

Subject: Updates on Malakal (3).

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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.

Subject: Updates on Malakal and request for prayers.

on the situation in Malakal after the recent December attack/incident.

The Current Situation

The situation on the ground at the moment is not in good shape at all. Many have left the town in fear of death or starvation. Some have joined the rebellion, especially, soldiers, minister, students who are mainly Nuers. I am afraid even the pastors have joined in the rebellion in hope that Dr. Riak Macar would take up leadership of the country by force.

We have learned that there is only little food left in the town that might not be enough for everyone.

The latest news was that some of our priests survived death there during the latest fighting. Rev. John Adeir was found in his home next to my house with few men

and women in my house. The rebels came and broke into my house and his house taking all clothes, bed sheets that were in cupboards and boxes. They took their money also and their mobiles.

In the Roman Catholic quarter, it was also was affected. The bishop's vehicles and motorbikes were taken away from him and the bishop and sisters run to take refuge at the UNMISS in the northern part of the city.

Rev George Sebit, the bishop's commissary, went to seek refuge with many others in the Malakal Teaching Hospital, where also many innocent people were reported to have been killed, including some doctors and nurses. I learned that some government officials and business men were also killed in cold blood. All these are politically motivated.

Our former headmaster, Ustaz/ Angok Mayen escaped death narrowly, protected by his neighbour who was from Nuer. His house was surrounded but he managed to escape in the dark to take shelter in the house of his neighbour.

Malakal has remained a ghost town and left without security and help for its citizen. People are still moving away from the town. The government systems are completely without ability to run the affairs of the city. The whole system has almost collapsed, since the whole public and the State Government are unable to live within Malakal as they used to do. We need to continue to pray for Malakal so that God can raise new lives from the ashes of this disaster and tragedy.

This situation that has terribly deteriorated, made many people panic and fled their homes. Some went to Renk in hope to get to Sudan borders. If the situation doesn't improve and gets worse (if peace does not come quickly to the country) then they will take refuge in Sudan. Many people; families, especially from Dinka, Shuluk and other nationalities including Sudanese nationals went to that direction.

I learned that many IDPs from Ngok-Dinka particularly from Baliet Conty/Archdeaconry, all the pastors are living in Akoka Conty. Some went to Paloch, Malut and Renk. These people plus the few priests remaining in Malakal need food, medicine and clean water since the power station have been

destroyed and water plant also set on fire. It would not be easy at the moment to see everything running smoothly as it was before unless peace comes back in full swings

Up to date stead of Malakal.

This month the “STEAD OG EMMERGENCY”, has been declared also on Upper Nile State. Governors of Bor, Jongulei; Bantiu, Unity and Malakal Upper Nile State have been requested by the president of the republic to make general assessment of situation on the ground, after these deadly rebel attacks on their States in terms of loses of lives and property.

Rebels used to break into shops. Institutions and private houses in search for money, food and other kinds of individuals properties to loot. Here many lives and properties were lost as a result. Good number of houses and shops were burnt; set on fire and lots of mismanagement went on throughout the town.

Now, if this recent peace deal doesnot hold, this would mean more suffering and death is going to take place and the nation is going to lose more lives on both side of it's men and women that died because of “POWER-STROGLE”. Simply because of hunger or love for power or of leading to certain prestige. None of us is happy with this continuation of violence. It is not only causing us unnecessary death; deepening wounds of the past, especially between Dinka and Nuer. IN FACT THIS IS NOT ONLY POLITICS BUT IT IS A MANIFESTATION OF EVIL TRYINGTO OVERTAKE OUR GOVERNANCE SYSTEN. It is just a mere political mismanagement that wants to overtake GOD’S goodness, love and righteousness in our nation. We pray that God will immediately intervene with none-stop miraculous convictions to our national leadership, being secular or spiritual. And pour HEAVLY, down his abundant grace and spirit on our land in order to bring this nation together healed and forgiving itself again. Especially, the Nuers and the Dinkas who have allowed this political crisis to affect them dramatically, once more.

Humanitarian Aid Affected also.

We are not heard of any progress that the humanitarian Aid have been make in terms of food aid and reaching the IDPS or the cities of Malakal, Bor and Bantiu

with aids. We know that the risk is still there in relation to their duties and the area of operations, in fear of their security in those towns.

THERE WOULD STILL BE MORE NEED FOR HUMANITARIAN AID IN THE DAYS AHEAD FOR MALAKAL, BANTIU AND BOR.....FOR FOOD, MEDICINE, SHELTER, EDUCATION MATERIALS as soon as the routes are opened.

