

# URGENT ACTION

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**South Sudanese Military Police arrested Elias Waya Nyipuch, former governor of Wau state, on the morning of 26 June. For more than three months, he has remained in detention at the Giyada military barracks in the capital Juba without charge or trial.**

**Elias Waya Nyipuch**, former governor of Wau state, was summoned to Juba by President Salva Kiir on 23 June and was relieved of his position as governor the following day. South Sudanese Military Police entered his residence in the Rock City neighbourhood of Juba on 26 June at 10am with a letter signed by the Chief of General Staff, Lt. General Paul Malong, ordering his arrest. The military police arrested Elias Waya Nyipuch and detained him in a cell at Giyada military barracks in Juba, where he remains in detention.

Elias Waya Nyipuch has not been informed of the reasons for his arrest. He has also not been charged with any offence, presented in court, or provided access to a lawyer.

### **Please write immediately in English, Arabic or your own language:**

- Calling on the South Sudanese authorities to either immediately charge Elias Waya Nyipuch with a recognizable offence and present him in court, or release him;
- Calling on them to ensure Elias Waya Nyipuch has access to a lawyer;
- Calling on them to end arbitrary detention in the Giyada military barracks where Elias Waya Nyipuch is currently being held.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 16 NOVEMBER 2016 TO:**

President of the Republic of South Sudan

Salva Kiir Mayardit  
Office of the President  
Juba, South Sudan

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

SPLA Chief of General Staff

Paul Malong  
SPLA General Headquarters  
Bilpam  
Terkeka Rd.  
Juba, South Sudan

**Salutation: General**

### **And copies to:**

Minister for Information and Broadcasting

Michael Makuei  
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  
Ministries Road  
Juba, South Sudan

Email: makueimichael@yahoo.com

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

### **Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:**

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Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Elias Waya Nyipuch holds the rank of Lt. General in the South Sudan military. He fought with the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) during the Sudan civil war between 1983 and 2005. In 2012, he left active military service when he was transferred to the military's reserve list. Following the change in South Sudan's administrative boundaries to create 18 additional states, President Salva Kiir appointed Elias Waya Nyipuch as Governor of the newly formed Wau state, on 24 December 2015.

Between 24 and 26 June 2016, there was heavy fighting in Wau town, resulting in destruction of civilian property, death, and the displacement of tens of thousands of people. A committee established by President Salva Kiir to investigate the fighting described in its report "total mistrust" between state security organs and Elias Waya Nyipuch, but did not identify him as playing a role in the violence.

Amnesty International has documented numerous cases of arbitrary detention and torture at the Giyada military barracks in Juba, where Elias Waya Nyipuch is being held, since the beginning of South Sudan's ongoing internal armed conflict in December 2013.

Name: Elias Waya Nyipuch

Gender m/f: m

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