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**Press Statement by Government of Unity State**

**ON ABYEI ARBITRATION AWARD:**

The Government and the people of Unity State were among the many Sudanese who awaited the Outcome of Arbitration Agreement with breathtaking patience and the outcome was received with relief. This is particularly in respect of the case of Abyei Region which has been a flash point between the two southern and Northern Brothers for a long time, lately, threatening the provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and therefore the Unity of Sudan.

The Presidency is however requested to look into the other Areas with constant conflicts which threaten peaceful coexistence with the Neighboring Sections of our People. We in Unity State have in mind the Areas bordering our State with our Northern State of Southern Khordofan in view of the constant insecurity that keeps on recurring time and again.

Traditionally the inhabitants of West Kordofan knew that the areas of **Karsana, Heglig, Kor Machar (Jaw)** and **Jebel Kurudi** belonged to Southern Sudan. They only began to make their claims after the oil discovery and the politicization of the issues. For this reason the existing maps will not help in resolving the border disputes. It is recommended that the Border Demarcation Commission should subject the border issue to further discussions with the active involvement of the concerned elders and chiefs in Unity State, Upper Nile, Kordofan and Abyei, and to find out why the Nuer and Dinka are claiming ownership of certain areas especially in places where grave yards unique to them are found

The current Arbitration may not have taken into account these facts and may not help in bringing peace to the Neighboring Tribes. We are therefore appealing to the Presidency to look into these changes and assure our people of continued security particularly in the above mentioned Areas as we await the final outcome of the 1956 Border Demarcation process. The Presidency is also requested to speed up this long awaited process to ensure sustainable peace for Sudanese people.



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