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ABYEI TODAY

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Program Highlights

Covid-19 deaths hit 11 in Abyei

The death toll of Covid-19 in the contested region of Abyei has risen to 11 after 114 new cases including 80 fatalities were confirmed between January and February this year. This brings the cumulative number of confirmed cases in Abyei to 167. Nyanwut Mayen who doubles as the acting head of health administration and member of Covid-19 Task Force urged people to wear face masks in public places and wash hands with soap and clean water frequently to curb the transmission of the highly contagious virus.

“South Sudan is trying to get coronavirus vaccine doses. With the formation of the new state governments now, maybe there is going to be a general meeting with health ministers in the states in capital Juba to discuss the rise in the cases of the coronavirus,” Nyanwut says.

Program highlight

Aganytok residents demand return of UNISFA’s base.

Residents in Aganytok village in Abyei Administrative Area, have repeated their call for the re-establishment of UN peacekeepers’ temporary base in their area. The United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei used to stay in this village from the start till the end of dry season but this year, the mission has not returned there. This has created fear among the locals. Kelek Kon who works as advisor for security in Abyei Administration, says UNISFA will not set up a base there again. However, he assures that the peacekeeping soldiers will be patrolling the village during the day and at night in case of emergency. The Chief of Aganytok, Ngor Dor says the presence of UN peacekeepers’ camp in their place will reduce fear of armed attack. “This is not enough. We need UNISFA to return to its site, the site it was located in before, it will be fine. This time is dangerous for us. We want them to do day and night patrol,” Chief Ngor says. In January this year, UNISFA set up a base in Kolom village where more than 30 civilians including women and children were killed early last year by armed men said to be from Misseriya. The locals had blamed UNISFA for not foiling this attack.

Program highlight

Child welfare officials to help the jailed 15-year-old boy set free.

The advisor for Child, Gender and Social Welfare in Abyei Administration, Aluel Manyiel Rou says they will intervene to help this case solved.

“We will intervene in this matter and instruct them to search for the child’s parents so that he can be released as soon as possible,” Aluel says.

On his part, John Manyang who works at the Department of Child and Social Welfare has advised the community to solve children’s issues without the use of violence. He says a child who commits a crime should be taken to correctional facility.

“In some developed countries, there is a special places for keeping children who have committed crimes,” he says.

On Tuesday, the jailed boy told Abyei FM that he was suffering from shortage of food. Police said the boy was accused of attempting to steal chairs in Aniet market by a trader. Police investigator, Anur Deng says they are waiting for the accuser to come to police so that his case is taken to public prosecutor.

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AIRS PSA Rates

30-seconds | \$50

45-seconds | \$75

60-seconds | \$100

Broadcasting | \$25/minute

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.

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30-minutes | \$100

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2-hours | \$400

3-hours | \$500

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About AIRS

Abyei Information and Radio Service (AIRS) is a South Sudanese, not-for-profit organization based in Abyei that through its subsidiary radio station, Abyei 102.3 FM provides critical news and information about and to the communities of the Abyei territory. With the support of Internews, AIRS was first registered in March 2017 by the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) under certificate #596. 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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