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IGAD Calls for Protection of Civilians and Diplomatic Missions in the Republic of Sudan

October 2, 2024 (Djibouti, Djibouti): The situation in the Republic of Sudan, where civilians, aid workers, critical infrastructure, health centres, and diplomatic missions are caught in the crossfire of ongoing conflict, demands urgent attention from the international community. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Executive Secretary, H.E. Dr Workneh Gebeyehu, expresses his deep concern over the escalation of violence that has disrupted civilian lives and livelihoods. The fighting has resulted in a massive humanitarian crisis, as the parties involved continue to violate international humanitarian laws.

The Executive Secretary also condemns the reported attacks on the residence of the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates in Khartoum, which constitute a violation of international law, including the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and undermine the principles of peaceful diplomacy and mutual respect between nations. Diplomatic missions are essential for promoting cohesion, cooperation, and international relations. All parties have a responsibility to ensure that embassies and diplomatic missions are safeguarded.

IGAD calls upon all parties to honour their commitments to silencing the guns through peaceful settlement and a permanent ceasefire. Furthermore, IGAD urges all parties to adhere to international humanitarian law and prioritise the protection of civilians, particularly women, children, and the elderly.



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