The Ferry which sank in Malakal.

The latest news about the ferry which sank in Malakal is true but it was not one but three. They were overloaded with too many people, who were fleeing the town out of fear. They say only three (3) children survived.

Telephones lines have been opened now and you can reach many people with the exception of those whose telephone are taken away or those whose telephones have not been charged.

It had been an intended move, maybe, by the government, to suspend telephones calls from parts of Upper Nile, Jongulei and Unity, because of fear of quick spread of rumors and lies that keeps people fear much and can cause deep and unnecessary frustration to people. It keeps worsening the situation everywhere in the whole Country, as part of war monger that the both sides the rebels and the Government takes advantage of to strengthen their positions and to keep war continue, cause panic among the citizens within the state and the whole country.

Contaminations and Outbreaks of Diseases Expected.

It has been noted with a lot of concern and cautions that the health conditions/ situation would not be good for sometimes in the areas that has conflicts in this crisis. They would, for sure, face many challenges in the years to come, I don't know, if it is not well handled with technical knowhow.

I repeat, Most parts of Greater Upper Nile, Bor, Bantiu, Malakal, Adaar, Kokpiot and Parieng where major battles and fighting took place in between the rebels and the government forces are expected to be facing many health problems this year even peace comes back to South Sudan. The reason is that many people died in big numbers, whether from the battles or from any other reason. Since the

many wars that have taken place in Sudan no death of such kind has happened like this before...in large scales like this. It would be advisable for the world health bodies responsible in the country and internationally to keep watch for any outbreaks of diseases that can cause another tragedy in those areas. Many bodies have not yet been buried up to this time and that can cause contaminations. I think it would take time for these towns to be restore and used for within this year even if peace come back to the country.

The stead and conditions of Bor town after the Government recaptured it is said to be horrible and terrible. The Government is camping outside the town, a distant around the airport, 'Pakuaw" and this is because of fear of the smelts and seeing bodies that are all over the place. It is not healthy at all. It is horrible and dangerous for living there. So if even the peace is signed today it will take time for Bor to be inhabited soon otherwise it would need cleaning and proper care.

In Bantiu, one of our Archdeacons came back and has stated to organize the congregations and last Sunday he prayed with 45 people. His name is Rev. Simon Maliah, he is a Nuer and he is a good well organized person he needs support and help especially as this time of need I can give you his contact if you need his contact (cell).

I am planning to take my family abroad.

I am currently in Juba, working on migration documents for my family to see where I can settle them outside South Sudan, since the situation has not yet shown any change or improvement.

In Juba, I am sleeping on floor at Bishop Gwynne, with my kids. I am walking, searching and looking for "Good Samaritans" to offer me something to eat with my family. The Church is still looking for donors to come for our help. I determining to take my family to either Uganda or Kenya as did some of the other Church Leaders to settle them so that I can come back to concentrate on how to support our staff on the ground.

I am doing this because, If the two parties are not able to reach any deal up to this time; narrow their differences within this long week; not willing to compromise,

to bring peace to their people, then I think, I need to do something immediately. If God would help me with long term funding for the family basic needs.... such as renting, school fee, medicine, up-keeping costs for the times ahead, then I can do that. Attached is the budget of cost of estimates, expected to cover up the up-keeping of my family expenses in either Kenya or Uganda

Final request is for prayers.

We know our leaders have been always far from God and their emptiness can be an obstacle to the development of this nation. They believe in God but deny his power to save or to guide them.

They live far away from the fear of God and that can make them lack wisdom and knowledge. And this is why this temptation had overtaken them seriously. Many people are dying on both sides .Many innocent people, especially on the side of rebels who were advancing towards Juba, have died in big numbers in hope overthrow the government by force in Juba. It is sad.

I think, if there will be a strong presence and massive intervention from wise regional and international neutral powers there will be peace coming quickly into our country. The reason is simply because the whole problem lies within the leadership circles and not the public. No Nuer or Dinka intended to kill one another though they had those bitter memories of hostilities of the past. One indicator is that the family of the late Dr. John Garang whom Riak Machar used to rivaled is today siding with him which no one would expect this to happen. But it is the case now. Mabior John Garang (Mabior Garang as the Media call him) is the spoke's person of rebels group. There would be no viable South Sudan; whereby all South Sudanese people find themselves, regardless of what tribe they belonged to or tongue they speak (as people of this land) without their lives, dignity, privileges, rights and property being preserve and are protected. Our politicians have failed us to let us overcome this because. They have kept us over years victims of divisions and tribal conflicts and affiliation. Unfortunately they don't end up there but they work hard to influence many of us as well as our neighbours and international friends, to take side with them in violence, instead of us to giving pressure from the legal and moral point of view to stop hatred and

dividing tradition, since there are principles and guideline of which countries are rule and not as one wishes. Mature leaders and politician with integrity, govern their countries with their diversities and they bring people together still.

