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### **Eight killed in Unity state border attacks**

*Sudantribune.com Bentiu, 19/11/ 2013* – At least eight people were killed in three separate attacks carried out last week in Unity state’s Abiemhnom county, authorities told Sudan Tribune.

A resident from the disputed region of Abyei, identified as Ayuel Kiir, allegedly carried out these attacks in the border county with Sudan.

A committee, comprising of two county commissioners, the deputy army commander and police commissioner has been formed to investigate the matter. The five-member body is headed by the state security advisor.

Peter Dak Khan, the Mayom commissioner said the incident has created fear among traders crossing into South Sudan from the north.

“Somebody who calls himself Ayuel Kiir claimed to [be] responsible for those attacks because he is not happy with the way Misseriya who had an agreement with the community of Mayom to pass through Mayom. That is what he claims”, said Khan.

The commissioner, however, stressed that all efforts were underway to bring the culprit and his accomplices to justice.

“Ayuel is from Abyei so we don’t what were the motives for him to attack innocent people who are doing their own business”, he said.

He [Ayuel] has declared himself responsible for the attacks, and I believe the government will take measures to bring him to book, added the commissioner.

As part of its intervention, Khan said some forces will be sent to the border to monitor traders’ movement to ensure their safety as they enter South Sudanese territories.

“The reason why I came to Bentiu is to participate in the security meeting, where we will analyze this situation and we will come out with a resolution that will actually reduce or prevent future attacks”, he told Sudan Tribune in an interview.

In 2012, Mayom head chiefs from South Sudan and their Messeriya counterpart from neighbouring Sudan signed a series of agreements on cross-border grazing, which offered free trading along their common borders.

The agreement between two communities also paved ways for Sudanese traders to smuggle more goods into South Sudan.

During rainy season, for instance, Unity state was cut off from goods supplied through the country’s capital, Juba, leaving traders with the only route that connection to South Kordofan state.

James Koang Chuol, the SPLA fourth division commander confirmed the attack, adding that a soldier was killed in an ambush unknown people carried on Saturday.

The perpetrators, he said, did not target the army, but traders who usually smuggle goods into South Sudan.

“You know the roads is not officially open it just they are smuggling from the north toward the south , so for us an authorities together with third division we have already put some measures by controlling for those who enter the south for their safety”, said Chuol.

The senior army official, however, reiterated the military’s commitment to protect Sudanese traders interested in carrying out business within South Sudan’s territory. ([Back To Top](#))

### **Japan grants over \$350,000 to South Sudan organizations**

*Gurtong Juba, 20/11/ 2013* - The Government of Japan yesterday signed a deal with three South Sudan national organizations to implement a grant of up to \$357,355 aiming to improving peace, stability, and sustainable development in South Sudan.

Donated under the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects (GGP), the over \$300,000 will be divided among Community Action Water Program Organization (CAWP), MAGNA Children at Risk and Women Training and Promotion Association (WOTAP).

CAWP is granted \$114,752 to improve hygiene, water and sanitation for primary school and community of Moli Boma, Pageri Payam in Eastern Equatoria State.

It is expected to construct seven boreholes within Moli Boma and latrines at Moli Primary School, and provide sanitation education to the local communities for the improved access to clean water and sanitation.

MAGNA was granted \$121,806 USD to strengthen maternal and child care system at Rijiong Primary Health Care Center in Terkeka County of Central Equatroria State. It is expected to construct a new maternal ward fitted with medical equipment and providing capacity building to the health workers at the PHCC as well as the community for the improved obstetric care service delivery.

Meanwhile, WOTAP was granted \$110,797 to construct a women development and pre-education center, Khor-Ghana in Wau, Western Bahr El Ghazal State.

The center is aimed at providing a number of economically undermined vulnerable women and children with access to income generation skills as well as adult literacy and pre-education.

The projects are also aimed at enhancing human security aspect in the country, Takeshi Akamatsu, the Japanese Ambassador to South Sudan said during the grant signing of the projects at Paradise Hotel, Juba.

“The government of Japan promotes more inclusive and robust economic and social development of South Sudan and this requires us to ensure our assistance reaches out to greater number of ordinary people,” Takeshi said.

The Director General of Non-Governmental Organizations in the South Sudan Rehabilitation and Relief Commission (SSRRC), Gatwech underscored the developmental effort of the Japanese government in releasing the grants to national organizations rather than international organizations.

