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On behalf of Gen Johnson Olony and Agwelek forces in Collo Kingdom, Upper Nile State Malakal.

Today on 15 May 2015 at 4:30PM, Agwelek forces came under heavy attacked by SPLA forces together with Dinka Padang militants in two locations which is Malakal and Dolieb south of Malakal town.

Agwelek forces defeated SPLA forces with pro government Dinka Padang militants under supervision of Hon. Stephen Dheau Minister for petroleum. Agwelek forces are now in full control of Malakal town at 8:00pm and Dolieb at 5:40PM. This fighting came as a result of deadline given by the president Salva Kiir Mayãrdiit after Malakal April 2015 crisis that gen Johnson Olony report to Juba within four(4) days and AgweleK forces must get out of Malakal town to the west of river Nile or face serious military campaign if deadline end without implementing require action. The deadline ended while gen J.Olony still busy moving around briefing his forces on Juba mission requested by the president Kiir through Military headquarters in Bilpam. Consequently, Agwelek forces came under heavy gun fire attacked by SPLA forces re-enforced by Dinka Padang white army (Dinka upper Nile Militants) declaring Agwelek forces rebels.

Agwelek forces under command of Gen J.Olony and other senior officers will operate as independent forces in Upper Nile State but we will be ready to work together with other opposition forces fighting tribal government of Salva Kiir for change for better South Sudan free of tribal hatred, ethnic cleansing like the one COLLO KINGDOM is facing now since 2005 from inspection of CPA planned by Dinka Padang using President Salva Kiir.

For more clarification, the current fighting in Malakal is fuel by the president Salva Kiir with his government for the following reasons:

1. Attacked of Brig Gen Abdullah Kur Papiti in February 2014 by Dinka Padang militants in area of Ogod behind Malakal northern part where he sustain bullet injury in his leg and government did nothing about this incident till today.
2. Attacked on Agwelek forces in the boat along the river Nile coming from Renk loaded with Diesel and petrol in July 2014 committed by the same Dinka Padang militants so called white army (oil protection force). Agwelek reported to the government authority and the president Kiir with his tribal government did nothing to solve this problem.
3. In August 2014 in Malakal southern part assigned to Agwelek forces, Agwelek soldier guard on patrol had been shot dead by SPLA soldier from Dinka in mechanized unit based in Dolieb and the killer run away to his station in which at last he could not be pursued for identification there because of rainy season. The government of Salva Kiir did not do anything about it to bring culprit to book.
4. In September 2014, Agwelek soldier in area of Asusa within Malakal town had been shot dead by SPLA soldier from Dinka suspected to be one of body guards of Col. Mading according to sources but due to lack of evidence Gen J. Olony closed this case.
5. Attacked of Brig Gen Nyagwal Ajak Deng in Renk town in Gen J. Olony military vehicle at 7:50pm on official duty eighteen (18) bullets damaged the vehicle and this act was committed by Dinka Padang militants in which nothing done by the government about it after reporting. Commissioner of Renk County in the meeting with late Gen James Bwog said responsibility of Padang is under national security that armed them through the president Salva Kiir and Hon. Stephen Dhieu although the same force is commanded by SPLA officers selected from their respective villages under Col. John Tor.
6. Attacked of Major Gen James Bwog in April 2015 around 2:30pm with fourteen (14) other officers accompanying him in one vehicle in which eleven (11) officers killed including Maj. Gen James Bwog and other four (4) officers who run away escaped with bullet wounds that are still undergoing treatment now. In fact, they were stopped at gun point and Gen James Bwog told his soldiers not to fight, instead he opted to talk to them

as a general in good faith. They were ordered to come out from vehicle, disarmed and finally executed in cold blood. I saw the bodies all bullets on their heads making it difficult to recognize them and committee sent from Malakal found the bodies in one place which is clear indication of execution.

Also, the same day Agwelek forces stationed at Lul Bridge Pashoda County east of the Nile came under attack in the morning hours, two Agwelek officers killed and four others (4) wounded who are still undergoing treatment now. We received bodies of our late officers including Gen James Bwog deputy of Gen Johnson Olony and the Upper Nile governor Kun Poc said remains of our soldiers should not be brought to Malakal because he did not send them there on mission and the same time his information Minister Peter Hoth went on air forecasting saying that fighting is between Collo Youth and Dinka Youth in area of Akoka County which is not true, the incident is in Fashoda County many miles from Akoka County. We went ahead to bury remains of twelve (12) officers in Wa Jwok village west across the Nile the same night and we left Gen James Bwog remain in Malakal under responsibility of Maj. Gen Arkangelo Abango for military parade possibly the following day when senior officers from Military headquarters arrive from Juba for burial which did not happen including major Gen Arkangelo Abango did not see the remain of his senior comrade even he did worst not to attend the funeral to mentioned the least. In two cases nothing done by the government despite committee of five (5) officers sent from Bilpam Military Headquarters under Gen Patrick Zamoi on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015 although they visited funeral place and talked to us on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 regarding incident. Here what is more disturbing is that, the government did not issue official statement regarding killing of Gen James Bwog with other twelve (12) SPLA officers from Agwelek till today simply because they are Collo killed by Dinka militants armed by government for the same purpose. I want to mention something for the record; in April 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Akol Akok officer from president guards killed in Juba in unknown circumstances and the same government went to the press issuing statement regarding that incident simply because he is Dinka not

like Gen James Bwog who is Collo plus other 12 officers. The late Gen James Bwog went after committee sent from Malakal to the place of incident as a way of seeking peaceful solution regarding attack on Agwelek forces in Lul Bridge by Dinka Padang Militants.

