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The Leadership of National Salvation Front (NAS) is following the appalling deteriorating security situation in Magwi County and other adjacent villages of Eastern Equatoria State. It has been reported that heavily armed cattle-keeping Dinka Bor youth attacked some villages in Magwi County killing innocent civilians: women, children and elderly persons, looting, burning several huts and displacing thousands of people. Not only that but threatening to attack and obliterate Magwi County the seat of the local government.

The Leadership of NAS would like therefore to make the following statements;

1. NAS strongly condemns in strongest terms possible this attack, destruction, killings and displacement of the local communities in Magwi County by the Dinka Bor cattle-keepers who disguises always as Internal Displace Persons (IDPs) including the South Sudan People's Defense Forces SSPDF victims in Lainya and Yei.
2. NAS conveys its condolences to the families of those killed in this barbaric incident, sends its sympathy and solidarity to the displaced people of Magwi and wishes quick recovery to the injured persons.
3. Equally NAS condemns the regime of Salva Kiir in Juba for intentionally allowing communities in South Sudan to fight among themselves while they enjoy the proceeds of loot from the misappropriation of the public resources among themselves at the expense of suffering citizens in the country.
4. Because of ethnic nature of the regime of Salva Kiir and the state capture situation, the security priority of the government in Juba is only limited to its survival. This condition resulted into the deteriorating security situation in the country making some peaceful communities especially in Equatoria constantly expose to attacks and harassment by state armed marauding cattle keepers. NAS therefore urges United Nation Mission in South Sudan UNMISS to expand its mandate of protection of civilian to all the targeted areas of

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violence and occupation such as Lainya, Yei, Morobo, Kajo-keji, Lobonok and Magwi and surrounding areas of Juba.

5. NAS calls on International Community especially human right groups to monitor this new strategy of the regime of Salva Kiir of using its allied tribal militia in attacking, displacing innocent civilians from their villages in Equatoria Region and western Baher El Gazal State, and to carry out vigorous investigation as to who is behind these orchestrated attacks and its motivation.
6. Finally, NAS strongly believes that the problem in South Sudan cannot be resolved in isolated piecemeal method. The exit out of South Sudan conflict demands an all-inclusive and holistic approach that addresses the root causes of the conflict in the country. NAS therefore appeal to the people of South Sudan to rally behind its message and call and that of other like-minded political formations and civil society groups that intends to address the fundamental root causes of conflict in South Sudan and to bring to an end the corrupt-ethnic regime of Salva Kiir.

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