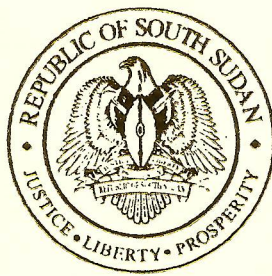


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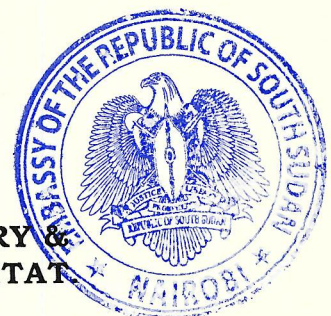
**RE: APOLOGY LETTER TO THE HEAD OF STATE FROM STANDARD  
GROUP (KTN NEWS)**

Please find here attached a letter addressed to H.E Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan from the Editor in Chief of the Standard Group (KTN News) expressing an apology for the inaccurate, defamatory allegations made against His Excellency the President on the KTN News television Channel in Kenya on the morning show broadcast on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

This apology letter is a result of the numerous telephone calls and in person meetings that the Head of Mission, Amb. Chol M. U. Ajongo has held with high ranking officials from the Government of the Republic of Kenya and senior officials from the Standard Group which owns KTN News whereby he protested the defamatory remarks that were broadcast and conveyed the Government's strong objection and dismay towards the false allegations. From the latest meeting with the Standard Group Management, it was agreed that the Standard Group would write an apology letter for the remarks and the journalist who hosted the show will issue a verbal apology and official retraction of the false and disrespectful statements on his own behalf and on behalf of the Standard Group during the same show where the defamatory statements were made; this will be broadcast live on air on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 during the morning broadcast.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

**Amb. Chol M. U. Ajongo,**  
**AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY**  
**PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNEP AND UN-HABITAT**



**09/05/2022**

From:  
Ochieng Rapuro  
Editor in Chief,  
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Mombasa Rd  
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To:  
H.E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit,  
The President of the Republic of South Sudan,  
Through H. E. Amb. Chol M. U. Ajongo  
The South Sudan Ambassador Extraordinary in Kenya,  
Senteu Plaza,  
Galana Road,  
NAIROBI.

Your Excellency,

**APOLOGY FOR INACURATE & UNFORTUNATE REMARKS MADE ABOUT YOU IN OUR TELEVISION CHANNEL**

I write on the above matter.

KTN NEWS is a leading Kenyan television channel that broadcasts news and current affairs round the clock – the only such TV channel in Kenya.

On Wednesday May 4, 2022, during a live early morning programme that focuses on international affairs, a panelist (a South Sudanese national, who is resident in the United States), made grossly inappropriate, false and unethical remarks about you on our TV channel.

These unfortunate remarks have undoubtedly unsettled the cordial and mutually beneficial relationship that the Standard Group has over the years enjoyed with the leadership, government and the people of South Sudan. This is deeply regrettable.

Your Excellency, allow me to re-affirm that the national records of your heroic struggle for self-rule that culminated in the historic 2011 referendum and paved the way for the birth of Africa's youngest nation, bear testimony to the immense contribution the Standard Group made towards this struggle in providing a platform for national discourse in South Sudan and a solid voice on the international stage. This is a history we treasure and would never hesitate to jealously protect. It is in this background that we anchor our communication with you on the unfortunate incident of last week.

Sir, on behalf of the Standard Group PLC management and employees, I take this early opportunity to sincerely apologise to you personally for the agony and anguish our mistake has caused you, the government and the people of South Sudan.

The Standard Group, which owns KTN NEWS, is an established media house that is committed to professional journalism and mutual understanding between us and the people of South Sudan.

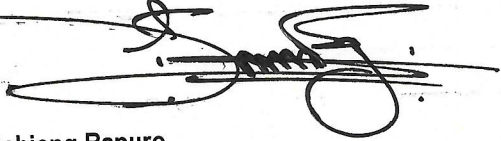


We purpose to offer an official retraction and apology to you on air this Wednesday morning when the weekly programme in which the mistake was made will run. Further, we are taking substantive internal measures to ensure such an incident does not happen again.

Once again allow me to offer our unreserved apology for this mistake and plead that you find it in your heart to pardon us.

The Standard Group and its media platforms promise to remain open to your government and the people of South Sudan to engage in conversations that advance the cause of human progress in our region.

Sincerely,



**Ochieng Rapuro**  
**EDITOR IN CHIEF**

