



**Press Statement by ICGLR on the Tragic Incident in Kalogi Town,
South Kordofan State, Republic of the Sudan**

Bujumbura, Burundi, 9th December 2025 – The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) expresses its condemnation of the tragic incident of 4th December 2025 in Kalogi town, Republic of the Sudan involving the rebel militia of the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). This devastating massacre, which targeted innocent civilians, including young children in a kindergarten and patients in a hospital, represents a profound violation of human rights and international humanitarian law. The heartbreaking loss of **79** lives, among them **43** children and **6** women, stands as a stark reminder of the senseless violence that impacts vulnerable communities. ICGLR extends its heartfelt condolences to the grieving families and reaffirms its bold commitment to fostering a path toward lasting peace and reconciliation in Sudan.

ICGLR reiterates its firm belief that the Sudanese crisis cannot be resolved by force but through constructive dialogue. ICGLR therefore urgently calls on all Sudanese parties to cease hostilities and return to inclusive, credible dialogue without delay.

The ICGLR stands ready to support efforts toward a peaceful, negotiated settlement alongside the African Union, the United Nations, neighboring states, and other relevant stakeholders.

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