







## SPLM LEADERS (FPD)

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## ON MALAKAL AND WAU INCIDENTS

With heavy and broken heart, we the SPLM Leaders (Former Political Detainees) wish to convey our condolences to the bereaved families, friends and relatives of the victims of the Malakal and Wau incidents in which innocent civilians were killed in cold blood. We note, with trepidation, that the killing in Malakal even took place in a United Nations Protection of Civilian (POC) camp. POC camp and other UN sites must be respected in accordance with international conventions to which South Sudan is party.

We also take note of the ongoing acts of ceasefire violation in Eastern Equatoria and flareup in Pibor which have caused death and misery among civilians. We appeal to the warring parties to keep to the spirit of the Peace Agreement and to ensure that there is strict observance of the ceasefire countrywide.

We deplore the continued killing of civilians even after signing of peace agreement to bring the violent conflict that erupted in our country in December 2013 to an end.

We join the rest of humanity in urging the Government of South Sudan and the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) to conclude quickly their investigations into these senseless killing so that the perpetrators can be brought to book.

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