

## **Signing Ceremony of Gogrial State Grassroots Peace Initiatives**

Before the signing Ceremony of Gogrial State Grassroots peace initiatives, the following communicate was read:

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Communiqué**

Driven by the Church divine mandate 2Corinthians 5: 18 -20, the Most Rev. Bishop Elias Taban Parangi and members of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Yei – South Sudan spent four days from July 31, 2017 to August 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 with State Government officials, intellectuals, elders, community leaders, chiefs, sons and daughters of Gogrial State and Yei River State Government to soul search and find a lasting solution to the conflict in Gogrial State. After extensive deliberations on the theme: Soul searching and Strategic planning for Gogrial State grassroots Peace initiative [GPI], the meeting led to the following key resolutions:

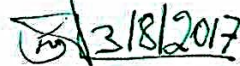
1. Peace building and healing conference be organized in Gogrial State within the shortest possible time by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church that brings all sons and daughters of Gogrial State so as to arrest the conflict immediately.
2. The communities resolved that Youth carrying unauthorized arms must be disarmed immediately
3. The Communities of Gogrial State call on well wishers to provide immediate relief assistance to support the displaced people of Gogrial State
4. The communities resolved that lasting peace can be achieved through provision of basic services such as.
  - a. water points for both human and animal consumptions.
  - b. schools and education.
  - c. Food security and health services.
5. The communities of Gogrial State called upon all sons and daughters of Gogrial State to abandon evil and accept God in the quest for a lasting Peace in Gogrial State immediately

6. The communities resolved that State Government must provide security in the State as well as restore the rule of law immediately.
7. The communities resolved that peace building is required through:
  - a. Promotion of good governance,
  - b. Rural transformation programs,
  - c. Youth engagement in income generation activities and training of organized forces
8. The communities resolved that lasting Peace can be achieved when:
  - a. Neutral investigative body is established in Gogrial State to investigate and try current cases.
  - b. Special courts are established

The Signatories and the witness to this communiqué for the implementation of the Gogrial Peace Initiatives [GPI] are as follows:

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Hon. Ludoviko Dual Aken

Chairman,

 3/18/2017

Aguok Community

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Chief Justice Ambrose Riny Thiik

Chairman,



Apuk Community - Juba

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Gen. Agasio Akol Tong

Chairman,



Awan Community

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