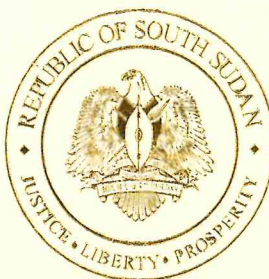


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-NOTE VERBALE-

The Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan has learnt with deep sorrow and sadness of the police helicopter crash that has claimed the life of Hon Prof. George Saitoti, Minister of Internal Security and Provincial Administration of the Republic of Kenya together with his Assistant Minister Hon. Orwa Ojode and four others.

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic South Sudan, we join the Government and people of Kenya mourning the sudden and untimely demise of the leadership of its Internal Security and Provincial Administration. This tragedy has left an indelible mark in keeping the security of Kenya and that of our region. The Embassy extends its heartfelt condolence to the families, relatives and friends of the two pilots and two board guards who were involved in the fatal crash.

Please accept my sympathy during this time of devastating loss.

Nairobi: 10th June, 2012.

**The Chief of Protocol,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.**

