



**SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT  
SPLM/SPLA(IO)  
CHAIRMAN AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

**H.E. Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan**

Chairman of Transitional Sovereignty Council and Chair of IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government  
Republic of the Sudan  
Khartoum

**Subject: Request for Intervention of Guarantors on the Deteriorating Security Situation in South Sudan**

I am writing to your excellency as chair of IGAD to bring to your attention the deteriorating situation in South Sudan. Attached is SPLM/SPLA(IO) proposal to arrest the situation.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my best regards and highest consideration.

Yours truly,

  
Chairman  
Date: 26/3/2022

**Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon, PhD**

Chairman and Commander-In-Chief, SPLM/SPLA(IO) and the First Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

CC:

1. H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan
2. H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya
3. H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
4. H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed, Prime Minister of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
5. H.E. Ismail Omer Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti
6. H.E. Mohamed Abdullah Farmaajo, President of Federal Republic of Somalia
7. H.E. Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations
8. H.E. Musa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of African Union Commission
9. H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeheyu, Executive Director, IGAD Secretariat
10. H.E. Dr. Ismail Wais, IGAD Special for South Sudan
11. H.E. Gen. Charles Tai Gituai, Interim Chairman of Revitalized Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)
12. Representative of Troika (USA, UK & Norway)
13. Representative of European Union.



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**SPLM/SPLA(IO) Position on Recommitment to Cessation of Hostilities Agreement and  
Permanent Ceasefire and Security Arrangements**

The security situation in South Sudan has been deteriorating for the last few months. The systematic and persistent attacks by the SSPDF on cantonment sites, training centers and other positions of SPLM/A (IO) around the country is evident of such a deterioration and it is now a matter of serious concern. The latest of these attacks took place in Kaljaak and Mirmir in Unity State; Kuer keem, Wangkuerbi and Jiokow in Maiwut County and Wech Lual, Guol and Biot in Longechuk County of Upper Nile State.

On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the SSPDF through its spokesperson, Maj. General Lul Ruai Koang, declared to its ranks and file and to the general public that the SSPDF is officially at war with the SPLM/A (IO) (press statement attached). Consequently, the SSPDF has intensified its attacks on the SPLM/A (IO) positions following that declaration. It should be noted that these actions, among others, constitute clear violations of the Cessation of Hostilities signed on December 21, 2017 and Permanent Ceasefire Agreement signed on June 27, 2018.

The security arrangements is the backbone of the Agreement and therefore must be fully implemented. The eight (8) month Pre-Transitional Period was extended twice (first by 6 months and then 100 days), bringing it to seventeen (17) months in total. Two years into the transitional period, we still have not implemented the pre-transitional tasks, particularly the security arrangements (the unification and graduation of forces) Article 2.2.1. These were supposed to be the prerequisites for the formation of the RTGoNU. The SPLM/A (IO) reluctantly agreed for the formation of RTGONU before the graduation of the unified forces hoping that once in government, we might help to generate the political will and encourage our partner to prioritize the implementation of the agreement, but this has not been the case.

On Friday March 25, 2022, President Salva Kiir Mayardit issued a Presidential Decree in which he stated to have relinquished three (3) positions of command in the military and two (2) in the National Police Service to the SPLM/A (IO) and SSOA. This was a unilateral decision on his part. [See SPLM/A (IO) press release]. This, coupled with the declaration of war by the Spokesperson of the SSPDF on 24<sup>th</sup> March (see press release) has clearly demonstrated not only the lack of political will to implement the Agreement but the intention to abrogate it, from the part of our partner, ITGONU.

The SPLM/A (IO) sees no alternative to R-ARCSS to bring stability and peace in the country. The people of South Sudan are already suffering from economic hardships and insecurity. Therefore,

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we request, as a matter of urgency, the intervention of IGAD and other international partners to prevail on President Salva Kiir not to take this country back to war (Article 1.4.2.).

The SPLM/A (IO) is proposing the following as the way forward, focusing on ending the current escalation of violence;