He commended that the move will help in capacitating national organizations and especially sorting out the biggest challenge of resources which is marring them in executing their programs. ([Back To Top](#))

## **Governor bans sale of dollars in bureaus**

*Gurtong Juba, 20/11/2013* - The Governor of Central Equatoria State (CES) Clement Wani Konga has issued a provisional order banning the exchange of dollars in foreign exchange bureaus in the state.

The provisional order cited number 35/2013 came following economical fight between the National Executive and the Legislature on devaluation of the South Sudanese Pounds last week by the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance.

“In exercise of the powers conferred upon me under article 99 (2)L of the Transitional Constitution of Central Equatoria State 2012, I Maj. Gen. Clemen Wani Konga do here issue this provisional order for the ban of sale of dollars in Juba city except in the Central Bank of South Sudan,” quoted the order by the State radio Juba yesterday.

Konga has instructed the Mayor of the Juba City, State Director of Police, Director of Internal Security Bureau and the Director of Criminal Investigation Department and other authorities to take necessary measures to ensure that forex bureaus are not markets for sales of dollars. ([Back To Top](#))

## **Top UN Child Rights experts urge governments to prioritize, fund child protection**

*Catholic Radio Network Juba, 20/11/2013*-United Nations or UN five top Child Rights experts on Wednesday called on governments and international community to make child protection from violence a priority in the post-2015 development agenda and support commitments with proper funding.

In a statement issued today marking Universal Children’s Day, the experts said, every day millions of children are affected by conflicts; suffer from violence, neglect, abuse and exploitation at home, in schools, institutions, community and work places.

The UN five top Child Rights experts said these situations are not inevitable and can be effectively prevented,”

The statement added that the post-2015 framework was a renewed opportunity to ensure children’s rights in the global development agenda to prevent and address violence against children and fight impunity for crimes committed against them.

“To achieve sustainable development, protecting children from violence needs to be a priority and a cross-cutting concern in the post 2015 agenda,” the experts stressed.

They called on governments to address inequalities that increase the risks of violence, abuse and exploitation of children.

The expersts demanded that perpetrators of physical and emotional violence, child sexual abuse and exploitation and the recruitment of children in armed conflict be brought to justice. ([Back To Top](#))

## **Interior Minister Visits Western Bahr El Ghazal State**

*Gurtong Wau, 20/11/ 2013*- The South Sudan Interior Minister Aleu Ayieny Aleu is visiting Western Bahr el Ghazal State where he has praised the state governor Rizik Zackaria Hassan for maintaining peace in the state.

Ayieny who arrived in Wau yesterday alongside a delegation from South Sudan police service said governor Rizik is doing better based on monthly and daily security reports.

“Am very glad to congratulate you for your move as a state governor to reconcile with those who were involved in the last year’s December Wau violence in other ways round against your political party’s vision,” said Ayieny

The minister said he will assess any problems facing the state in terms of security so that he can provide a solution for them as Interior Minister as the government of the Republic of

South Sudan led by President Salva Kiir Mayardit needs a peaceful environment for the citizens.

"If Wau is silent, this makes everybody happy because those in Juba have their relatives here in Wau," said Ayieny

He said the ministry of Interior is closely working with the governor to make sure that whatever Wau need as a security support is made available to its citizens

"However we cannot assure 100 percent peacefully, in terms of security and political, Wau is very calm," governor Rizik told the minister and his delegates

Western Bahr el Ghazal state remains stable only that the boarder roads between Sudan and South Sudan remain blocked which is affecting state economy with effects on good exportation and import.

The interior Minister will also visit Warrap state on his way to Abyei town. ([Back To Top](#))

### **Parliament welcomes new Chief Whip**

*Catholic Radio Network Rumbek, 20/11/2013*-The National Legislative Assembly on Tuesday welcomed the appointment of new Government Chief Whip.

Speaker Manasseh Magok Rundial read the decree in parliament arousing thunderous applause from legislators.

The decree named Tulio Odongi Ayahus the new Government Chief Whip in the assembly.

He was received with clappings and cheers to take the front seat in the floor as his predecessor Atem Garang greeted him to take a middle seat.

