



THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
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Press Statement

In search for the everlasting peace in the Republic of South Sudan and in accelerating the ongoing peace negotiation in Addis Ababa between the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the Rebels led by Riek Machar and in recalling the suffering of our people, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, the President of the Republic of South Sudan issued on the 24th February 2015 two crucial Republican Orders.

The first order granted an amnesty to all those fighting against the Republic. The second order however was on declaration of unilateral ceasefire.

In addition, being the Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/SPLM, the President also issued another directive to implement the agreement on the reunification of SPLM Party.

The underlying directive protects the former detainees and revoked the decision of the dismissal of all those who were dismissed from the Party.

Similarly, the same directive approves the reopening of bank accounts of the former Detainees and reaffirmed the commitment of the government as well as the SPLM to welcome back former Detainees and the members of the SPLM-IO.

These steps taken underpinned the seriousness and commitment of the President of the Republic to put an end to the current senseless war which has devastated the country since the 15th December, 2015.

However, as most of the outstanding issues (90%) have been agreed upon between the government and the SPLM-IO and only remains 10%, it is our belief that our negotiating team will research final deal as instructed by the President.

Also, the government wants to let all the peace lovers know that according to the mediators the participation of the President is not needed at this moment but will be called to sign the final deal or when there are critical issues that need him and other heads of states. The President is on standby to go to Addis at the right moment he is needed by IGAD Chairman, PM Haile Mariam Desalenge.

Furthermore, the government would like to reassure the people of the Republic, IGAD, International Community and our friends that the steps taken by President demonstrated how the government critically takes responsibilities entrusted upon it to protect the citizens and bring an end to the sufferings of our people.

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