

Introduction of EPC Peace Desk :

The conflict situation in Yei River State continues to remain active with pockets of armed resistance in some parts of greater Lainya and Yei according to Equatoria Non Alliance Force (ENAF) members who have come out to partake in a grassroots Peace initiative that is mediated by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) Peace Desk at the auspices of Arch Bishop Elias Taban Parangi.

ENAF who defected from the National Salvation Front (NAS) added that NAS is still fighting against other signatories of the Revitalized Peace Agreement particularly in Yei. And at the same time, the Joint Defense Board has chosen Yei River State as a training site for the unified national army of the government of South Sudan.

It is based on this background that the EPC Peace Desk deems it necessary to continue engagement of the sons of Yei River State who are still at large to heed to the call of reason and accept Peace which has produced the output of the ENAF Agreement.

Hon. Denis L. Paul
Secretary General,
EPC Peace Desk
Yei, South Sudan.

Signature
18/2
2019.

Government of South Sudan Representatives and ENAF Peace participants

THE PREAMBLE

Whereas, the delegation of the government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) led by Maj. Gen Joseph Buong Anyardit and the delegation of Equatoria Non Allied Force (ENAF) led by **Maj. Gen. Yanga Moses Yona** (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) having met in negotiation on 18th Feb 2019 under the auspices of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Peace Desk in Yei River State in the person of Arch - Bishop Elias Taban Parangi;

Driven by our deep commitment and concern to end the suffering of our citizens in Yei River State in particular and South Sudan in general;

Mindful of the tragic conditions facing thousands of our people in refugee and Internal Displaced Camps;

Committed to the National Dialogue to end the war and to create an atmosphere for Socio-Economic Development;

Conscious of our cultural values of solidarity, cooperation and peacemaking amongst our people of Yei River State;

Motivated by the courageous decision of the President of the Republic of South Sudan, H.E General Salva Kiir Mayardit on the need to promote grassroots dialogue and the issuance of amnesty to warring parties and individuals who have taken up arms against the government;

Further appreciating the initiative of H.E the President of the Republic for promoting peace across the Country;

Honoring the Novelty and the role of Churches in playing mediation and reconciliation, specifically appreciating the role of EPC and their partners who have provided inspirational spiritual guidance and peace building in South Sudan;

Now, therefore, in the spirit of Peace, Unity, Security and political stability in Yei River and State, and again in the Spirit of addressing grievances in Yei River State Peacefully;

The Parties to this Agreement do hereby commit to sign and implement this Agreement in letter and spirit for peace and stability in Yei River State in particular and South Sudan in general.

THE AGREEMENT

The Agreement on the Demands of the Equatoria Non-Allied Force (ENAF) in Yei River State.

1. **The Parties to the agreement are the Equatoria Non – Allied Force (ENAF), Yei State Government, NSS/ISB and EPC Peace Desk.**

2. **On the Observations of Ceasefire in Yei River States the parties resolved that:**

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan to observe ceasefire in Yei River State in order to allow ENAF to pre - assemble their forces in Lainya.

3. **On protection of Civilians, Refugees, Returnees and IDPs in Yei River State, it is resolved that;**

a. The Government of the Republic of South Sudan should ensure that the leadership of Yei River State has equal treatment and protection of all citizens of the Republic of South Sudan, Civilians, Refugees, IDPs and Voluntary returnees.

b. The trend of targeted killing and labeling of civilians on the basis of ethnicity and affiliation to rebels or any other form of harassment must stop upon signing of this agreement.

- c. The Government should deploy state police and other organized forces with full mandate to keep law and order in all the counties of Yei River State.
 - d. The State Government shall return all properties belonging to the members of ENAF faction under **Maj. Gen. Yanga Moses Yona** that were either confiscated or frozen.
4. **On reconciliation and Healing, the parties resolved that:**
- a. There shall be Recognition and Integration of all ENAF to the Ranks and files of the army, National Security Services and other organized forces following SSPDF organizational structure;
 - b. There shall be no revenge or an act of reprisal against members who deserted their service for rebellion.
5. **On Power Sharing between the current Government of Yei River State and the Equatoria Non-Allied Forces, it is resolved that:**
- a. The Government shall ensure appropriate political representation of ENAF in the allocation of political portfolios in Yei River State to give confidence to the people of the state.
 - b. Parties agreed for the straightforward integration of more than 750 (seven hundred fifty) ENAF armed combatant's forces under **Maj. Gen. Yanga Moses Yona** into National Army and other organized forces.

- c. The parties agreed that the timeframe for the assembling of forces shall start upon signing of this agreement on 18th February 2019 and ends in April 30th 2019
6. **On repatriation of Yei River State's citizens from the refugee and the internally displaced camps to their original settlements, it is agreed that:**
- a. Members of ENAF should be represented in the State RRC so as to mobilize and sensitize the IDP's and the refugee community for a voluntary return to their various locations in Yei River State.
 - b. The elderly, children and the disabled shall be demobilized to the DDR Commission through States linkage.
7. **On the representation of ENAF in key government sectors to promote unity of purpose in the Republic of South Sudan, it is agreed that:**
- a. Continuity of cordial cooperation and representation of the people of Yei River State in the National Government is guaranteed.
8. **On a spirit for reconciliation and healing in Yei River State,**
- a. The Parties agreed that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Peace Desk in Yei River State under the leadership of Arch - Bishop Elias Taban alongside Yei River States leadership with support from HIS Voice Global, Basic

Ministries and Water is Basic be guarantors and monitors of the implementation of this agreement.

