



Delegation of the European Union to South Sudan

LOCAL JOINT STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE IN NASSIR, SOUTH SUDAN

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"The European Union Delegation, the Heads of Mission of Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, The United Kingdom and the Heads of Mission of Japan, Norway and Switzerland issue the following statement in South Sudan:

The European Union Delegation, the Heads of Mission of Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, The United Kingdom and the Heads of Mission of Japan, Norway and Switzerland strongly condemn renewed fighting between government and opposition forces in Nassir, Upper Nile State.

This renewed fighting is completely in contradiction of commitments made by both sides to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, it is devastating people's lives and rapidly draining valuable resources that need to be invested in the country's development.

We will look forward to the IGAD MVM report to determine who has been responsible for the various violations, and call on all sides to cease combat and exercise restraint.

Those that choose violence, commit human rights violations and abuses and block progress in the IGAD Peace Talks will be held accountable."