

The New Tribe

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The United Nations' (UN) on June 15th 2007 adopted a resolution declaring October 2nd the Ghandi's birth day as International Day of Nonviolence. The day is annually commemorated to remember Gandhi's nonviolent struggle for freedom and justice which led to independence of India and to recognize the efforts of individuals and groups who employ nonviolent means to bring about positive social change. The celebration aims to promote the culture of nonviolence through public awareness.

The New Tribe joins the people of South Sudan and the world at large to celebrate ***The International day of nonviolence*** with calls to South Sudanese to embrace the culture and practice of **nonviolent actions** as the best alternative to restore sustainable peace in South Sudan. The experiences of the nonviolent struggles of Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Nelson Mandela among others reveal, that nonviolent actions are effective and bring more sustainable results. In this regard, The New Tribe welcomes the signing of the revitalized ARCSS on September 12, 2018 by the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU) and the opposition parties.

We therefore; appeal to the Transitional Government of National Unity and the opposition signatories to the revitalized RCSS to;

1. **Silence guns across the country in line with the signed agreement on permanent ceasefire and security arrangements and build public confidence in the implementation process.**
2. **Continue to reach out and negotiate in good faith with all South Sudanese who have expressed reservations to the revitalized agreement both within and outside the country.**
3. **Lift restrictions on civic space, guarantee safety and freedom of all the actors working on peace, development and humanitarian fields.**
4. **Encourage South Sudanese within and outside the country to embrace nonviolence as a legitimate means to sustainable peace.**

We hereby call on the international community and friends to South Sudan to financially and technically support the full implementation of the Revitalized ARCSS signed on September 12, 2018 including but not limited to; transitional justice and reconciliation, conduct of the general population census and the general elections in a manner that enhances inclusive participation of all South Sudanese stakeholders.

The New Tribe is a coalition of over 50 civil society, religious and faith-based organizations that is nonpolitical and is dedicated to promoting nonviolence and unity in diversity through training, mentorship and research. The New Tribe operates through the member organizations who are committed to nonviolence means of managing, transforming and resolving conflicts.

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