



Condemnation Statement

Mugwo Community Stakeholders' Forum (MCS'F), Mugwo Payam, Yei River County

Date: 8th July 2025

The Mugwo Community Stakeholders' Forum (MCS'F) strongly and unequivocally condemns the inhumane and reprehensible act of abduction carried out by armed criminals against **Paramount Chief Joseph Brown Lo-Mose** and two other humanitarian aid workers, who were on a mission to foster peace and reconciliation within the communities of Yei River County.

This brutal incident is not only disrespect to human dignity and the rule of law but also a grave violation of the cultural values and traditions of the people of Yei River County, who stand for respect, harmony, and the sanctity of life. It is deeply disturbing that, despite the immense suffering endured by our communities since the crises of 2013 and 2016, such senseless violence continues to undermine peacebuilding efforts.

We urgently appeal to the abductors to release **Paramount Chief Joseph Brown Lo-Mose** and the two humanitarian workers immediately and unconditionally. Their continued captivity serves no cause and only deepens the wounds of a society striving to heal.

We further call on the County, State, and National leadership, along with all relevant security agencies, to take swift and decisive action to secure the safe return of the abducted individuals and bring the perpetrators to justice. The safety of our community leaders and humanitarian actors must be guaranteed if we are to rebuild trust and progress towards lasting peace.

To **Chief Joseph Brown Lo-Mose** and the two humanitarian workers; may the **Ngun Kata of Yei** watch over you, protect you through this underserved ordeal, and guide you safely back to your families and community? Your dedication and service to humanity in Yei River County and the Republic of South Sudan are deeply needed and profoundly appreciated.

Signed

Hon. Malish Noel Scopas

On behalf of the Mugwo Community Stakeholders' Forum (MCS'F)