7. April 2015 incident in Malakal involving Kun Poc governor of Upper Nile State body guards and body guards of Gen Johnson Olony. Governor body guards came passing by road opposite Gen J. Olony house at 9:00pm and soldiers on patrol attempted to stop them to ask who they are but body guards of governor did not stop instead fire bullets at soldiers on patrol wounded two from Gen J. Olony side then two dead from governor side. The information about incident reached state security committee and they said to both parties that let them stay in their respective places till morning so that verification committee will go to visit the site where incident took place. The car of body guards of governor remain on the road passing by Gen Johnson Olony house with indicators light still on including dead body one is down and the other in their car. Governor body guards at 5:00am returned to incident place in defied of orders given by security committee re-enforced by Lt. gen Johnson Gony upper Nile state sector body guards who are nuers like governor one with intention to remove the car and destroy the evident before committee come for verification in the morning but gen J. Olony body guards pushed them back three times exchanging intensive fire. Lastly around 7am, governor Kun Poc contacted gen Arkangelo Abango for help depending on their agreement, Gen Arkangelo did not hesitate instead he went ahead instructing Dinka Padang Militants like Abochok force, Mutholom force, some Mathiang Anyor joined body guards of two nuers leaders controlling upper Nile state with four military tanks and attacked body guards of Gen Johnson Olony armed with Ak47 plus one PKM only in addition to being few in numbers. They killed most of body guards of gen olony because of military tanks and those who run to northern part where SPLA Jamus force are stationed had been killed by that force including civilians from Collo community escaping the fighting. The worst is that, they repeated the same thing the following day involving all militants from Padang in addition to first groups mobilized for war against

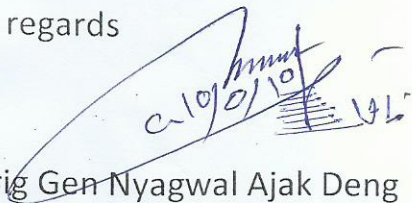
collo community strategic enemy of Salva Kiir government and viewing this situation Agwelek Leadership left with no option except self defense. We brought two hundred soldiers across the Nile and serious fighting started in defense of our innocent soldiers being kills for the last two days and we went on each other with those soldiers, Dinka padang militants including decorated young gen Arkangelo abango madut commander of special operation in upper Nile state shortly found themselves out of town on run leaving everything down some dropped their guns found themselves in UNMISS seeking international community protection after killing our people for the last two days. Maj. gen Arkangelo Abango decided to support the governor side instead of separating the two side including body guards of sector commander Lt.gen Johnson Gony because they are all SPLA government soldiers.

Finally, Military Headquarters in Juba took side due to misleading information including the president who decided to support Gen Arkangelo Abango, Governor Kun Poc, Lt.gen Johnson Gony and Dinka padang militants who killed gen James Bwog deputy of gen Johnson Olony less than a month ago in which his case still pending in president Kiir office till today. What happen? Military campaign by the president Salva Kiir instructing that Gen Johnson Olony must report to him in Juba in four days and all Agwelek forces get out of Malakal town to cross west of the Nile despite gen Olony liberated the same town from SPLM-IO after he had been wounded at his neck in Malakal Battle february 2014 on government side. This problem dragged on for weeks without solution except threat for military campaign against gen Johnson Olony with his forces that defended government seat in Malakal since January 2014. The government did not stop there instead, they went on mobilizing all militants from Dinka Padang who killed gen James Bwog, SPLA forces all over the country, military tanks, Fighters jets and gunships being tested for weeks in Uganda even cluster bombs requested from neighboring Country for use against Agwelek forces including Collo community as part of ethnic cleansing visible to international community since January 2014 although nobody see it as serious crimes amounting to crimes against humanity exercise openly in

broad day light by president Kiir. The campaign finished and preparation done as a result Agwelek forces attacked by government with their Dinka pro government militants of Padang. Agwelek forces had been pushed to tied corner since if not tolerance of gen Johnson Olony, Agwelek would have been out of the government long time back and the world must know that there is limit of what you can accept from anybody let the blame go to tribal leadership who did not see any strategic friend as soon as they feel safe which may not be true now from look of things in this case.

8. We have two drivers from Collo community Deng and Oleny working for UNWFP killed on first of May 2015 between Akoka County and Pashoda County by Dinka Padang militants. We have many Collo members including SPLA soldiers killed in areas of Dinka Padang unaccounted for up to date including fishermen cannot go for fishing for the same reason since Dinka Padang got arms all including under age by president Salva Kiir in December,2013 that went on till today .

Best regards



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