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Ref: **Condemnation of Gruesome Murder**

I would like to express my deepest disappointment and outrage at the gruesome murder of Mr. **Muki Johnson John** who was abducted in Juba at a broad daylight on 18th, October 2024 as he went to a bank for his business transactions. Mr. **Muki** was a proprietor of Rescue Medical Center (RMC) based in Yei River County. His body was discovered dumped in Terekeka County along Juba-Terekeka Highway with his car parked by the roadside on 20th, November 2024. This heinous act of violence has shocked and horrified our community leaving us heartbroken and filled with grief.

This senseless and forceful taking of a human life is disrespect to our shared humanity and a violation of the fundamental right to life, liberty and the security of any person in the society. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr. **Muki Johnson John** during this incredibly difficult time. I share in your pain and offer my unwavering support as you navigate this unimaginable loss.

I call upon the government of Central Equatoria State, National Government and the law enforcement agencies to conduct a thorough and swift investigation to ensure that those responsible for this horrific crime are brought to book for justice to prevail. I urge the full force of the law to be applied in this case, sending a clear message that such acts of violence will not be tolerated in our society.

This murder is another triggering of our memories as Central Equatorians and South Sudanese at large from the horrific massacre of our people in Kajokeji, Wunduruba, Ganji (Jebel Iraq), Limuro, Lokiriri, Lobongok and the killing of Lt. Col. Yuma Sebastian, killings along Morobo-Yei road, Lasu-Yei road, Maridi-Yei road, Ombaci in Otego Payam, Lainya - Juba road and the brutal murder of our 11 civilians who were killed and burned in two (2) Houses in the area of Sanja-Siri in 2016 during the reign of the Defunct Yei River State.

Moreover, I appeal to our communities to come together in solidarity and support each other. Let us create a safe and compassionate environment where violence is not an option and where all individuals feel valued and protected. We must work together to prevent future tragedies and build a community founded on respect for human dignity, peace, justice, rule of law and understanding.

I stand deeply renewed in hope, in my condemnation of this brutal act and my commitment to seeking justice for Mr. **Muki Johnson John**. I firmly hold the government accountable for failing to protect the citizens, accord justice and accountability for the crimes committed against rights of the South Sudanese people. May the memories of Mr. **Muki Johnson John** serve as a reminder of the importance of compassion, empathy and the sanctity of human life.

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