



**SOUTH SUDAN FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (SSFDA)**  
**Chairman and Commander in Chief**

**To:**

- **The European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs**
- **The Secretary-General of the United Nations**
- **Special Envoys of the Troika (United States, United Kingdom, Norway)**
- **The Chairperson of the African Union Commission**
- **The Executive Secretary of IGAD**

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**Subject: Immediate Action Required – Uganda’s War Crimes and the Ongoing Genocide Against Nuer Civilians in Upper Nile, South Sudan**

**Excellencies,**

We write with extreme urgency to demand immediate international action in response to the genocidal violence currently unfolding in Upper Nile State, South Sudan, and the illegal military intervention by the Republic of Uganda. In recent days, Ugandan MI-28 attack helicopters and Antonov aircraft—operating in coordination with South Sudanese government-aligned forces—have executed aerial attacks on civilian villages, deploying incendiary and chemical weapons and killing scores of innocent people.

This operation, deliberately targeting Nuer and Equatorian populations, constitutes a grave breach of international law, including the Geneva Conventions, the Chemical Weapons Convention, and the UN Convention on Genocide. We urge you to treat this not as a future threat, but as a current and escalating genocide. The perpetrators are known. The weapons are in use. The victims are being buried.

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**A Peace Initiative Announced While Civilians Are Being Bombed**

In an act of grotesque irony, this mass atrocity coincides with the public launch of two major peacebuilding projects in South Sudan, supported by the United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP), UNICEF, the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), and donor governments including the EU and Troika nations.

Launched on March 20, 2025, these initiatives are billed as promoting "community resilience," "peace education," and "reconciliation." Yet, on the very same day, South Sudanese civilians were being incinerated in their homes by Ugandan airstrikes.

We must call this what it is: absurd and dangerous. The announcement of peace projects while active war crimes are being committed not only defies logic—it provides political cover for perpetrators, allowing them to maintain an illusion of reform and goodwill. It actively undermines the credibility of international institutions and misleads global public opinion.

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### **A Genocide in Progress, Not a Peace Process**

These are not isolated incidents of violence. These are coordinated attacks on ethnic communities, driven by political and military strategy. The use of attack helicopters, incendiary bombs, and chemical agents shows premeditation and state-level coordination. These actions are not compatible with any notion of peacebuilding.

To continue speaking of "reconciliation" while bombs fall is not just hypocritical—it is insane. It reflects a complete disconnect between policy and reality, and a tragic failure of international oversight. We cannot build peace on top of mass graves.

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### **Immediate Demands: Withdraw Ugandan Forces Now**

The first and most urgent priority must be the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Ugandan military personnel and equipment from South Sudanese territory, including:

- All MI-28 and other rotary-wing aircraft currently being used in airstrikes
- All fixed-wing bombers, including Antonov aircraft
- All ground personnel coordinating or supporting combat operations in Upper Nile and neighboring areas

Uganda's presence is not peacekeeping. It is an active foreign occupation engaging in war crimes. Their continued presence is a direct threat to civilian life and regional stability.

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## **Actions Required by Your Institutions**

We respectfully call on your leadership to implement the following without delay:

1. Publicly condemn Uganda's military intervention and call for immediate withdrawal.
2. Suspend all aid, military assistance, or partnerships with the Ugandan government until compliance is achieved.
3. Initiate a joint AU–UN fact-finding mission to document war crimes and investigate chemical weapons use.
4. Refer responsible parties to the ICC for prosecution under international humanitarian law.
5. Suspend all peacebuilding project funding that involves the South Sudanese central government until full transparency and independent access are guaranteed.

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## **A Moment of Moral Clarity**

Excellencies, this is your moment of decision. You do not need further evidence—what you need is political will. Every delay strengthens the hand of the perpetrators and costs more innocent lives.

The people of Upper Nile are not pawns in regional politics. They are human beings entitled to protection, dignity, and justice.

**The world has said “Never Again” too many times. Let it mean something now.**

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**Sincerely,**

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