1. There must be an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of the SSPDF from the areas forcefully taken from the SPLM/A (IO) namely; Mirmir, Wath-Thiech, Joknyang in Unity State, Turu, Jiokow in Upper Nile State and all other areas violently occupied by the SSPDF in violation of the CoHA signed on December 21, 2017 and the Permanent Ceasefire and Security Arrangements. (Article 2.1.)
2. There is an urgent need to investigate all violations of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, beginning with the most recent ones, and ensure that those responsible are held accountable.
3. The SSPDF must immediately desist from executing its pending planned attacks on SPLM/SPLA(IO) cantonment sites and training centers throughout the country.
4. The ITGoNU must immediately stop facilitation of military defections as these undermine the Security Arrangements in Chapter 2 of the R-ARCSS (Article 2.1.).
5. The SSPDF must refrain from offensive, provocative and hostile propaganda, recruitment from cantonment and training centers, mobilization, deployment and movement of forces.
6. The SSPDF must ensure that all forces under their command or influence should comply with the provisions of CoHA, Permanent Ceasefire, and Transitional Security Arrangements.
7. The SSPDF must ensure that demilitarization of major cities and towns is carried out with immediate effect.
8. IGAD is urged to urgently intervene and resolve the stalemate on the unification of command which should pave way to the graduation of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) that have been under training for the last three years.
9. Graduation of forces that are currently in the training centers must be carried out with immediate effect.
10. Organization of Phase 2 must be carried out as a matter of urgency so that there is no gap between the graduation of the NUF and the commencement of the training of the members of forces in Phase 2.
11. Financial incentives must equally be provided to all the trainees and instructors in the training centers as opposed to the current practice of paying only ITGoNU components.
12. Food, shelter and medicines for the cantonment sites and Training Centers must be sufficiently provided for a decent wellbeing of the forces.
13. National Transitional Committee (NTC) must be revamped and restructured to guarantee its effectiveness in carrying out its mandate of coordination and facilitation of the implementation of the Agreement. It is envisaged that such an overhaul shall ensure that the current role of the leadership of the NTC in recruiting and facilitating defections, using funds meant for the implementation of the Agreement, is halted so as to save the Peace Agreement from collapsing.

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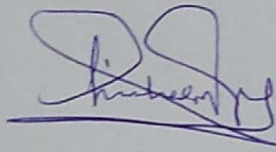


14. Funding to and disbursement of funds from NTC should be made adequate for the task, regular and transparent.
15. The ITGONU to refrain from the use of state media against other peace partners and avail political and civic space to enable the freedom of expression and association.
16. Last but not least, the ITGoNU must demonstrate political will by actions and respect the R-ARCSS as the roadmap to addressing the root causes of the conflict. It must therefore recommit itself to the implementation of the Agreement in both letter and spirit.

The details of the proposed way forward should be discussed by the parties under the auspices of the IGAD mediation.

Finally, SPLM/SPLA(IO) reiterates its commitment to full implementation to R-ARCSS.

Signed,



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26<sup>th</sup> March 2022.



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**Press Release**

On Friday March 25, 2022, President Salva Kiir Mayardit issued a Presidential Decree on the unification of command of the unified forces in which he relinquished three (3) positions of command in the military and two (2) in the National Police Service to the SPLM/A (IO) and SSOA. In his decree, the President also directed the Chief of Defense Forces and the Inspector General of Police to immediately implement his order. However, it is to be noted that this is a unilateral decision.

It is important to recall that on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the parties agreed in the Khartoum Workshop as stipulated in the Agreement (Art. 2.1.11) that the size and composition of the forces shall be based on the ratio of 50 percent for ITGoNU and 50 percent for the opposition. Following the Khartoum workshop, IGAD and RJMEC convened 2 subsequent workshops of joint Security Mechanisms in Juba on 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 which reaffirmed the 50:50 ratio. However, President Salva Kiir Mayardit reneged on these agreements which prompted the guarantors to intervene to resolve the matter. A dialogue is ongoing and the parties have not yet reached an agreement on the unification of command.

In light of the above, the SPLM/SPLA (IO) Political Bureau would like to state the following:

1. The unilateral decision by President Salva Kiir is a violation of the R-ARCSS, and it is a clear rejection of the on-going mediation process by the Republic of the Sudan, Chair of IGAD.
2. The SPLM/A (IO) condemns and rejects the unilateral decision.
3. SPLM/A (IO) is committed to the on-going mediation to resolve the matter.

In conclusion, the SPLM/A (IO) reiterates its commitment to the full implementation of the Agreement in both letter and spirit and looks forward to IGAD mediation to intervene in this matter.

Signed,



Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon, PhD  
Chairman and Commander-in-Chief, SPLM/SPLA (IO) and The First Vice President of the Republic  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2022.



**Lul Ruai Koang**

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SPLA-IO is Officially at War with SSPDF  
SSPDF GHQs-Bllpam would like to inform own ranks and file, people of South Sudan, region and the international community that our peace partner, SPLA-IO is Officially at War with SSPDF, the National Army.

Today, March 24th, 2022, at dawn, SSPDF Forces, under the command of Major General James Khor Chuol Giet, in Malual-Gathoth, Maiwut County, Upper Nile State came under deliberate attacks.

The attacking forces are under overall command of Lt. Gen. Duit Yiech.

By the time this brief statement was posted, active combat was ongoing.

SSPDF GHQs-Bllpam, will keep you updated.