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Communique to all Confreres

Dear Confreres

As I write these few lines, I am aware that our attention is still on Mons. Christian Carlassare and I am sure we are all united, as Institute, in prayers for his quick integral recovery and for the people of South Sudan and in particular for the diocese of Rumbek. The incident which occurred around 12:45 am on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 has increased a lot of suffering on many innocent people who are already loaded with the suffering in the country. However, we believe in a God the father who revealed to us that the crucified One is Risen and is Alive. May he guide us in this difficult moment and that we remain faithful in our respective missions being witnesses of the Master who have defeated evil by doing always good.

Referring to the incident, some of us we heard few minutes after Mons. Christian was shot and we accompanied him, from wherever we are, till he was flown to Nairobi yesterday at 3pm for better medical attention. I spoke with him this afternoon and he shared that he is better after the last night intervention of doctors. His integral healing will gradually be restored.

Dear Confreres, from the moment of the incident, we have been hearing all types of information from different sources about the incident. Other sources even inform us how it happened, why it happened and who are the actors. And especially today we heard of the arrest of some suspects among whom are some cleric. **From this point, I would like to draw our attention not to make/force any conclusion or make interpretation of who are the perpetrators of the incident or give the cause of the incident till the authority concern will declare public their findings. Let us be calm and prudent to make conclusions on our own. Let us continue to be witnesses of reconciliation and unity.**

With these lines, let us be united in prayers and passion for the mission and people we serve in our respective missions as we accompany Mons. Christian in his process of recovery.

Blessings and stay safe.

Fr. Louis Tony Okot  
Provincial Superior