MP Tulio Odongi Ayahus who hails from Eastern Equatoria State was a vocal participant in parliamentary sessions before his appointment. ([Back To Top](#))

### **Health Ministries assess Primary Health Care Centres**

*Easter Radio Yei, 20/11/2013*-The national and state health ministries in partnership with Liverpool Associate in tropical health are carrying out rapid health facility survey in all ten states of the country.

The assessment aimed at improving delivery of quality health services in the Primary Health Care Centres and Units in South Sudan, Easter Radio reported.

Yei River County team leader Mayen David Deng said the evaluative assessment would help government to deliver quality services.

The County Commissioner Juma David Augustine appealed for supply of adequate drugs and human resource to meet increasing health services demand. ([Back To Top](#))

### **South Sudan: Surgeons bring relief to South Sudan obstetric fistula sufferers**

*Voice of America Juba, 19/11/2013*-Doctors in South Sudan have wrapped up a two-week campaign to perform reparative surgery on scores of women with obstetric fistula, a condition that causes incontinence and is linked to obstructed labor, a leading cause of maternal mortality.

The corrective operations were offered in three South Sudanese cities -- Wau, Kwajock and Juba. Eighty-six women turned up for operations at Juba Teaching Hospital, including Lilian Pita who underwent her fourth surgery for obstetric fistula.

Pita's operation was a success, and she urged other women to undergo the operation next time it is offered.

"I am now OK. I am happy because there is no urine in my bedding," she told VOA News.

"Before... I felt so sad and everyone would insult me. But now, I am fine. When I go home, the people who were insulting me will now be embarrassed," she said.

Three women were brought from Yida refugee camp in Unity state, where tens of thousands of people who have fled fighting in South Kordofan and Blue Nile states in neighboring Sudan, for the operation. Two of the women underwent surgery, but the third, Neimat Said, was not so lucky.

"They said I should come back in February... I am very angry," she said.

"We will go back but how will I live? I don't want to go back alone; if possible, I should be left here until February," she said.

One of the doctors performing the surgeries, Merghani Abdallah, said some women had to be turned away because of the massive turnout for the operation, and because some of the women need "special operations."

But, he said, "I have just been talking with the person responsible in the United Nations Populations Fund... and there may be another campaign in the beginning of the year."

Officials estimate that more than 60,000 South Sudanese women suffer from obstetric fistula, a preventable medical condition in which a hole develops between the birth canal and one or more of the woman's internal organs.

In the overwhelming majority of cases of obstetric fistula, the condition is caused by prolonged obstructed labor, which is also a leading cause of maternal mortality.

According to the Fistula Foundation, around five percent of all pregnant women worldwide experience obstructed labor, but in developed countries, where emergency obstetric care is available, obstetric fistulae have been almost entirely eliminated.

In developing countries like South Sudan, on the other hand, "where there are few hospitals, few doctors, and poor transportation systems, and where women are not highly valued, obstructed labor often results in death of the mother. When she survives, there is a great likelihood her child will die and she will develop a fistula," the foundation says. ([Back To Top](#))

### **More children on the street – UNICEF**

*Eyradio.org Juba, 19/11/2013*-There has been an increase of children living on the streets, according to the government and non-governmental organizations.

A new report says orphans and negligent parents have caused the increase.

According to the UNICEF's Child Protection Specialist in South Sudan, William Kolie, there are currently about three thousand children in the streets all over the country.

"The report indicates that in 2009, there were 1,200 children in the street and in 2013 the number has increased to 3,000 – which emphasize the gravity of the problem in South Sudan in terms of children in the streets, children participation in different form of labor.

"The issue of reputation of children first and foremost is permanent responsibility of parents and second responsibility comes to the government."

Mr. Kolie said UNICEF is supporting the government to support street children in the country. ([Back To Top](#))

### **Relief commission trains over 20 enumerators to help returnees in reintegration**

*Gurtong Aweil, 20/11/ 2013* The Relief and Rehabilitation Commission [RRC] in Northern Bahr el Ghazal state has begun a technical training for enumerators to help in the reintegration of returnees.

According to the press statement released by the state director of RRC on Wednesday, the commission has prepared to train 28 enumerators from three counties of Aweil South, East and Centre counties respectively to help bridge the gap of reintegration, monitoring and registration exercises.

