



SUDAN PEOPLES' LIBERATION MOVEMENT **GENERAL HEADQUARTERS**

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PRESS RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS FOR 28 STATES CREATED BY PRESIDENTIAL ORDER # 36/2015

Christmas greetings and best wishes for a peaceful 2016. Our prayers and yearning is that this Christmas season and the dawn of a new year would be used by all of us to lay the basis for a peaceful new year, a year of forgiveness, reconciliation and healing, a year for building a strong foundation for State and Nation building the roadmap of which has been defined by the Agreement for Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCISS).

We are disappointed and perturbed by the decision of President Salva Kiir Mayardit to proceed with the implementation of the Presidential Order # 36/2015, despite pleas from many quarters and stakeholders to give peace a chance. By appointing governors for the 28 States decreed by Provisional Order contrary to stipulations of the Constitutional and contravention of ARCISS, a severe, though not necessarily mortal blow, was dealt to the process of return of our country to peace.

We call upon all the patriotic sons and daughters of South Sudan as individuals and groups to do what is within their power to bring pressure for full and unconditional implementation of ARCISS in order to bring this senseless conflict that is tearing apart the national fabric of South Sudan, to an end.

We appeal to President Kiir to honour his commitment made and reaffirmed time and again in many fora and in his public statements, to implement ARCISS fully and in good faith. We call upon the Chairperson Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) H.E President Festus G. Mogae to ensure that the parties are fully committed to the implementation of ARCISS and the integrity of the process.

We call upon all the patriotic sons and daughters of South Sudan as individuals and groups to join hands in the full implementation of ARCISS, the realization of peace and the successful establishment of the Transitional Government of National Unity.

We appeal to all South Sudanese not to lose heart but persevere in working for peace, and to focus on the full and complete implementation of the Agreement.

Finally we renew our deep appreciation to IGAD for mediating ARCISS, to the African Union and the international partners for their continued support of the peace process in South Sudan, to the United Nations, especially its Security Council (UNSC) and the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) for their tireless efforts to assist the people of South Sudan in their time of need. Don't give up on us.

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