Poetry event attracts hundreds in Bor

Defyhatenow Jonglei State coordinator Mr. Bior Ajang Jaden said that the event was organized for primary school pupils in order to express their thoughts and give their views on current affairs to the general public.

“We were doing it to give chance to the children such that we can be their voices in whatever they say,” Mr. Jaden said. “We want to hear from them what they want to tell to the nation such that we can be able to share with other people around the world.”

Mr. Jaden said the program was meant to help the children since the outcome of the event will be shared with the rest of the world.

He called on the school going children to use the opportunity to freely express themselves since it was in line with their future progress.

“Whenever you have an opportunity to do something, do it perfectly from your heart because everyone has ideas, so it will be a great opportunity to express what was hidden in you that you want people to know and do as a kid since your voice can change your status,” Mr. Jaden said.

Miss. Ajok Micheal Nhial, a primary school pupil at Sunlight Nursery said that it was good to commemorate International poetry day because the event was exciting and joyful to the children who attended it.

“It has never happened in my life to enjoy such a day and what I have experienced was that it was really a given day for pupils to express their feelings and whatever they have for example giving out the poems, dramas and so many others as per development of the upcoming generation,” she stressed.

The school girl called on the parents in South Sudan to take their children to school so that they can be educated.

She said the phrase “ladies first” should be used to take girls to school so that they are educated.

Defyhatenow facilitators and pupils in Bor during the event [Photo by Bior Ajang]

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School going pupils from eight schools have attended a poetry event in Bor on Wednesday to celebrate the International Poetry Day.

The event of International poetry day was organized for the first time in Bor by #DEFYHATENOW, an initiative that advocates against hate speech online.

The event was held under the theme “Poetry for self-expression” in order for school children to express their creativity through poems and presentations.

Speaking to Juba Monitor on Wednesday,