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**ECS/SUDRA ASSESSMENT REPORT ON LRA BURUTAL AND BABARIC MISSION  
IN EASTERN, CENTRAL AND WESTERN EQUATORIA SOUTH SUDAN.**

**Background**

Lords Resistance Army LRA nick named “*Tong tong*” are the group of Uganda rebels fighting the government of Uganda for over two decades, mostly concentrating in Northern and North Eastern Uganda, with no clear objectives except brutal killing of the innocent indigenous people and abduction of children boys and girls to be actively trained for brutal killing, raping of women, changing the human appearance into ghost by cutting off some parts of the body such as lips ears, and looting of the properties.

This act of terrorism gradually crossed the borders from Uganda to South Sudan at the Eastern Equatorial Diocese of Torit in the areas of Magwi, and Nimule are seriously affected, at the Central equatorial Dioceses of Kajokeji Lainya, Yei, are seriously affected in Western Equatorial Diocese of Yambio, Ibba ,Ezo, Maridi, Mundri and Lui are serious affected to mention few among the long list. Congo as neighboring to Sudan suffered the same mutilation; thousands of lives were lost children abducted now about 9,000 Refugee from Congo settled in Ezo and about 10 thousand settled in Ibba.

As a result thousands of people internally displaced from their home areas taking refugee at near by urban areas taking up community centers ie Schools, Churches and under trees become immediate shelters, wild fruits and lives are the immediate food of the day although the host communities are trying to share the little they have with the IDPs. But it is like solving a problem to create a bigger problem.

**Resent events in January 2009**

Following the join campaign of Uganda, Congo and Sudan Armed forces in December 2008 as an attempt to clear LRA forces settled in Garamba National park in the Democratic Republic of Congo; this attempt have provoked Kony as an injured leopard come out determined to die after clearing all its enemies including the innocent in the area. With this Barbaric act over thousand people were killed, thousands abducted properties looted and destroyed houses burned down, yet there is no solution for the problems.

With this long and unbearable crying of the innocent people of the Southern Sudan particularly in the Western Equatorial Diocese of Mundri , Maridi and Lui, His Grace the Archbishop and the primate of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, the Most Rev Dr, Daniel Deng Bul set up a team let by Rev Simon Peter K. Modi the Ag: General Manager of ECS/SUDRA to Diocese of Mundri and Lui, to witness and assess the situation of the people.

## The Assessment Report

The assessment reports are in two phases, first the barbaric act of LRA in the Diocese of Maridi, second the LRA act in the Diocese of Mundri and Lui:-

### ***1. LRA Barbaric act in Maridi***

LRA Barbaric act in Maridi Diocese in the villages of Mambe, Maku and Lur, Letua and Mboroko, the attack carried out between Dec, 24th, 2008 and Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, I witness the situation while I was in Maridi on the Diocesan project monitoring program.

**39** people killed in the aforementioned villages of Maridi Diocese, excluding 11 dead bodies found in the bush towards Congo Border with Sudan that totaling to 50 killed. 17 both boys and girls abducted. None has been released, not known if they are alive or dead for most of them are vulnerable children between 10 and 14 years old.

5,000 or more have taken refugee in Maridi town living in the community center such as Schools, Churches some hosted with relatives or well wishers.



***Mboroko village in Maridi where 26 people were killed in about two hours at the night including four community leaders, before burial in the community grave yard the bodies were laid on the Church Benzes under the trees, the front boy with folded hands lost his father in the incident.***

### ***2. LRA Barbaric act in Mundri***

According to the reliable sources of information including the county and Diocesan authorities the information is very clear in which we have visited one of the village destroyed, where two people were killed including a child of 6 months old.

The LRA movement were first reported on the Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and infiltrated Mundri county between Mambe and Rasolo, and move down to Tore-wandi, where they launched raid in the villages and Bomas in the south of Mundri county/ Diocese on the following dates:-

- On Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Tore-wande area 74 miles from Mundri town was destroyed.
- On Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Mambe area 62 miles from Maridi town was destroyed.
- On Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Bangolo Payam 50 miles from Maridi town was destroyed.
- On Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Moba village for the second time was destroyed
- On Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 Golio Village was destroyed 30 miles from Mundri town, although the area is declared level 4 of insecurity we manage to travel down to Golio and witness the destruction.



***The family of the Chief of Golio village burned, Two truckers of a farmer ambushed in Galio when evacuating children and aged people from Bangolo loaded with some food.***

As a result of the barbaric act of the LRA in the mentioned areas lives were lost people abducted and others admitted in the hospital:-

- 14 innocent civilians were killed including a baby of 6 months old.
- 5 people wounded both men and women, admitted in Lui Hospital; I vested the victims in Lui Hospital.
- 19 people abducted including 9 girls and 10 boys, ages between 9 and 13 years old,
- Villages burned and properties destroyed, not established for they are too many.

Such evil act caused panic and havoc in the entire population; as a result they fled leaving behind the remaining house hole properties; and field crops ready for harvest, now been destroyed by wild and domestic animals including wild fire.

Some evil minded community members took advantage of the situation, by going around looting of the remaining properties in the house. People in Mundri are in Danger.



***Two people shot dead in the trucker five wounded, IDPs living in the church compound, and community center,***

## Displaced People

According to the county authorities statistic presented by the Mundri County commissioner including the SSRRC county secretary, the scattered population manages to resettle in the following areas:-

1. 2,000 or more IDPs in Ladinwa, Medewu
2. 8,261 IDPs in Mundri town, I met and talk to some of the IDPs in Mundri town
3. 1,044 IDP in Diko area in Lui Diocese, I visited where they assemble and witness the situation of the IDPs in Diko.



***Diko IDPs in Lui, the 1,044 sheltered under the trees, no food, cooking utensils, blankets or mosquito net children are exposed to dangerous life.***

## Security forces

In order to arrest the situation, soldiers are deployed in and around the suspected areas of Bangolo and Kotobi payams, although the situation has relatively become harm, the IDPs are not convince with the deployment and the security personnel, since the series of the incidents happened the said security were around but could not stand the ground to depend the civilians.



***The five victims from Golio village admitted in Lui hospital, one in a critical conditions refered to Juba***

## **Humanitarian Intervention**

The Local NGOs and the office of the SSRRC in Mundri make a join appeal for immediate humanitarian assistance for food and NFI for over 12,000 IDPs in Mundri and Lui Diocese/ County, the urgent needed assistance includes

Food,

Shelter, plastic sheets

Blankets,

Mosquito nets

Clothing,

Cooking utensils,

Water containers,

Medicines and health services, to mention few among many

Otherwise more related problem will arise as a result of starvation and lack of medicine.

## **ECS Relief assistance intervention**

Your Grace Dr, Daniel Deng Bul ECS/ SUDRA being provincial relief and Development wing would like to appeal through your office to the partners and well wishers both locally and externally for immediate intervention with prayer and humanitarian assistance, food and NFI as mentioned above for the desperate need.

Secondly to rise the prophetic voice of the Church to our Government of Sudan particularly the Southern Sudan and the world at large, to find final solution for Kony the leader of LRA, the community want to know what price are the innocent blood of Sudanese people paying to Kony. If not why the government is so reluctant watching people dying.



***The 30 miles journey, which took us five hours two ways to Golio village***

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