



Thursday 15th January 2026

CONDEMNATION STATEMENT FOR THE KILLING OF REV. CHRISTOPHER MARRING

South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), the Board of Trustees, the Secretariat Team, the Executive Committees and all member Churches, has with deep regret received with profound shock, sorrow, and deep concern the tragic killing of our colleague, Rev. Christopher Maring, on 14th January 2026 approximately 7:30 PM. Rev. Maring was killed through gun shot at his resident at Gudele one (1), by the unknown assailants as in the official communication from Africa Inland Church (AIC) South Sudan. Rev. Maring was a dedicated servant of God and member of AIC who touched many lives.

SSCC **condemns in the strongest terms possible** this heinous and cowardice act of violence against a servant of God. The killing of Church Leaders is an attack not only on the Church but also on the moral conscience, peace, and stability of our nation. Such acts threaten the social fabric of our society and undermine the values of life, dignity, and coexistence that South Sudan stands for.

We express our deepest sympathies to the family of Rev. Christopher, the African Inland Church, and all who have been affected by this painful loss. We pray that the Lord grants comfort, strength, and peace during this time of mourning.

The Council Call to Action:

1. **The Government of the Republic of South Sudan** and the relevant security organs should immediately conduct a **thorough, transparent, and impartial investigation** to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice without delay.
2. **Law enforcement agencies** should strengthen the protection of religious leaders, Church Institutions, and communities to prevent further acts of violence.
3. **The people of South Sudan** are to remain calm, reject violence, and uphold peace and unity during this difficult time.
4. **All churches and faith communities** are to continue praying for peace, justice, and healing for the nation.

The SSCC reaffirms its unwavering commitment to peace, justice, reconciliation, and the sanctity of human life. We shall continue to stand with the African Inland Church and all affected communities until justice is served.

May the soul of Rev. Christopher Maring rest in eternal peace. Amen.

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