



Kupera Community chairman Mr. Edward Lubert.

Mr Lubert expressed anger and frustration with his people who were against him and the commissioner's move to Kupera and outlined the following points:

- The loss of his 60 cows that were destroyed during the conflict and the destructions of his business entities.
- That people of Kupera have no identity and are not straight forward. Adding that he cannot be identified as a Pojulu and that the question of Kupera identity need to be addressed.
- Mr Lubert forgave his people who caused him and his family harm.

Kupera County Peace and Reconciliation communiqué

The people and government of Kupera County represented by the Paramount Chief, chiefs, elders, government representatives, community leaders gathered at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) premises in Yei on March 19th to 21st 2019 at the invitation of Hon. Emmanuel Khamis Richard, Commissioner of Kupera County under the guidance of Arch – Bishop Elias Taban Parangi to attend a peace and reconciliation conference. After two (2) days of deliberations, the conference resolved that:

1. Peace and reconciliation conference be held in Kupera led by EPC Peace Desk in partnership with ECSS Mundu Diocese and other churches that bring all the people of Kupera together;
2. A reconciliation and healing conference be held that bring the counties of Lainya, Kupera and Mukaya together led by the respective commissioners;
3. Government to establish a stable security in Kupera County
4. Freedom of worship be allowed in Kupera County
5. Government to engage partners in provisions of agricultural tools like tractors, hoes and seeds
6. Government to engage partners in training of community leaders and community policing (capacity building)

Signed by:

1. Ismail Taban Kango, Paramount Chief Kupera County Ismail Taban Kango
2. James Ila Charles, Head Chief of Wuji "B" Court James Ila Charles
3. Luka Lasu Philmona, Head Chief of Mundu "B" court Luka Lasu Philmona
4. Thomas Nyobulo, Head Chief Kupera "B" court Thomas Nyobulo
5. Charles Tabu Dema, Head Chief Korobe "B" court Charles Tabu Dema
6. Mikaya Wani, Head Chief Koyoki "B" Court Mikaya Wani
7. Tito lomude Manase, Head Chief Dongoro "B" Court Tito lomude Manase

WITNESSED BY:

Arch - Bishop Elias Taban Parangi

Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Head of EPC Peace Desk

Yei River State

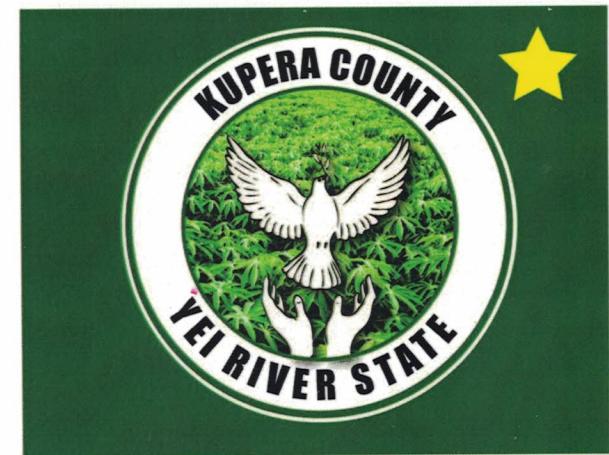


Mary Tumalu - Chair Lady, Kupera County

Tumalu expressed happiness and called on the participants to give a round of applause as a sign of thanks to Arch Bishop Elias Taban for all the support and for organizing the peace and reconciliation conference. Tumalu also encouraged participants to speak the truth and to open hearts for forgiveness. And finally, Tumalu attributed the survivors of the elders of Kupera with the help of Hon. Emmanuel Khamis Richard, the Commissioner of Kupera. Lastly, Tumalu thanked the ENAF team for abandoning rebellion and choosing peace, and then asked for forgiveness from God and the ENAF representatives.



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