Budget.(for bishop's resettlement in Uganda)..

The following budget is a six (6) month budget;Feb-Jul. 2014... what could be an estimated budget for the basic costs of needs for my family up-keep (Bp. Hilary Garang), after displacement from Malakal to re-settle in Uganda. I have seen and heard that Uganda is cheaper and access than Kenya at the moment and nearer to Juba, especially when one has private car to help facilitate his movements.

As many might not know, I lost my vehicle during the Malakal first crisis and to get a new car it would need many efforts and parties to (be involved) contribute towards that because that would make easy get this funds and would make my movements and ministry easy (run smoothly) in between Sudan and Uganda during this time of test. One needs to move frequently, in between to visit these scattered flocks (Christians), in the company of other bishops and Archbishop Daniel to appeal for calm and so reconciliation as well as giving hope to them during this coated time of our national crisis.

VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE & UPDATE

IAM SORRY THE FIRST PRICIES THAT WE GAVE YOU WERE NOT CORRECT SO HERE IS THE CORRECT ONE. I WAS HELPED BY BISHOP OF KAJOKAJI, BISHOP ANTHONY POGO. The cost of a, 4-Wheel drive car/ Land-cruiser, hard-top could be around \$ 43,000 (150.000 SSPs) including the delivery costs to Juba as shown from the attached information from +Bp. Anthony Pogo of Kajukaji:-

Bishop Hilary,

This is indeed sad to read. I pray that you will be able to get support towards the family.If you get funds for a vehicle, you can consider ordering one the organization that I ordered my vehicle through. The contact is Brother Johannes Winkler <j.winkler@miva.at>. It takes at least 6 months to have the vehicle delivered.

They do charge reasonable price than commercial companies. For instance, when we ordered the Land Cruiser for Diocesan Bishop of Kajo-Keji, we paid an amount of 31,300 Euros which came to around US\$ 42,000. This includes a winch and a bull guard. These costs include delivery up to Kajo-Keji.

Recently I asked a quote for a double cab Land Cruiser and was told that it would cost 27,500 Euros.

Thanks

Thanks

+Anthony

THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THERE ARE GREAT CHANGES WITHIN THE SIX MONTH BUDGET AS SHOWN BELOW.

S/No	Items	Qty	Unit cost \$	Total cost \$	Total cost \$
1	Renting(six month)	6	300	1,800	
2	Furniture		1,000	1,000	
	➤ Beds double	2			
	➤ Beds normal	4			
	➤ Mats	6			
	➤ Bed sheets	6			
	➤ Cupboards	2			
	➤ Chairs	4			
	➤ Others	Var.	various	
3	Gas & cooking Utensil.	Var.	150	150	
	Sub-total			2,950	2,950
4	Transport				
	Local Transport-Kampala.		7,000	7,000	
	Vehicle (4 wh. drives.)		43,000	43,000	
	Transport to Kampala	8	50	400	
	Sub total			50,400	50,400
6	School fees(8/children				
	➤ University	3	3,000	9,000	
	➤ Secondary sch.	1	1,500	1,500	
	➤ Primary sch.	3	1,200	3,600	
	➤ Preschool	1	1,000	1,000	

	Sub-total			15,500	15,100
7	Communication	6	100	600	
8	English courses	3	100	300	
	Sub-total			900	900
9	Medical care	6	150	600	
10	Migration expense	8	50	400	
11	Feeding expenses	6	200	1,200	
	Sub-total			2,200	2.200
	Grand total				\$71,550

My appeal is all our friends to see how best they can help in supporting this budget as I am going to leave for Uganda next week to begin renting a house there for my family in Kampala.

May God continue to bless you as you continue to remember us in your prayers.

The Rt. Rev. Hilary Garang Deng.

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Bishop's & MU Diocesan cars burnt during the first fighting in Malakal



Standing Committee Meeting, in Bor, Nov.2013.



Malakal after the first incident 24-27th Dec.2013.



Mother's Union vehicle after the fire got it burnt.