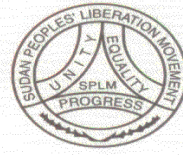




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**PRESS RELEASE**

**RE: THE DESERTION BRIG. GEN. LUL RUAI KOANG FROM SPLM/SPLA**

The SPLM/SPLA National Committee for Information and Public Relations would like to take this opportunity to inform its members of the desertion of Brig. Gen. Lul Ruai Koang. The Movement assures members that this desertion is an isolated incident that occurred in a Nairobi Hotel, and does not have any bearing on the military or political situation in the country.

The SPLM/SPLA is a national Movement that belongs to all the people of South Sudan, and shall not tolerate the principal of sectarianism. The SPLM/SPLA also recognizes the right of any member who does not share in the principles of the Movement, to set up their own political entity that will reflect the principles for which they stand. In this spirit the SPLM/SPLA would like to wish Brig. Gen. Lul Ruai Koang good luck in his new political exploits.

The SPLM/SPLA National Committee for Information and Public Relations would like to reassure members that this is an isolated incident that is of no consequence to the political or military situation in the country. This incident should not divert the attention of members from the ongoing peace process in Addis Ababa and Arusha within which lies the comprehensive solution to the current conflict in the country.

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