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## Press Release

### SSRC condemns attack on staff and volunteers in Torit

**Juba, 01-06-2021** - On 31 May 2021 around 12:00 noon, a group of armed youth stormed the office of the South Sudan Red Cross Torit's Branch in Eastern Equatoria State. Six staff and two staff members were assaulted by the group, and the office was closed as a result of this incident.

"We strongly condemn this attack on our staff and volunteers. We have temporarily suspended our humanitarian activities in Torit. We are ready to engage in a dialogue with the community on their concerns," said John Lobar, the Secretary-General of the South Sudan Red Cross.

"We call on the community leaders and authorities to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers and property and to facilitate the work of the Red Cross," John added.

The Red Cross has been active in Eastern Equatoria State since 2004. Teams of SSRC volunteers and staff are working to improve nutrition, access to health care, water and sanitation as well as prevent sexual and gender based violence.

The South Sudan Red Cross is a volunteer-based National Society and is auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field. It was established through an Act of Parliament of the Republic of South Sudan on 9 March 2012.

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