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U.S. Embassy Condemns Attacks in Malakal

The United States Embassy in Juba condemns the recent fighting in Malakal as a further blatant disregard of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, to which the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the rebel forces are both signatories. The fighting in Malakal endangers the lives of civilians and threatens further instability in Upper Nile State. Armed conflict and violence will not solve this crisis.

The U.S. Embassy in Juba calls on both sides to immediately abide by the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement and to engage in serious negotiations at the peace talks in Addis Ababa. It is of paramount importance for the Government to name and send immediately its representatives to the Joint Technical Committee so that the Monitoring and Verification Teams can begin their work of monitoring the Agreement under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). Continued military conflict will only prolong the violence and worsen the humanitarian crisis that threatens to consume the country.

The United States continues to support a political solution that reflects the collective voices of the people of South Sudan.

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