“The commission is training 28 enumerators from three primarily selected counties to be technically equipped with talents of registrations, monitoring and evaluations skills on how they shall go and carry out a huge task of integrating the recently transported returnees who are yet to join their host communities,” Deng Kuel Kuel, Director of RRC told Gurtong at the Resource Centre where trainings were channelled.

The training is planned to continue for two days and the trainees shall immediately go to the field.

The training was technically supported by the partnering humanitarian agencies that work closely with the commission especially International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Kuel says the forms introduced are useful and that they shall easily be gotten through with by the trainees while in the field.

“These forms are designed by IOM annually to help monitor our returnees, they are the same forms which are being used to deliver basic services to them once this exercise is completed, and as such this helps my commission and the entire government for statistical and geographical assessments,” Kuel told the press.

Meanwhile, the remaining two counties of Aweil West and North shall have their enumerators trained next week to carry out the same exercise right from the bomas, payams and up to county levels.

So far, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State is still being rated as the top state with high number of returnees who come into the state every year.

Statistical surveys that have been carried out by the humanitarian agencies in line with state government and RRC found out that the state has higher number of returnees.

This comes following number of organized trips of returnees who came to the state on impetuous or spontaneous returnees who willingly return from abroad whose number is believed to have increased in 2013. ([Back To Top](#))

### **Traffic Police launch road safety campaign**

**Gurtong Aweil, 20/11/2013** - The traffic police in Northern Bahr el Ghazal state have launched a joint inspection of motor vehicles in Aweil town.

Speaking to the journalists during the launch, the state Traffic Police Director, Major Alex Henry Mara said there is need to rearrange the necessary procedural traffic rules to prevent and protect unnecessarily accidents caused by irrelevant drivers, cyclists or riders who are not in possession of traffic licenses.

“After observing all the irresponsible driving and high speed driving that have resulted to loss of lives of innocent citizens on the roads, and also having noticed that those happening to be driving vehicles, motorbikes, rakshas and any other movable machine that cause accident have no licenses, we have decided this time to scrutinize and inspect all drivers with vehicles,” Henry told journalists in his office.

On Monday, all the highway roads of Aweil town were surrounded with traffic officers combined with military police and other joint security organs to carefully check on vehicles’ logbooks, drivers’ driving licenses and ownership papers, among others.

“For these seven days of the scrutiny, we must make sure that the drivers and motorists have all the necessary documents for the ownership of the vehicles or motors they are driving, we must make sure that they have valid driving licenses and that those driving are legally permitted to drive and are free of any alcoholic influence,” Henry warned.

The number of road accidents recently increased in Northern Bahr el Ghazal state in the last few months that caused traffic officers that are on daily duty to be overwhelmingly worried.

During September and October, when the Road safety Campaign was introduced in the state with a technical guidance and instruction from the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

(UNMISS), there were cases of more than 10 accidents reported to have occurred due to negligence and the recklessness from the drivers.

Previously in August and September this year, authorities of Northern Bahr el Ghazal state's Traffic Police Department had sensitization campaign and mobilization of road safety and precautions.

In what is seen as a widely ever conducted campaign, the traffic officers had begun patrolling roads on how the drivers, motorists and pedestrians move in Aweil and other cities.

During the practical exercise survey, the traffic team led by director in collaboration with UN-POL technical experts moved to many schools in Aweil town with tunes of awareness and ways that school children can follow when crossing high ways.

The campaign targeted school pupils/students, motorists, drivers and pedestrians across the state which begun as a new initiative from the director with a technical guidance from UNMISS Police department.

Henry was quoted saying that his department was going to provide more sufficient training still and road safety measures to help minimize accidents where possible and urged that would happen when there is cooperation between public and his department. ([Back To Top](#))

### **Presidents of Sudan and South Sudan meet in Kuwait on sidelines of ongoing Afro-Arab Summit**

*KUNA Kuwait, 20/11/2013* -- The Presidents of Sudan Omar Al-Bashir and South Sudan Silva Kiir Mayardit met on sidelines of the Kuwait-hosted Third Africa-Arab Summit conference on Wednesday.

The two sides discussed during the meeting bilateral relations and issues of common interest, sources close to the summit told KUNA.

