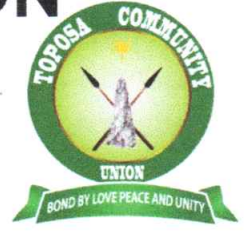




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PRESS RELEASE

TOPOSA COMMUNITY REJECTS THE KENYA'S REQUEST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 11 KM NADAPAL TO NAKODOK ROAD

Kapoeta, 8th November 2024: Reference is made to the Joint Communique on the occasion of the official visit to Juba by H.E William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya on 6th November 2024 in which he requested his counterpart H.E Salva Kiir Mayardit to allow the construction of 11 KM Nadapal to Nakodok road.

The entire Toposa Community in Eastern Equatoria State, South Sudan and in the Diaspora across the world rejects the request of the Kenyan President and directives of the two Heads of State directing their respective Ministers responsible for Roads for the sighting the following:

1. Kenya is making claim over 11 KM stretch of land between Nadapal and Nakodok and parts of the South Sudanese territory disregarding the Order of the Secretary of state No. 241 of 1914, The Uganda Order in Council 1902 which the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of Kenya have agreed as the basis for the delimitation and demarcation of the border between the two countries.
2. South Sudan is sovereign country and hence, Kenya cannot secure loan or grant from the World Bank to develop the infrastructure in South Sudan territory.
3. The request of H.E William Ruto is noncompliant with the MOU signed between the two governments on 17th June 2019 on boundary delimitation and delimitation of South Sudan-Kenya border. We urge the two governments to commit to the implementation of the signed MOU for a final delimitation and demarcation of the boundary between the two counties.
4. By providing Kenya with financing facility to construct road infrastructure on claimed land by Kenya, the **World Bank Financing Facility** is complicit to the Kenya illegal land claims by aiding Kenya to commit atrocities against the Toposa people in South Sudan. The World Bank should not fund conflicts and bloodshed but infrastructure for peaceful coexistence of the communities living along the boundaries of the three countries.

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Therefore, the Toposa Community makes the following:

1. We reject any attempt to allow the Republic of Kenya to extend the construction of the road from Nadapal to Nakodok. Kenya is claiming the 11 KM Nadapal – Nakodok as part of their A1 road infrastructure contrary to the international boundary delimited in 1902 and 1914 Order of the Uganda Council.
2. The Toposa Community urge the two governments of the Republic of Kenya and the Republic of South Sudan to implement the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 17th June 2019 on boundary delimitation and delimitation of South Sudan-Kenya border.
3. The Toposa Community urge the two governments of the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of Kenya to respect and abide by the principles of African Union Border Program (AUBP), which seek to maintain the sanctity and cohesion of communities and foster peaceful co-existence between the neighboring communities of Toposa, Nyangatom and Didinga in South Sudan and Turkana in Kenya.
4. The Toposa, Nyangatom and Didinga communities in Eastern Equatoria State request the Governments of South Sudan and Kenya; the African Union Border Programme (AUBP), TROIKA and East Africa Community (EAC) to prioritize and support the delimitation and demarcation of the boundaries dividing the three countries of South Sudan, Kenya and Uganda.

Signed:



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