



PRESS RELEASE

Akobo County is not a Traditional Lou Nuer County

The Anyuak Community in diaspora supports the Press Release by the Akobo Anyuak Community in South Sudan cautioning Mr. Lul Ruai Koang not to involve the entire Akobo County in his quest for a Lou Nuer Administrative Area similar to Greater Pibor. Mr. Lul Ruai Koang has his rights to quest for an administrative area for Lou Nuer out of 1956 borders of Akobo.

Akobo County, within 1956 borders, is not part of the Lou Nuer territory. It has been the political game that amalgamated Akobo with the Lou Nuer territories. While Mr. Lul is negotiating for his political ambitions, the Government of South Sudan should not make the mistake again this time around. The first mistake was accepting the current map, which is different from 1956, and which annexes the Anyuak land to the Lou Nuer. The Lou Nuer should not enjoy political appeasement at the expense of Anyuak existence.

In any discussion between Mr. Lul and the Government, the Akobo Anyuak should not be excluded as was done when the map was imposed on the Anyuak. The Anyuak must be assured that Lul Ruai Koang will not use Akobo as a political leverage for the interest of Lou Nuer.

In conclusion, we would like to reaffirm our strong support to the government of South Sudan under the leadership of the elected president, General Salva Kiir Mayardit and his effort to bring peace to South Sudan.

God Bless South Sudan

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