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SAVING LIVES IN SOUTH SUDAN REQUIRES FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR AID WORKERS

Juba, 5 May 2015: "On 23-24 April, aid workers left Pagak in Upper Nile state because of harassment and impediments to their freedom of movement. We are working toward a resolution so that they can return and work in line with the principles of humanity, impartiality and neutrality.

Over the past days, aid workers based in Bentiu, Unity state, have been prevented from leaving the United Nations base to carry out their work in Bentiu town as well as in surrounding neighborhoods and villages. This interrupts life-saving assistance, including medical support in the hospital, to people struck by the conflict.

Aid agencies count on the good offices of all parties and officials to respect the freedom of movement required for humanitarian action, so that assistance can reach civilians in need of help, on time."

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