ABYEI TODAY

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Program Highlights

5 civilians injured in Abyei road ambush

Unknown gunmen attacked a passenger vehicle, injuring 5 people on board between Abyei town and Awolnhom village in Abyei Administrative Area. The vehicle was from Agok. One of the victims, Mr. Monykuch Mawien Chol said 2 armed men in civilian clothes fired at the vehicle at a close range. "We just saw 2 people going, but we didn't mind because we thought they were normal people, and it was still early. After reaching 200 meters, we heard shooting. We saw one person running into the bush and another one stood and continued firing shots at the vehicle," Chol explained. The wounded were taken to United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei's hospital in Abyei town for treatment. The motive behind the attack is unclear. For his part, the area's Security Advisor, Hon. Kalek Kon Lual confirmed the incident. He said the administration together with UNISFA would investigate the incident. "In fact, this issue will be looked at to see what will happen. This place is in fact a bush and solution to such ambushing will be found so that a protection is provided in that place," said Lual. This is the second time for a passenger vehicle to be ambushed along the same road. In 2017, a woman was killed after the vehicle she was travelling in came under armed attack.

Abyei Administration urged to toughen Covid-19 measures as infection heightens

Abyei Administrative Area has seen a dramatic surge in covid-19 cases with 68 new infections recorded in the last two months, pushing the total confirmed cases to 121 and 4 deaths, according to health partners. Frontline workers said the rising infection suggested that Covid-19 preventive measures were inconsistently followed. "People are greeting themselves through hands shake and patting the shoulders and are even hugging. It means it is possible for the cases to shoot up," Health Manager for Save the Children International, Dr. Jomama One Jomama one said. The medical doctor warned that Covid-19 will remain a major life-threatening virus if governments does not impose strict measures. On Tuesday, Rummamer county authorities issued a local order, banning public gathering and clubbing as a reinforcement to Covid-19 preventive measures. The Acting Commissioner of the county, Mayot Kuniet said the order were intended to protect "lives" ordering, "it is to be implemented and there is nothing to be discussed in it." On 13th February, South Sudan National Task Force on Covid-19 issued a communication, outlining punitive actions against violation of Covid-19 protocols which include revocation of operation license of culpable institutions and denial of service to individual defy them.

Abyei Football clubs prepare for South Sudan Football Cup

Football players are being registered in Abyei upcoming South Sudan Football Cup. The Secretary of Abyei Football Union said the exercise is part of preparation for the tournament which he said will kick off in Abyei next week. Michael Deng Adok said they had registered 130 players from various clubs from divisions since Monday and the exercise is still in progress. The Secretary of Olympics, one of division one football clubs, Mithiang Deng said they had registered 12 new players, but he discovered that most of the players are missing. "The problem facing us is that most of the players have left the area for Khartoum, Wau, Juba," he said.

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About 'Abyei Today'

Abyei Today is a radio program focusing on humanitarian news, informative features and entertaining stories for the people who live in the disputed region of Abyei. It brings together the community with the organizations and agencies that seek to make life better. While the program gives useful and beneficial information to the people of Abyei, it also has features to inspire listeners with entertaining items about daily life, from cookery shows to uplifting flower gardens. Internews' research shows that radio continues to be the most trusted and influential form of information in the region. In addition, it is the most accessible: more than half the men and two thirds of the women surveyed cannot read. Abyei Today is produced with the support of Internews, an international non-profit media development organization.

About AIRS

Abyei Information and Radio Service (AIRS) is a South Sudanese, not-for-profit organization based in Abyei that, through its radio station, Abyei 102.3 FM, provides critical news and information about and to the communities of the Abyei territory and beyond. With the support of Internews, AIRS was first registered in March 2017 by the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) under certificate #596 and was renewed in 2018. AIRS is the "Voice of Abyei" and through a team of journalists provides a platform for communities to share experiences; engages with the government, official bodies and community groups in a collaborative dialogue; expresses the needs and issues affecting the community in Abyei; and fosters balanced discussions that allows listeners to form their own opinions and thoughts.

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