



**THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
HEADQUARTERS**

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Press Statement

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation hereby condemns in a strongest terms possible the baseless and unrealistic rumors of the death of the President of the Republic His Excellency Salva Kiir Mayardit.

On Wednesday 12th Oct. 2016, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit toured the town of Juba and made a public press statement at the state House to refute his death rumors and to prove to the people of South Sudan that he is alive and healthy.

During the press statement the president mentioned issues concerning the incidents on Juba-Yei road and Juba-Nimule road, H.E. Kiir conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims. President Kiir called on the victims of the incidents to stay calm, swallow the pain and forgive the perpetrators as the government is exerting efforts to bring them to justice.

President Kiir reiterated the government commitment to the implementation of the peace agreement in letter and spirit, pointing out that his government is not a tribal government. H.E. Kiir stressed, he is a nationalist who fought for the liberation of the Republic of South Sudan, urging the citizens to discard ethnic hatred and embrace spirit of unity and togetherness.

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