Al-Bashir and Silva Kiir on October 22 held talks in Juba, South Sudan to discuss the Abyei dispute and implementation of agreements on joint cooperation. ([Back To Top](#))

### **Abyei community warns of unilateral action against Misseriya**

*Sudantribune.com Juba, 19/11/ 2013-* Community leaders from Abyei have threatened to take unilateral actions against any move by the Misseriya to settle in the disputed area, unless both the United Nations and African Union intervene in the matter.

"Settlement activity must stop because it is not justified. It is actually the project of the government of Sudan because it wants to change the demographic of the area, by trying to curve part of the area within the territory identified by the permanent of arbitrary as part of the Ngok area", Deng Kuol, a member of the civil Society Organization in the area said on Tuesday.

Kuol said the October conference unanimously agreed in principle and demanded an end to Misseriya settlement activity and asked to put pressure on the international community, particularly the UN and AU to stop Sudan from "sponsoring" illegal activities.

"This was one of the resolutions of the October conference. It was agreed that our leadership should work together with the government of South Sudan to put bearing pressure on the United Nations and the African Union to stop the government of Sudan from sponsoring illegal activities, otherwise nothing would prevent people from defending their land," Kuol told Sudan Tribune from Agok, an area south of Abyei town, the administrative headquarters of the region.

He also vowed that his community would not allow partitioning of the area, saying they have already expressed their will to return to South Sudan where the region was transferred to Kordofan province in Sudan during the colonial rule in 1905 for administrative purposes.

"No. No. There is nothing like that. There is no more partitioning. We will never concede even an inch of the area which has been defined as our land by the permanent court of



Arbitration at The Hague as it came in its July 22, 2009. That ruling was final and binding and it was accepted by both the parties," stressed the official.

The government of Sudan accepted and the SPLM [Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement, which was authorised by the Ngok leadership to talk on their behalf accepted, he added.

Kuol said this in reaction to queries as to whether his community would accept partitioning of the area as part of solutions to the conflict over the area, where both Sudan and South Sudan have failed to reach a consensus on its final status.

"Our position is known. We will not this claim by the government of Sudan. We have already expressed our will and this should be respected. The international community should really do something by recognising our referendum results if they need us to peaceful coexist in peace and security with all our neighbours", Kuol said.

They should take 'concrete and enforceable measures, he added.

Meanwhile, Kuol repeatedly avoided questions on what could have possibly led to South Sudan's sudden change of its position on the outcome of last month's referendum in Abyei, in which 99% of the Ngok Dinka voted to be part of the south. ([Back To Top](#))

### **Sudan Confronts Politically Explosive Bread Shortage**

**AFP- Khartoum, 20/11/2013-** Sudan battled a politically explosive bread shortage Tuesday that has forced Khartoum residents to wait hours for the staple food because a lack of foreign exchange is limiting wheat imports.

AFP reporters saw lines of seven to 20 people at Khartoum-area bakeries on Tuesday, about three days after shortages began.

"Today our production was 50 percent of normal," Adam Mohammed, a baker in North Khartoum, said Tuesday night as several people waited for their loaves. But Mohammed said he expected the supply of flour to improve from Wednesday.

Vice President Ali Osman Taha has ordered officials to ensure that enough wheat reaches the flour mills, the state news agency SUNA reported.

Khalifa Hassan, a government worker queueing at a neighbourhood bakery in North Khartoum on Monday, had said that "if this continues, people will not keep silent." "For the past three days I have to spend two hours a day waiting for bread, one hour in the morning and one in the evening."

An analyst said the government seems hesitant to allow a further increase in bread prices because it fears more anti-regime demonstrations after the slashing of fuel subsidies in September led to protests in which dozens died.

"Politically, this is more sensitive than removing the subsidies from petroleum products," said Safwat Fanous, a University of Khartoum political scientist.

The price of bread, generally sold in flat, round loaves, had already gone up several days ago by roughly one-third. One Sudanese pound (about 17 US cents/13 euro cents) now buys three loaves, against four earlier.

The minimum wage for a civil servant is officially only 425 pounds a month, but much more than that is needed for a family to get by, at least in the cities.

"This has increased our suffering," Osman Siddiq, a resident of North Khartoum, complained while waiting for fresh loaves.

Sudan does not grow enough wheat to fulfill its needs.

The government subsidises the rate at which wheat importers obtain hard currency to buy the grain from Canada and other countries, said Fanous.

