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Story Headline: South Sudanese refugee Yiech Pur Biel selected for Refugee Olympic Team at Olympic Games Rio 2016

Date: 3 June 2016
Place: Nairobi, Kenya

SHOT LOG & transcripts of sound bites:

Yiech Pur Biel running on the track.

Tracking shot of Yiech Pur Biel running on the track.

SOUND BITE Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
“I left South Sudan in 2005, that’s because in South Sudan we have conflict amongst ourselves. At that time I was nine years old, a boy. First of all my father was a soldier, then my mother was the one who took care of us.”

Shot of Yiech Pur Biel running on the track with his training group.

Shot from the ground of Yiech Pur Biel running on the track during training.

SOUND BITE Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
“It means you tell the world that we refugees, we are human beings like other people you see. Refugee people have fallen through in the same way other people fallen through, you see. The people who can tell these people is only us because other people will not know our stories.”

Close up of Yiech Pur Biel speaking to one of his training partners.

Close up of Yiech Pur Biel resetting the time on his watch.

SOUND BITE Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
“Being a refugee is only a name, you see. And to come out in that situation to be called a refugee is only a human being like me who can change that
name, you see. From that journey from Kakuma to this place, I call myself an ambassador for refugees, you see.”

Shot of Yiech Pur Biel walking during his training session.

Shot from behind of Yiech Pur Biel walking during his training session.

Shot of Yiech Pur Biel walking during his session.

**SOUND BITE** Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
“Our training is very good here compared to Kakuma because when we ran in Kakuma, most of the people didn’t even have shoes. They were doing barefoot running on the tarmac road but here in Nairobi we have more facilities because I don’t see anyone running without shoes you see.”

Wide shot of Yiech Pur Biel stretching.

Close up shot of Yiech Pur Biel stretching.

Shot from the ground of Yiech Pur Biel stretching.

Close up shot of Yiech Pur Biel stretching.

**SOUND BITE** Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
“It will be an amazing time in life because it will be the first achievement in my life to go to that place, because I’ve never been out of Kakuma between 2005 and 2014 but to go out to Brazil it will be a great moment in my life and a story to my children and grandchildren.”

Shot of Yiech Pur Biel running along a road.

Wide shot of Yiech Pur Biel running down a road.

Shot from in front of Yiech Pur Biel running down a road.

Shot of Yiech Pur Biel running down a road.

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EXTRA VIDEO CLIP

TITLE: Yiech Pur Biel extra soundbites

DURATION: 5.08

SOUND BITE Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
QUESTION: What was life like during the War in South Sudan?
“It was a very difficult situation in my life because as a young boy you just want to see where you can get food but from morning to the evening you could not get food. Mostly we use this leaf of the trees you go and take them or you get fruit from the tree and then you can eat. That was the worst thing in my life I will never forget it.”

SOUND BITE Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
QUESTION: How symbolic is it to be a refugee athlete?
“Because when I run I represent my people, it’s not the people who come from my relatives, or town or country, it’s the people who are the name called refugee.

SOUND BITE Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
QUESTION: Can it help in other ways?
“But if you keep going and tell other people that ‘we are refugees, you can be a good person who can leave fighting, you can bring peace to other people’. Because you get the name of refugee because of this conflict, or other things, but to come out in this thing needs us to be ambassadors to tell other people that we are tired of this war. Lets come out as a refugee to tell others that, we need peace in our country or the place in which we are living. Even in other countries, we tell them we don't need war again because we want to live peacefully. If I can tell people like that I will represent my people as a refugee to tell other people that we are in this world as a refugee.”

SOUND BITE Yiech Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
QUESTION: Does it make you proud?
“Yes, I am proud to be a refugee. Because if I am not a refugee I cannot be in this place, you see. I am proud to be a refugee, even though I am working not to be a refugee, I can change that name to be a good title for
other people.”

**SOUND BITE** Yiach Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
**QUESTION.** Are you looking forward to Rio?
“It brings a change to our lives you see; most of the people. As I tell you before, you are not only going to participate in the Olympics, because going to Rio is like a holiday to people but we give a message to other people that we as a refugee you need to do well in not only running but in other things as people.”

**SOUND BITE** Yiach Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
**QUESTION.** Are you hoping to win gold?
“I do my best to win by God willing, because I cannot say I will take it you see, but if I manage to do it it will belong to the family of the mother and father, the IOC, the Foundation and the UN as well.”

**SOUND BITE** Yiach Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
**QUESTION.** What is your greatest inspiration?
“Yeah, you know I have something which inspired me in my life. As a human being we must have something that you can call a goal in your life, first of all from being a refugee it gives me hope in my life, you see, to go and change other people’s life.”

**SOUND BITE** Yiach Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
**QUESTION.** Are you looking forward to the Olympic Village?
“Yeah, even it will be very good to live as a family in that village. Because the more you live in that village the more you interact with other people, you see. You get to know the other people and how they are living, even they way they do it with other people. And then when you come to Kenya you tell people that other people are living like this then it comes a great challenge to other people.”

**SOUND BITE** Yiach Pur Biel, refugee athlete (English language):
**QUESTION.** What happened to your family?
“because losing both parents. Because I’m not sure that I will even see my father again because of the fighting. Because when someone goes to fight you expect two things: either they will come or they will die. Secondly, I
don't know whether my mother will come back alive or maybe she will go and get killed on the way to Ethiopia. By that time I was confused, because at this after the fight we never see each other. It became harmful to me but as a man we can adapt to the situation this way."

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