



SUDAN PEOPLES' LIBERATION MOVEMENT GENERAL HEADQUARTERS



SPLM LEADERS - Former Political Detainees (FPD)

PRESS STATEMENT

SPLM Leaders (FPD) Dispatch a Five-Member Team to Juba

1. In the context of implementation of the Arusha SPLM Re-unification Agreement of January 21, 2015, and in support of the ongoing efforts by IGAD and its international partners to peacefully resolve the destructive war in South Sudan, a 5-member Team of the SPLM Leaders - Former Political Detainees (FPD) has arrived in Juba today Monday, 1st June 2015. The team is on an official mission to meet with Comrade Salva Kiir Mayardit, Chairman of the SPLM and other senior comrades of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM). This is the first time for members of the SPLM Leaders (FPD) who have been forced into exile in Kenya, to set foot on South Sudan soil since the eruption of war in the country more than 16 months ago.
2. In the context of realizing SPLM unity and achieving peace through the IGAD-led peace process, the SPLM Leaders (FPD) after accomplishing its mission in Juba shall send a team to meet the Leadership of the SPLM/A (IO) for consultations before the convening of the upcoming IGAD consultative meeting scheduled for 7th - 10th June 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
3. **The main objectives of the mission to Juba are:**
 - (i) To engage principally with Comrade Salva Kiir Mayardit and other senior members of the SPLM on the implementation of the Arusha SPLM Re-unification Agreement with the view to moving the process forward;
 - (ii) To discuss with the President and the other members of the government the complementarity of the Arusha Re-unification Agreement and the IGAD-led peace process; how to end the ongoing destructive civil war in the country, reconcile the nation and to prevent any further deterioration of the situation that is now threatening the social fabric of our nation and its unity;
 - (iii) To discuss preparations for the quick return to South Sudan of members of the Tripartite Committee (TC) so that they can embark on the task assigned to them under the Arusha SPLM Re-unification Agreement.
4. While in Juba, the SPLM Leaders (FPD) will also consult with leaders of other Political Parties, religious leaders, and Civil Society organizations on how to end the ongoing war and achieve peace in South Sudan.