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Condemnation of the continued presence, destruction and looting by cattle keepers in Kajo Keji

It is with great tremor and animosity that we issue out this statement as Kajo Keji Youth Association, coordination office in Juba following the human rights abuses committed by the armed cattle keepers in Kajo Keji.

We are profoundly disappointed at the fact that the cattle keepers continue to enjoy immunity, carrying guns and committing atrocities without them being brought to book with immediacy.

On Sunday, May 30, 2021 afternoon the armed cattle keepers beat people and looted properties in areas of Lire Payam including in Lire, Muludyang, Dukumoi, Kasurak and Longira,

The criminals also looted and beat Christians who were convening for prayers in the area of Lire, all the above coupled with sounds of gunshots on Sunday night resulted in the displacement of people especially women and children.

On Monday 31 May 2021 afternoon the cattle keepers continued and extended their offensive to the areas of Romogi, Kuri, Mayaya and other surrounding areas further sending a wave of fear resulting to the closing of businesses in main trading centers in Lire specifically in Mere and Romogi area.

Such abuses have continued for long including rape, harassment, killing and destruction of properties despite numerous calls for the cattle keepers to leave the Kajo Keji for their areas of origin.

As youth of Kajo Keji we condemn in the strongest terms such barbaric acts and continue to demand the cattle keepers to vacate with immediate effect, on the same note we call for the unconditional return of all cattle and properties looted from the people of Kajo Keji.

We call on the Government to scale up its ongoing efforts and demand that the government keeps and execute its promise of ensuring the cattle keepers move back to their areas of origin.

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