And the central bank, facing a shortage of hard currency, has not been able to provide enough dollars to import sufficient quantities of grain, meaning mills "don't have enough wheat," Fanous said.

Khartoum lost billions of dollars in export earnings when South Sudan became independent in 2011, taking with it most of Sudan's oil production.

Since then Sudanese have endured two years of rising prices and a sinking pound. On the widely used black market the local currency has lost almost 50 percent of its value over the past two years.

Inflation officially reached 40 percent last month.

Fuel prices rose by more than 60 percent in September when the government drastically reduced subsidies as part of measures to stabilise the economy.

Thousands of people, many of them Khartoum-area poor, took to the streets in protest and called for the downfall of President Omar al-Bashir's 24-year regime. Security forces are believed to have killed more than 200 demonstrators, Amnesty International said, but authorities reported a toll of less than half that.

The rising fuel prices have also pushed up transportation and cooking costs for bread manufacturers, said Imam Omar, a baker.

"Because of this we had to increase the price," he said.

On top of that, flour manufacturers have not been able to provide the same quantities to the bakeries.

"We used to get 30 sacks a day. Now they only give us 15 sacks," Omar said. In early September a senior ruling party official said the regime planned to lift the wheat subsidies, but Fanous said that now seems too politically dangerous. Although rural Sudanese depend on sorghum, most city people rely on bread. If the price goes up, "more and more people will become hungry," creating a potential for unrest, Fanous said.

"Of course, political trouble comes from the cities," he said.

"The government, on the other hand, is under pressure from the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and other financial institutions to remove subsidies."

After meeting with Taha and other officials on Tuesday, State Minister of Finance Magdi Yasin said wheat imports "will continue, in coordination with the central bank and ministry of finance." ([Back To Top](#))

### **Ugandan traders to file injunction against S. Sudan in East Africa court**

*Sudantribune.com Kampala, 19/11/ 2013* - A group of Ugandan traders opposed to South Sudan's entry into the East African Community (EAC) plan to file an injunction in the East African Court of Justice to prevent discussions on the young nation's entry into the bloc from going ahead.

Earlier this month, the Uganda Traders' Association of South Sudan (UTASS) took five members of the EAC to court in a bid to block South Sudan's entry, saying the country does not meet the requirements to be a member of the community.

### **EAC DISCUSSIONS PLANNED**

Despite the case before the East African Court of Justice, discussions are scheduled to take place later this month.

The Ugandan traders say they want the discussions put on hold until the case before the EAC court is resolved.

“All we are saying is that we have a case against South Sudan. And this case is ongoing. So we are saying ‘stop the discussion on South Sudan until the case is disposed of’”, the chairman of UTASS, Patrick Walusimbi, said in an interview with Sudan Tribune on Tuesday.

“We are filing an injunction next week. By Monday or Tuesday our lawyer will be in Arusha, Tanzania”, Walusimbi said.

The EAC is a regional intergovernmental organisation with headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania. The body comprises of Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya and Uganda.

South Sudan applied to join the community shortly after attaining independence from Sudan in July 2011.

The East African Treaty requires that members accept the “adhere to good governance, democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights; and establishment and maintenance of a market driven economy” as preconditions for joining the community.

The Ugandan traders say South Sudan does not meet the requirements for admission because of its human rights record and poor treatment of foreigners, particularly Ugandan traders operating in the country.

The EAC provides a potential market of 140 million to its members - a ready market for South Sudan’s oil, providing possible benefits such as access to regional infrastructure, including roads, railway lines, ports and a possible joint pipeline now that both Uganda and Kenya have discovered commercially viable oil. Analysts say South Sudan’s oil could also be vital for the bloc if the country is admitted.

#### **TANZANIANS FACE COURT**

But opposition to South Sudan’s entry into the community is not the only challenge the EAC is facing. Tanzania has accused Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda of sidelining it.

Three Tanzanians have also filed a case against Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and the EAC’s secretary- general in the East African Court of Justice.

The Tanzanians accuse the four of violating the East African treaty - the law the community is founded upon - by holding three meetings without involving Tanzania and Burundi.

The Tanzanians say the meetings took place in Entebbe from 24-25 June, with another in Mombasa on 28 August, and most recently the infrastructural summit held on 28 October in Rwandan capital Kigali. ([Back To Top](#))

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