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The Government of Central Equatoria State informs the people of South Sudan, IGAD and International Community about the barbaric targeting of civilians and the ongoing continuous violations of Cessation of hostilities agreement (COHA) in areas of Lainya County, Central Equatoria State.

Yesterday Thursday April 29, 2021 in the morning and afternoon, two separate barbaric attacks perpetrated by NAS Forces loyal to Gen. Thomas Cirilo Swaka against civilians passengers going from Juba to Yei.

1. Two empty trucks were burnt into ashes at around 11:00 Am in an area called Koya, Limbe boma, Kenyi Payam of Lainya County by the NAS Forces. On the same location, they forcefully took motorbike on a gun point from the owner.
2. The second incident happened at around 2:00 Pm in Lokurubang boma, Lainya County which the same NAS Forces randomly shot at civilian's passengers vehicles resulted to the killing of one man and injuring three women who are currently nursing wounds in giyada military hospital in Juba.

After hearing this, the SSPDF rushed to the scene and rescued the civilians (passengers) to the safe location and later perused the NAS Forces out of the areas.

We are calling on CTSAMVM to investigate these heinous crimes against the vulnerable civilians and hold the perpetrators accountable.

The Government of Central Equatoria State, will not get tired to reiterate its continuous calls for the non signatories specially the NAS Forces loyal to Gen. Thomas Cirilo Swaka to re-join the ongoing peace process for the sake of our people under the auspices of the Community of Sant'Egidio as the only process to sustainable peace in the Republic of South Sudan.


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