

## UN food relief agency 'outraged and heartbroken' by killing of three workers in South Sudan city

14 April 2017 – Expressing “horror” at the killing of three workers contracted by its office in Wau, South Sudan, during violence that wracked the city earlier this week, the United Nations emergency food relief agency has called on the authorities to bring those responsible for the “unspeakable violence” to justice.

In a [news release](#) today, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) said that the three men – Daniel James, Ecsa Tearp and Ali Elario, all citizens of South Sudan – appeared to have been killed on Monday as they tried to make their way to the UN agency’s warehouse, where they worked as porters.

Two died of machete wounds and the third was shot.

“We are outraged and heartbroken by the deaths of our colleagues, who worked every day to help provide life-saving food to millions of their fellow countrymen,” said Joyce Luma, the WFP Country Director for South Sudan.

“Our sympathies and condolences are with their families. Their dedication will not be forgotten,” she added.

The UN agency said that it received the information on the deaths yesterday from the company that employed them. The company is contracted by WFP to provide loading and unloading services at its Wau warehouse.

Also in the news release, the WFP Country Director underlined that those responsible for the killings must be brought to justice.

“We call on the South Sudanese authorities to hold those responsible for this unspeakable violence accountable for their actions,” stressed Ms. Luma.