

President of the Republic of South Sudan  
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Juba  
South Sudan

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# STOP CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND IMPUNITY IN SOUTH SUDAN

Your Excellency,

A new Amnesty International report, "If you don't cooperate, I'll gun you down": Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) and Impunity in South Sudan, highlights how CRSV persists in the country and how weapons can be used to facilitate sexual violence.

CRSV survivors told Amnesty International that they were raped by a variety of perpetrators, including government soldiers, a member of the National Security Service (NSS), members of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in Opposition (SPLM-IO) - the main armed opposition group, the National Salvation Front (NAS), a non-state armed group that has refused to sign the 2018 peace agreement, armed men, 'rebels' and unarmed men, including teenagers.

It also shows that two parts of an action plan drawn up to combat CRSV in the country and adopted by the government in January 2021 have not yet been fully implemented.

Despite hundreds of CRSV cases documented by the United Nations, Amnesty International and others over the past decade, prosecution of alleged perpetrators of sexual violence in conflict remains rare and impunity widespread. To date, no alleged perpetrators of CRSV have been charged with war crimes or torture. South Sudan has not included these crimes in its legal framework under international law.

I call on you,

- That perpetrators of conflict-related sexual violence must be brought to justice; the widespread impunity for these crimes must end.
- Establish the Hybrid Court for South Sudan that you committed to in the 2015 and 2018 peace agreements.
- Suspend all officials reasonably suspected of ordering, committing or facilitating violations of international humanitarian law, including sexual violence, until an effective, independent and impartial investigation has been conducted.
- Ratify the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol) and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and adhere to the aims and purposes of these
- Commit to the Abuja Declaration and allocate at least 15% of the national budget to public health.

Yours sincerely,

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