



South Sudan Watch Update

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Three officials killed

Three officials working for the governor of Western Lakes States were killed by unknown gunmen last week in three separate attacks. One of them was shot outside the governor's office while the other two were shot in Rumbek town. Apparently the killings are targeting government officials following recent calls to have the Western Lakes state governor Maj. General Matur Dhuol removed from office.

Gen Malong free, but...

The former army chief of staff Paul Malong was last week released from house arrest in Juba. His request to be allowed to return to his home area in northern Bahr el Ghazel was however denied by President Salva Kiir. The President ordered that Gen Malong could leave his house in Juba but is not allowed to go to his hometown. The president also said he did not trust Mr. Malong's motives for insisting to return home.

17,000 forced to flee- UN

Intense fighting in the Kajo Keji in the Equatoria State has forced at least 17,000 people to flee according to the United Nations. Ever since fighting broke out on October 16 in Kajo Keji, the internally displaced persons that were living in Aijo, Keriwa and Logo camps fled into Uganda while the others went to Yei county. The fighting also affected humanitarian activities in the area. Humanitarian organizations suspended operations for their safety.

12 killed in fighting

Heavy fighting has erupted between rebels and the government troops in the newly formed state of Fangak. Fangak is a stronghold for the rebel faction allied

to Taban Deng. Mr Khan Rom the press secretary of the rebel faction said the intention was to capture Wau County.

There was also intense fighting in Liech state between rebels allied to Dr. Riek Macher and government forces. Twelve soldiers were killed including ten government soldiers and two rebels.

Arrested during prayer

150 members of a Seventh Day Adventist Church were over the weekend arrested and tortured by police in Tonj state in South Sudan. The district leader of the Seventh Day Adventist church Pastor Wol Adegwun confirmed the arrests and said that the commissioner of Akop county police ordered the arrest of the church members after the community complained that the church had attracted a large number of residents as compared to other denominations. The Deputy governor of the Tonj state Manim Bol also confirmed the incident and said that investigations are underway to find out who made the arrests.

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