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**U.S. Embassy hands over equipment to the South Sudan National Police Service (SSNPS)**

U.S. Ambassador to South Sudan Susan D. Page congratulated the Honorable Minister of Interior and Wildlife Lt. Gen Aleu Ayieny Aleu on his new position and provided over \$273,000 worth of equipment and supplies to the South Sudan National Police Service (SSNPS). The equipment, consisting of radios, protective equipment, tents and related gear were supplied by the U.S. Department of State's International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau (INL). This year alone, the United States has provided approximately \$28.9 million in assistance to strengthen law enforcement, the judiciary, and the corrections system in South Sudan. The program is the largest INL program in sub-Saharan Africa.

"To the police officers attending today's ceremony and throughout South Sudan, I appreciate the work that you do. I know your job is not easy and that you face many challenges, including lack of resources. On behalf of the United States Government, I am proud to provide this equipment to the South Sudan National Police Service. This equipment will strengthen the Police Service's ability to mobilize and respond to incidents, to deploy to the field in a safer, healthier manner, and to more easily communicate and respond to highway incidents," said Ambassador Page.

Security and stability, Ambassador Page noted, are essential for economic, social, and political reforms to flourish. Ambassador Page emphasized the importance of independence for the entire criminal justice sector including law enforcement, the judiciary, and corrections. "The United States remains a committed partner for South Sudan in developing rule of law, but South Sudan must also, through its actions, remain committed to ensuring the independence of its rule of law institutions."

The United States Government supports law enforcement through funding for UN Police advisors, developing community policing, highway patrol units, livestock patrol units, and classroom instruction, as well as one-on-one instruction with officials on the job.

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