



TWIC EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, JUBA SOUTH SUDAN

**RESPONSES OF TWIC EAST COMMUNITY
TO
FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF BOR COMMUNITY**

Theme:

We Strive for the Unity of the People of Jonglei State and South Sudan

30th October 2022

Venue: BMC Garden, Juba, South Sudan

Preambles:

- **Thankful** to the Executive Committee of Twic East Community Association (TECA), Community representatives in South Sudan and the community in diaspora for calling a meeting on 30th October 2022 and the Twic East Community in diaspora for submitting their positions to the Twic East Community Consultative Meetings in Juba, South Sudan.
- **Appreciative and supportive** of the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity's (RTGoNU) pursuit of peace and social cohesion under H.E President Salva Kiir Mayardit and Hon. Governor Denay Jock Chagor of Jonglei State.
- **Strongly** condemn in possible terms the defamatory songs composed against leaders of Bor and Twic communities and other leaders.
- **Deeply concerned** about a fractured social fabric between the communities of Duk, Twic, and Bor.
- **Cognizant** of inactive leadership of Greater Bor Community Association (GBCA).
- **Committed** to keeping the people of Jonglei State and South Sudan united in deeds and words.

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- **Aware** of the administrative transition from Bor and Kongor Districts to Twic East, Bor, and Duk Counties and the ethnic compositions of Hol, Nyarweng, Twic, and Bor of the former Bor District.
 - **Cognizant** of Bor, Twic, Hol, Nyarweng, Luach, Rut, Thoi, and Paweny as ethnic Dinka Communities in Jonglei State.
 - **Recalling** that in 2015 and 2017, members of Bor County in National and State Assemblies signed a petition and presented it to the President, calling for the creation of Bor State only for Bor Community with a defined boundary from Chueiker to Jale.
 - **Expressing profound** gratitude to the Government of South Sudan, Artist Ms. Achuei Deng Ajing, and communities of Warrap for honoring the people of Duk, Pigi, Bor, Twic, friends, and organizers for a colorful celebration and gifts of "Jieng de Jonglei" song on 8th October 2022 in Gumbo Basic School.
 - **Mindful** of State, Church, and Community Authorities' mandates and reiterates the need to maintain a truthful, cohesive, and united community of Jieng and other communities in Jonglei State.
 - **Expressing deep concern** over the communal insults during Bor Community Extraordinary Conference held between 15th – 16th October 2022 at White Nile hotel in Bor, Jonglei State, allegedly triggered by the "Jieng de Jonglei" song celebration on 8th October 2022 in Gumbo Basic School.
 - **Accordingly**, the Executive of Twic East Community Association, representatives of Chiefs, Elders, Youth, Women, Intellectuals, and Members of the Diaspora made the following responses to the Communique of the Bor Community Extraordinary Conference held between 15th -16th October 2022:-
- (1) We acknowledge a letter **dated 26th May 2022** by Amb. Gen. Bior Ajang Duot, Chairman of Twic East Community, as a reply to a request from the Jieng Community Association (JCA) to provide inputs to inform the JCA constitution. This request was shared with all Jieng Community leaders, including Dr. Angok Kuol. Subsequently, Amb. Gen. Bior



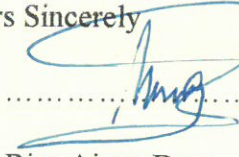
Ajang Duot wrote the letter as Chairman of Twic East Community, providing inputs into the constitution, and Bor Community should have submitted its inputs to the Jieng Community Association rather than questioning Twic East Community's position.

- (2) The Bor Community and its representatives in Transitional National and State Assemblies are fully responsible for the dissolution of the Greater Bor Community Association (GBCA), evidenced by their first petition of 2015 and second petition of 2017 respectively in which they requested their own Bor State, excluding Twic East and Duk communities. Bor community action affirmed that the Greater Bor Community Association (GBCA) is **no longer a viable unifying platform** for the three communities of the former Bor District. However, the sisterly communities of Bor, Duk, and Twic East will continue to cooperate in areas of mutual interest just as before the creation of the GBCA.
- (3) The first defamatory and demeaning songs were composed in 2010 and intensified after 2014 against leaders from Twic East Community. Nevertheless, we noted that the respective leaderships never sanctioned these songs in both communities (Bor or Twic East). We, therefore, condemn and call for an end to all forms of defamatory songs and insults against any leader. Whoever is aggrieved by such songs should make an effort to identify the composers and seeks redress in the courts of law.
- (4) The wrangling over power within the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, Jonglei Internal Province, and other related issues are the church's and its leadership's affairs. The Twic East Community has no role as the church is an independent entity.
- (5) The wrestling and the change of the State's name are competencies of the State and national governments. However, the Twic East Community has no role but remains available for consultation when and where required by the state and national authorities.

In conclusion, the Twic East Community had resolved to end its membership in Greater Bor Community Association (GBCA) with immediate effect and opted to engage with the sisterly communities of Bor and Duk on mutual relations. Moreover, the Twic East Community is free to associate with Jieng and other communities in Jonglei State and South Sudan for peace, unity, and prosperity.



Yours Sincerely



Amb. Gen. Bior Ajang Duot



CHAIRMAN OF TWIC EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Dr. Angok Kuol Tiir, Chairman, Bor Community.

Cc: Hon. Governor Denay Jock Chagor, Jonglei State.

Cc: Hon. Akech Dengdit, Deputy Governor of Jonglei State.

Cc: Members of Parliament (MPs) State and National.

Cc: Commissioner of Bor County

Cc: Commissioner of Twic East County

Cc: Commissioner of Duk County

Cc: Commissioner of Pigi County

Cc: Chairman of Duk Community.

Cc: Chairman of Pigi Community

Cc: TECAs in Diaspora

Cc: Chiefs

Cc: TEYA

Cc: Women

Cc: File

