



REMEMBERING THE ONES WE LOST

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PRESS STATEMENT

Over 20,000 Dead Documented in South Sudan Violence and Conflicts: Time to End Use of Force

“Profoundly regretting the suffering and distress caused to the people of South Sudan by the conflict on-going in South Sudan since 15 December 2013 and apolosing unconditionally to the people of South Sudan for all the suffering and distress caused by the devastation, loss of life and instability resulting from the conflict. Firmly committed to end the culture of the use of force as a means of settling differences and misunderstanding and to promoting a culture of peace and dialogue”.

Quote from Preamble of the Revitalized Agreement on Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan, 2018

The vision of Remembering The Ones We Lost (ROWL) is “aA nation of South Sudanese people who honour the memories of all those who have died in violent circumstances in the Republic of South Sudan, and a population which believes that never again should violence be used to resolve differences.”

Remembering The Ones We Lost has documented and published 20,113 names of conflict related deaths, killings and disappearances in South Sudan since 1955 in an [online public memorial](#) to honor them and lives lost due to conflict in the country, ensuring that their names are not lost to history.

The country continued to lose lives despite the signing of The Revitalized Agreement for Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCISS) peace agreement in 2018 in Khartoum. Names of loved ones submitted to Remembering The Ones We Lost shows that in 2019, t2,060 lost lives due to conflict and the number increased to 4,292 in 2020 and 3,722 in 2021. Within this year of 2022, ROWL has documented over 2,098 lives were lost and the number is still growing due to continued insecurity and fighting in the country.

Data collected shows that gunshot is the number one means of killing used by parties to the conflict, community members and individuals. Other means for killings including torture of victims before killing them, burning of people families inside rooms, slaughtering by knife, hanging individuals on trees, pushing individuals in the river etc.

Remembering The Ones We Lost believes that as a nation, South Sudan can put an end to the use of the force against and amongst its citizens. We would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of South Sudan:

1. Government and leaders to make public apologies to the people of South Sudan for continuous violence and commit to the protection of civilians from violent conflict and needless deaths.
2. Government and leaders empower already existing institutions and organs to better implement order and operation of the constitution.
3. Government and leaders to promote culture of peace and dialogue among communities and citizens by recognizing social and community inequalities are unjust and fuel misery and inter-communal conflicts.
4. Government forces and other armed opposition parties who are not signatory to the peace to ensure civilians are not subjected to torture, killing, forced detention, or forced disappearances.
5. Government forces and other armed groups to ensure that special measures and considerations are taken to ensure that women and girls are not subjected to any forms of gender related harm because of conflict.

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