



**Local EU Statement on the attack on civilian Ethiopians in Jikawo, Gambella region on 15 April 2016**

The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Missions in Ethiopia

(20 April 2016) A criminal attack on 15 April launched by armed elements from South Sudan on Jakawo, Gambella region, Ethiopia, led to the loss of over two hundred lives on the Ethiopian side and over one hundred Ethiopian children have been abducted.

The EU expresses its condolences to the families of the victims and calls for the South Sudanese authorities to ensure the immediate return of the abducted children to their families and that those responsible for this act of violence are held accountable. This attack is a tragic reminder of the need to achieve lasting peace, justice and rule of law in South Sudan.

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