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Award of the 2013 Sergio Vieira de Mello Peace Prize to Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban

The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) extends its warm congratulations to Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban on the award of the 2013 Sergio Vieira de Mello Peace Prize. Today, a prominent South Sudanese actor for peace has been given a richly-deserved recognition of his efforts and accomplishments in building trust and peace between different communities in the Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron, in the Eastern Equatoria State.

The achievement of peace in the Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron by Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban is a model to be emulated in other hotspots of South Sudan. Its unifying potential is all the more vital for the future of the country. The Bishop devoted himself selflessly during two decades of civil war, in some of the most trying situations serving communities, being one of their staunchest advocates, as well as reconciling them and promoting peace between them. This is a very well deserved recognition," said the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for South Sudan, Ms Hilde F. Johnson.

This award also illustrates the timely need for all concerned to embark on a nationally owned and broadly represented process of national reconciliation and healing. It is the commitment of the United Nations to support such a process and help foster stability and peace in South Sudan.

UNMISS remains actively engaged to help maintain a durable peace for the people of South Sudan.

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