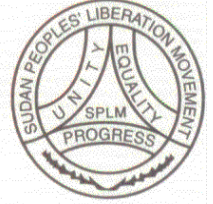




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**PRESS RELEASE**

**LET US FULLY SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT THE PEACE AGREEMENT**

We the SPLM Leaders (FPD) take this opportunity to congratulate our people throughout the width and breadth of our beloved country for the long awaited Peace Agreement signed recently by the two warring parties and all the other stakeholders under the auspices of IGAD to end the tragic and brutal war in South Sudan. We also congratulate President Salva Kiir Mayardit, Dr. Riek Machar Teny, Leader of the SPLM/A (IO), all South Sudanese Stakeholders and ourselves, for this wise decision to sign the IGAD mediated **Compromise Peace Agreement (CPA)**, for the resolution of the conflict in our country.

We are confident and hopeful that this agreement will usher in a new era of peace, reconciliation, national healing and political stability for our country. We urge all our people to fully embrace this Peace Agreement, own it and protect it as the only way to end the suffering in the country. Given the current difficult and tragic conditions facing the people as a result of the war, peace is the only answer as there will be no loser in peace; the winner will certainly be our people and country.

As we move on to the next phase of implementation of the Peace Agreement, let us all join hands together guided by the love of our country, mutual forgiveness and the patriotic memories of our long and bitter struggle for freedom and independence. Let us genuinely and wholeheartedly implement this agreement without fail and make it a gift to our martyrs of our historic liberation struggle for justice, freedom and prosperity. We must never let our people down by clinging to narrow personal interests but rather take this Peace Agreement as a God sent opportunity to save our country from total destruction and disintegration. Let us also be mindful that sovereignty bears with it responsibility towards the people.

Our Leaders must recognize and respect the right to live in a peaceful and safe environment for our people who have suffered immensely and been rendered destitute by our own mistakes and actions in the past twenty months; they are the real source of the very power that has been the source of conflict. Their welfare must therefore be the first concern and guiding

principle at all times. At this juncture, we wish once more to applaud and appreciate President Salva Kiir Mayardit for losing no time in declaring a **Permanent Ceasefire** to be immediately observed by all SPLA forces in implementation of the Peace Agreement. We urge Dr. Riek Machar to do the same so that the process of implementation of the agreement is put on the right course.

This IGAD mediated Compromise Agreement may not be hundred percent perfect. This is natural because it is based on the spirit of give and take by all the concerned parties. Its major purpose is to end the war, destruction and the misery it has visited on the people. Let us therefore implement this peace agreement to achieve a new dawn that gives us the opportunity to rebuild our country, effect substantive reforms in our system of governance and fully address matters of national cohesion headlong to avoid recurrence of conflict.

Finally, we congratulate and thank the leaders the IGAD region, IGAD-Plus and the African Union for their patience and concerted efforts in guiding the leaders of South Sudan to reach a peace deal. We also applaud and appreciate the role of the international community for their strong and unyielding support throughout the different phases of the peace negotiations to the day of signing of the Peace Agreement.

May God Bless South Sudan

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