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Jadalla urges youth not to be used by politicians

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The Deputy Minister of Interior and Wildlife Conservation, Jadalla Augustino Wani has urged South Sudanese youth not to be exploited by dead-wood politicians who are aiming at destroying political and socio-economic development of this country.

In a keynote address to a group of youth in Juba, Jadalla said the youth of this country represent hope and the future of the nation, telling them they have no reason to follow politicians who had lost sight and track.

"Don't allow yourselves to be used as firewood. Why are you to follow someone who has lost the way", he asked

The Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) in collaboration with the Organization for Nonviolence and Development (ONAD) organized the workshop for the youth from the ten States. It began on the 17th and

will end on the 20th of September, 2013.

During the opening ceremony the deputy minister said one of the challenges facing the government of South Sudan is insecurity as it has been discussed by the youth in that dialogue.

He said one of the aims of the workshop is to bring youth together from the various states to discuss causes of insecurity in the country and government role in overcoming these obstacles.

He urged youth to cooperate with the government and play an effective role in building the nation as South Sudan is one of the countries in Africa that suffered for many years due to war where many people had died. He said this time they don't want youth to die in tribal conflicts and cattle disputes organized by some tribal leaders. He further said the Ministry has established over 40 police stations, and bought several motorcycles to enhance security in

the country. Wani said the

Ministry of Interior has discovered that most of the crimes committed in South Sudan are being committed by foreigners. He pledged that the Ministry is working hard to ensure the rule of law prevails in the country.

"Anybody found committing crime must face the law whether they are from South Sudan or foreigners from the neighboring countries," he stressed.

He said for the police to carry out effective work the youth should support them in identifying criminals.

"You are the ears and eyes of the government," he said.

The deputy minister added that one of the factors encouraging criminality among others are youth unemployment, poverty and delay of salaries of the organized forces.

To resolve the issue of unemployment, he said government has planned to give 25% of executive posts to the youth.

In a similar statement, Ms. Johanna Poutanen, Field Coordinator for CMI said one of the aims of organizing this workshop is to bring youth together to discuss issues facing South Sudan and to talk with the decision makers, on the demands of youth on how to improve the situation of this country since they are the leaders of tomorrow.

The Acting spokesman of the Sudan peoples' Liberation Army (SPLA) Lt. Col. Joseph Marier Samuel said the SPLA had disarmed civilians in Jonglei State, however they are being attacked by the Yau Yau's militia in Jonglei State. He said the militias have created insecurity in the state. During the disarmament he said guns collected from the civilians in the states were the old types as they still keep many guns that is why fighting is continuing in the state.