althouthah of Asalaya through to Timsah and Raga;

- **Have agreed to commit ourselves:**

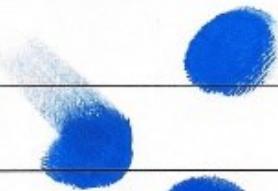
1. That the Rezeigat should provide security and protection of Dinka people who reside in Rezeigat's land including their property;
2. That for the Dinka Malual to provide security and protection of Rezeigat people that reside in Dinka's land and their property;
3. To respect and conserve names of villages, natural features, historical places and rivers without renaming them with strange names;
4. To respect and conserve human life and dignity and sustainable environment for prosperity;
5. That political challenge that emerges from Khartoum and Juba should not influence the citizens of the two communities. They should not involve themselves in political issues within the border of the two communities of Dinka and Rezeigat;
6. That Intermarriage shall be lawful in accordance with cultures, norms and beliefs as observed by the two communities;
7. To support the creation and establishment of joint traditional and customary courts of Dinka Malual and Rezeigat that shall be called as Joint Traditional Court where leadership of such court shall be alternating within the leadership of the two communities as shall be agreed upon and governed by law;
8. That the Rezeigat will conform to Dinka Malual customs and this should consult with Dinka Malual traditional authority to allow entry to Dinka Malual Land, use of water resources and passage in agricultural areas;
9. That the Dinka Malual and Rezeigat should promote religious tolerance and not to allow those elements that call for conflict and wars within areas of the two communities;

10. That for the governments and the local and international developmental organizations to provide and to construct all weather roads between the two communities starting with the road of El Dhaein and Aweil;
11. That for the governments to facilitate and to enhance movement of trade between the areas of the two communities;
12. To prohibit the carrying and use of fire arms when entering any of the two communities' areas;
13. That the communities must exert all the necessary efforts to bring to reality all the resolutions of our conference between Rezeigat and Dinka Malual at Aweil of January 2010 through legislation by the legislative assemblies and joint institutions in the two sisterly states of Northern Bahr el Ghazal State and Southern Darfur State;
14. To extend and include the neighbouring communities in the terms of the accords of our conference;
15. To reactivate the role and to include the women, youth and intellectuals of the two communities in the accords of this agreements;
16. To dissemination of culture of peace between Dinka Malual and Rezeigat communities through sports, theatre and traditional dance;
17. To lobby for the establishment of joint boarding schools for girls and other for boys in the areas of the two communities and;
18. To seek support for formation of joint institutions to implement this agreement through Traditional Authorities and Civil Society.

On behalf of Dinka Malual signed by the following: at Aweil on January 25th, 2010

1. P/Chief Achein Achein Yor of Malual East	
2. P/Chief Garang Diang Akok of Malual West	
3. P/Chief Peter Makuec Makuec Kuol of Abeim	
4. Chief Santino Deng Nyuol of Malual North	
5. Elder Anyat Dut Diing of Malual Centre	
6. P/Chief Ayaga Ayaga Ayaga of Ayat West	

On behalf of Rezeigat signed by the following: at Aweil on January 25th, 2010

1. Ustaz Mohamed Ali El Gourashi	
2. Ustaz Mohamud Fadhel Nabi Sharif	
3. El Said Abdallah Abu Basher Mohamed	
4. Altaib El Nair Abdaallah	
5. Ibrahim Musa Jad El Karim	

Witnessed by:


H.E. Garang Diiing Akuóng
Minister of Finance, Industry, Trade and Economic Planning
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John Marks
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