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## **South Sudanese Diaspora Congratulates President Of The Republic Of South Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit For Formation Of Twenty Eight (28) States In South Sudan.**

We South Sudanese Citizens in Diaspora welcomed the decision of the president Salva Kiir Mayardit, to implement the Vision of SPLM of taking towns to the people, as stated by our late leader Dr. John Garang De Mabior. It is about a commitment to devolution of power and decentralization of decision. It is a great time that the president has come to realize the long concern of the people of South Sudan, despite the lack of resources, we believe president Salva kiir Mayardit is champion of peace and liberator of the people by taking this overwhelming and popular decision to create twenty eight states.

South Sudanese were appalled on learning individuals from the SPLM-IO were mortgaging the nation to their western friends, as if it is their own real estate that they control. The president of the Republic is not under constraint to listen to the voices of change in the country, but to address their issues. This is the results of the popular consultations that President Kiir expressed during the signing of compromise peace on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2015, witnessed by citizens in the country capital Juba. Those individuals who were part of the goodwill of the President signing the compromise peace, deserve to hear good things as to why the president was resistance on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 to signing the peace.

With this background, the creation of 28 states are demands of South Sudanese people in which they've been waiting for nearly 65 years. South Sudanese are motivated by the SPLM vision, hence we South Sudanese in Diaspora therefore deliver the message of congratulation to H.E the President Salva Kiir and people of the Republic of South Sudan, for his unilateral decision of expanding administrative and management of the government entities, as the way of implementing the vision of the SPLM, as said by the late Dr. John Garang Mabior "take town to the people". We welcome the creation of 28 States extending administrative and service delivery to the people of South Sudan effectively and efficiently. The creation of 28 States will create more accountability and transparency in management of public resources, in comparison to being handled and controlled by the central government based in Juba.

Whilst the president's decision to expand states to 28 is similar to what the SPLM IO wanted, yet they [SPLM-IO] continue to moan as usual. However, we South Sudanese have reached a new phase of wanting peace. South Sudanese have the right to witness their own peace and development in their country. President Salva Kiir by creating 28 States, will give local population control of their administration and resources management, such that there will be reduction over dependency on juba.

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This is why it for the interest of the nation to have their states expanded. International community would do South Sudan a favour, if they were not to tamper in internal official mandate given to the president, as legitimate leader of the country conferred upon him by the interim 2011 constitution of the republic of South Sudan, to exercise powers in consultation with the people of the South Sudan. This will be issues of their [South Sudanese] concerned, as identified by their representative and not people who rebelled against the nation such SPLM IO. This struggle cannot be compared to the South and north Sudan war.

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