Crisis in the Shilluk Kingdom of the Upper Nile State in South Sudan

The war that erupted in South Sudan on 15th December 2013 in the capital city of Juba spread to three states... Jonglie, Unity, and Upper Nile State.

Upper Nile is where the Shilluk (Chollo) people live in the towns of Malakal, Pachodo, Tonga, and Manyo County.

The level of destructions in these towns is beyond imagination, everything was reduced to the ground, and the tragedy is big and unbearable.

Many Shilluk (Chollo) people perished and many others sought refuge in the bush, some worked on foot for hundreds of miles to Northern Sudan and other neighbouring towns. The conflict is between the two larger ethnic groups – Dinka and Nuer – and the Shilluk people are the victims of their neutrality in this conflict.

The Sudanese families living in Warrnambool have been affected by the war now going on South Sudan between the Dinka and Nuer tribes that are fighting for control of the country. The brother of Thomas Lual, one of Warrnambool’s parishioners, was shot as he and his family were trying to escape from the city of Malakal. His family are now hiding in the bushes and little is known about their safety. Other relatives have lost their homes and possessions. Most people have fled Malakal. Thomas and Regina Lual and Charity and Otha Akoch come from Malakal and belong to the Shilluk people. Many Sudanese in Warrnambool also belong to the Shilluk people.

The Australian Chollo Community based in Melbourne has formed a crisis committee to raise money to help Chollo (Shilluk) people who are devastated by war back home. The name of committee is Volunteers of goodwill (Chollo Crisis Management and Fundraising Committee). The Sudanese in Warrnambool are having a fundraiser meal in St Joseph’s Parish Hall next Saturday in order to assist in raising money to send to the people who have lost everything.

Details can be found below:
Crisis in South Sudan

Many people have been killed
and many have lost their
homes and all possessions…..

Saturday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March 2014
12.00 midday to 5.00pm

Fundraising Meal
to help the people of South Sudan

a ‘Feast of Sudanese Food’

St Joseph’s Parish Hall

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