



MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY AND A CALL PEACE SUDAN

We, the Catholic Bishops in South Sudan are saddened by recent fighting in the Sudan especially in Khartoum and the other major cities in the country. We are deeply concerned for the loss of lives and properties. We are aware that many people are trapped by fighting away from their homes, many in their homes but with no way to access basic needs for their survival and their families. Many have been injured and others have died.

The majority of the people in Sudan are suffering and they yearn for peace. In order to preserve the unity of the country and not to further suffering of the people, we call for an end to the fighting and a revert to dialogue.

We call on our Christian Communities in our Dioceses in South Sudan to dedicate their times for prayers and fasting for our brothers and sisters in the Sudan at this difficult moment.

Let us keep the spirit of Easter alive through prayers for peace to reign in Sudan. We are aware that families can suffer from the lack of basic needs when there is armed conflict. We pray for the protection of all the people caught up in the conflict.

We stand in solidarity with His Eminence Gabriel Card. Zubeir Wako, H.G Michael Didi the Archbishop of Khartoum, H.L. Tombe Trile of El-Obeid Diocese and H.L. Daniel Adwok the Auxiliary Bishop of Khartoum. On the same note, we pray for God's protection of the Apostolic Nuncio to Khartoum H.G. Monsignor Luis Miguel Munoz Cardaba and indeed all our Christians and all people of the Sudan.

Let us on hold on the words of St Paul "my brothers, never grow tired of doing what is right" (2 Thess.3:13) and this applies to our call for prayers and for calm in the Sudan.

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