- b. The Parties also agreed that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Peace Desk in Yei River State under the leadership of Arch - Bishop Elias Taban alongside the Government of Yei River States with the support of HIS Voice Global, Basic Ministries and Water is Basic provide basic services in form of Shelter, food, medicine and water to the ENAF faction under **Maj. Gen. Yanga Moses Yona** from signing this agreement to the graduation of the ENAF.

9. On promotion of development programs in the conflict affected areas in the states, it is resolved that;

- a. Yei River State shall rehabilitate feeder roads to facilitate movement, improve and promote economic recovery of its people.
- b. Yei River State to build a memorial Secondary school in Lainya in recognition of the contribution of Late Dr. Samson Kwaje Lukare.

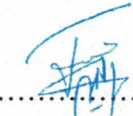

10. Implementation and Date of Commencement

The terms of this agreement shall be fully implemented in letter and spirit and shall commence on its signature on the 18th February, 2019, by the representatives of the Parties in Yei, Yei River State, the Republic of South Sudan, by:

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SIGNATURES TO THE AGREEMENT

I. THE PARTIES

Signature.......... Signature.....
Maj. Gen Joseph Buong Anyardit **Maj. Gen. Yanga Moses Yona**
 Government Chief Negotiator ENAF Chief Negotiator

II. CHIEF MEDIATOR



Signature..........

ARCH - Bishop Elias Taban Parangi
 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church Peace Desk
 Yei River State - South Sudan

III. WITNESSED BY:

Signature.....

FOR/ Hon Emmanuel Adil Anthony
 Governor,
 Yei River State

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Tentative Implementation Matrix

S/ No	Timeframe	Activities	Expected Input	Responsible body
01	Effective February 18, 2019	Declaration of ceasefire effective February 18th 2019	Ceasefire is observed and Freedom of movement and arrival of ENAF forces	ENAF faction, the State Governments NSS/Army and EPC Peace desk
02	February 18 th , 2019 to March 5 th 2019		Forces assemble in Lainya	ENAF, the State Governments, SSPDF and NSS/ ISB
03	March 5 th , 2019 to March 10 th 2019	Provision of logistics	Mobility, Shelter, food, medicine and water	ENAF the State Governments, army/ NSS, EPC Peace Desk and Partners
04	March 10th 2019 to April 1 st 2019	Registration and screening of the forces and assignment into military, organized forces, civil service, vocational trainings	Provision of stationeries and equipment necessary for training	Army/NSS, ENAF, organized forces, Civil Institutions, DDR Commission, EPC Peace Desk and partners.
05	April 1 st to May 20 th 2019	Commencement of Training	Training staff	Army/NSS, EPC Peace Desk and Partners
06	May 20 th 2019	Graduation and Integration of forces	Mobility and Military equipment.	Army/NSS, Organized forces, Civil Institutions, EPC Peace Desk and partners

Communiqué'

The government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) represented by Maj. Gen Joseph Buong Anyardit and the Equatoria Non Allied Force (ENAF) represented by **Maj. Gen. Yanga Moses Yona** (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) having met in a negotiation under the auspices of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Peace Desk in Yei River State in the person of Arch - Bishop Elias Taban Parangi from February 17, 2019 through February 18th 2019 on the theme of Cessations of Hostilities, Permanent Ceasefire, the assembly area and its security, and the National Dialogue, the meeting led to the following key resolutions:

1. ENAF agreed to declare permanent ceasefire effective February 18th 2019 at 23:59 pm South Sudan local time.
2. The parties re-affirmed their commitment to continue working closely together to enhance cooperation and coordination of efforts on ending the suffering of the people of Yei River State in particular and South Sudan at large through cessation of all hostilities.
3. ENAF noted with deep concern the anti - Peace elements as a threat to peace, security and stability in Yei River States and urged them to join the Peace wagon.
4. The parties resolved to encourage the voluntary return of refugees and IDP's
5. The parties recognized that EPC Peace Desk and their partners played a crucial role in mediating and supporting the grassroots Peace initiative and stressed the need to sustain and enhance the

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operational stages as well as welcomed the decision of EPC and partners in the continuation of its role of mediation and spiritual support.

The Signatories and the witness to this security arrangement communiqué for the implementation of the Yei River State Peace Initiatives are as follows:

Maj. Gen. Bouny Anyardit
Government Lead Negotiator

Maj Gen. Yanga Moses Yona
ENAF Chief Negotiator

WITNESSED BY;

Arch - Bishop; Elias Taban Parangi
Chief Mediator, EPC Peace Desk
Republic of South Sudan

ENAF Grassroot Peace Agreement

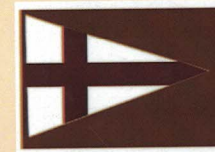
THE ENAF AGREEMENT IN PICTURES



Hon Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro center poses with the leadership of ENAF team before touching down in Yei River State to sign the Peace Agreement



Reception upon arrival of the ENAF team by the Government of Yei River State at the conference hall of Yei River State Government Secretariat



YEI RIVER STATE

GRASSROOT PEACE AGREEMENT-II

Between

**The Transitional Government of the
Republic of South Sudan
(First Party)**

And

**The Equatoria Non-Allied Force
(Second Party)**

**Signed 18th February, 2019
Yei River State,
Republic of South Sudan**

Compiled by:

Hon. Denis LaSuba Paul

Secretary General

EPC Peace Desk

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