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Press Release

SUBJECT: A Statement on the Conduct of 2026 Certificate of Primary Education (CPE), Examinations, in some Centres in Jonglei and Unity States

The South Sudan National Examinations Council regrets to inform the public that a total of **534** candidates will not be able to sit the 2026 Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) National Examinations in Akobo East and Akobo West counties of Jonglei State, as well as Nyal and Ganyliel areas of Unity State, due to prevailing security and safety challenges.

From the outset, it is imperative to clarify that all relevant stakeholders made concerted efforts to facilitate the relocation of the affected candidates to safer locations where they could sit the examinations. However, the so-called local authorities refused to provide access to the examination personnel, monitors and supervisors to the examination centres.

The Council deeply deplores this unfortunate situation, particularly its impact on the affected candidates, their parents, guardians, teachers, and the communities concerned. We recognize the efforts and sacrifices made by these young learners in preparing for their national examinations, and we share in their disappointment.

The Council wishes to emphasize that this decision was taken solely on the basis of safety and security concerns, particularly the need to protect the lives of the National Examinations monitors responsible for administering and supervising the examinations in those areas.

The Council remains hopeful that, should the security and operational circumstances improve in the near future, the affected candidates may still be given an opportunity to sit **alternative examinations**. The Council will continue to assess the situation and consult relevant stakeholders to determine the possibility of making such arrangements.

The South Sudan National Examinations Council appeals to parents, guardians, school authorities, community leaders, and all stakeholders to remain calm and understanding as the Council continues to prioritize the safety and integrity of the national examinations.

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We reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that every eligible learner in South Sudan has access to fair and credible national examinations, without compromising the safety of examination personnel, candidates, examinations materials and other stakeholders.

The Council sincerely regrets the inconvenience and disappointment caused to the 534 affected candidates and their families.

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