



Call for Immediate Cessation of the Forceful Stripping of Young Women by Security Personnel in Bor Town.

(1 Nov 2021) It is with great shock and dismay that we, the young women of Jonglei state at **Sisterhood Solidarity Call** have learned of the brutal and barbarous humiliation exercises being carried out by the security personnel against women and girls living in Bor Town. Women are being targeted, beaten, and stripped naked by the security apparatus in Bor in direct violation of their constitutional rights.

According to information we collected from sources on the ground, this humiliating practice came a day after a crackdown on criminal gangs in the city by Bor security personnel. Shortly after that, the police began a similar crackdown on young women deemed to have dressed indecently; thus, the aforementioned forced stripping of these unsuspecting young women and girls.

The practice of targeting women and girls because of their choice of clothing has been shamefully normalized throughout the years in Bor Town. Many women have been victimized by the security personnel, subjecting them to brutal violence and public shaming. We are calling on Jonglei authorities, community leaders, and Jonglei members of the Revitalized Transitional Legislative Assembly (**RTNLA**) to urgently look into this matter and demand immediate corrective action.

The **Sisterhood Solidarity Call** on behalf of the young women of Jonglei condemns, in the strongest terms possible, this heinous and barbaric assault on women in our state. Nowhere in the world is a person's choice of clothing criminalized. These actions are in direct violation of the **Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan (amended)**, the international human rights laws and conventions, especially, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (**CEDAW**).

Unfortunately, these gross infringements on the freedoms of women are a recurring theme in Jonglei politics. We believe this is because of a basic indisposition by the people in power to punish wrongdoers. To fix this, the Sisterhood Solidarity Call makes the following demands of our leaders in Jonglei:

- We urge all relevant government institutions, both state and national, to ensure the rights of women are respected. This includes the right to dress as one deems appropriate without undue harassment.

- We demand that all the perpetrators are identified and face justice.
- We want to remind the Government of Jonglei state that, not only does punishment discourage transgressors from repeating crimes, it also serves as a deterrent to future offenders.
- We call upon the government of Jonglei – specifically, all law enforcement agencies in Jonglei – to observe and respect the principles of International Human Rights Law and to apply these laws in this particular case.
- Finally, we appeal to the state and national governments to educate traditional leaders on statutory laws to prevent further violations of said laws and conventions.

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Cc: Hon Makuei Lueth -Minister of information (Community chair leader)

Cc: Minister of Gender child and social welfare - Hon Aya Benjamin

Cc: Governor, Jonglei state -Hon Denay

Cc: Hon.Deng Dau-deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

Cc: Jonglei Coordination office- Juba

Cc: Community Youth Leaders

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