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Re: SSUF/A/ OoSG/27-A-7

Topic: Encourage constructive dialogue regarding third-party perspectives on the current peace processes.

I want to address some positions that have recently gained consensus. These viewpoints represent the voices of those opposing peace and may contribute to misinformation in our society.

While I am hesitant to engage in this discussion, correcting these misconceptions is essential for everyone's benefit. I intend to respond briefly so that they understand their statements were incorrect.

I want to clarify that I know the intellectual ideologies surrounding this issue. I stood with the SPLM in opposition during challenging times when South Sudanese were divided along tribal lines. I rejected tribalism and acted as a bridge between factions. However, the dynamics of the ruling Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) and SPLM/ IO have shifted. While still presenting itself as a movement against the government, it has agreed to mislead the public about the distribution of roles.

The opposition movement continues to oppose its government in secrecy despite having a unified government that should represent a collective voice in state-building. It surprises me how they diverge in their approaches to peace-building, especially since they have to agree on achieving peace in a country where the ruling party with its wings is the Sudan People's Liberation Movement

It is also surprising that they are trying to destroy the peace to deceive the public by stirring up lies and fabricating accusations about the possibility that General Paul Malong Anei led the South Sudan United Front and Army (SSUF/A). It plays a role in influencing the president from outside the country and how someone outside the government can do it.



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This opens the discussion about the situation. Why does the president need a man who has been excluded for seven years? The president discovered that those around him were enemies of peace and enemies of him.

The situation highlights the complexities of government representation, as no single individual can truly embody the entire office. Consequently, the president faces the challenge of choosing individuals who often make contentious decisions.

The grassroots movement seems to lack monotheism, as many individuals prioritise their interests and express concerns about loyalty. For example, according to his position, cabinet minister Martin Elia Lomuro is supposed to be loyal to the ruling party.

He is not affiliated with the party of President Salva Kiir, which could lead to serious consequences for the ruling party if he fails to comply with the president's decisions because he is affiliated with a different political party.

Dr. Riek Machar's party is ready to ally with another opposition group, setting the stage for a new agenda to transform the political landscape.

We are on the brink of witnessing significant developments as individuals scramble to defend their positions and assert their interests. Those currently backing the president lack the necessary political and practical experience, which opens the door to unpredictable behaviour, especially given his unwavering loyalty. In this charged atmosphere, General Malong Awan, a crucial ally of the president, is poised to play a pivotal role in the upcoming events.

Current dynamics demand immediate and decisive action, as the environment is stressful. It is essential to confront these challenges head-on to prevent potential instability in the future. The steadfastness of the coloured General amidst various challenges underscores who the president can rely on. His unwavering patience for change fostered through peaceful dialogue is vital for safeguarding the nation, particularly through Tumaini's initiative to tackle political issues.

Unfortunately, some individuals who do not understand political intricacies claim experience. They manipulate public feelings and emotions to undermine others and cling to power. These individuals are trying to frame this competition in tribal terms and have weaponised territoriality for their benefit.

It is necessary to recognise that General Malong Awan Anei cannot disappoint the people of South Sudan. Every politician should recognise the alarming situation in Sudan, which is a stark reminder of the fate South Sudan could have faced if this man had not shown flexibility.



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in time. This assessment does not reflect the president's personality at that time but recognises the necessary actions driven by circumstances.

The situation is tense, and the right man needs to make the right decision to protect the state from the chaos that may occur. It is evident that, despite some unfounded criticisms, the General's actions were justified and essential given his position. The leadership demonstrated a strong vision, recognising that a military coup or resistance against the president would be both unjust and catastrophic for the state.

From 2013 to 2016, General Malong Awan Anei was pivotal in guiding South Sudan through a challenging period. Acknowledging our diverse approaches to conflict fosters unity and strength within the nation. Furthermore, this situation has served as a warning regarding attempts to remove President General Salva Kiir from his position as head of state, led by a former security official.

We oppose senseless violence. Committed public security personnel are killing, imprisoning, and torturing South Sudanese citizens without clear charges. This only deepens our initial suspicions that they are harassing the president and pressuring him to make mistakes within the system—until the people decide to rise against the government. Currently, those who threaten peace are attempting to protect the perpetrators of crimes against the people. They are hindering the peace process by promoting what they refer to as the high-level standing committee, which is seen as a secondary plan or an alternative tactic to undermine peace in South Sudan. Some politicians used the influence of the former general in charge of security, Akol Koor Kuc, as a tool against their government, trying to overthrow his government and the person who appointed him as director of National Security.

Unfortunately, he forgot his mandate and allied himself with other elements within the regime, such as the former Sudanese National Congress party, led by Tut Keu, knowing that he still had a close relationship with Sudan's outgoing Sudanese National Congress party. Dr Riek Machar Teny, currently in the state, is the leader of the internal opposition party. Others within the ruling President's party are not interested in loyalty to him according to their interests. They are trying to obstruct the signing of the peace agreements that the people expect and plan in Nairobi.

Cooperation with the government, without violence, is necessary to achieve our common goals. As members of the community who are not part of the government, we must focus on keeping our citizens safe and contributing positively to the governance of South Sudan.



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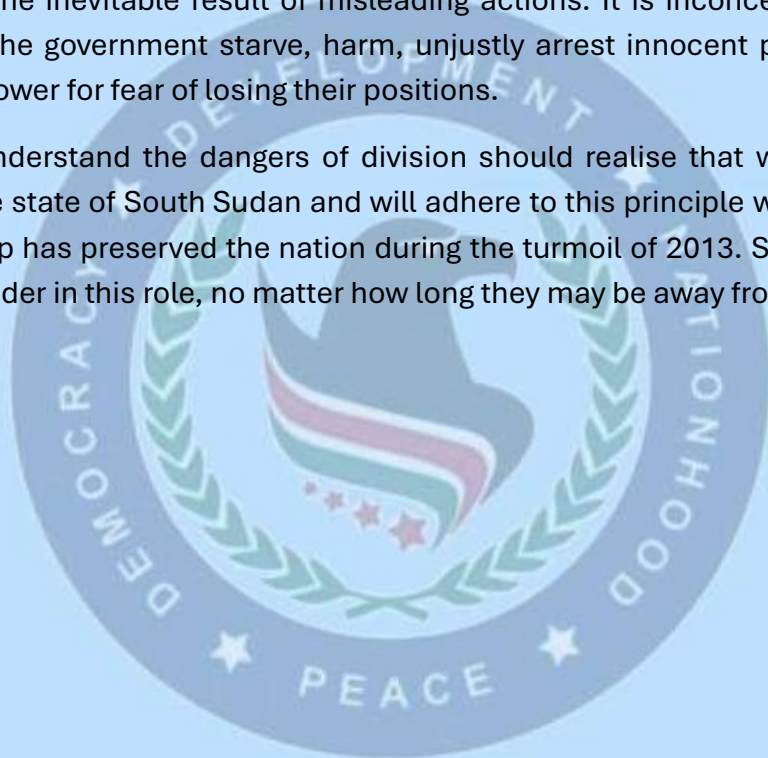
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Even if we are not part of the government today, we should still be aware of possible changes within the system.

We should not act as mere spectators, passively watching the political drama unfolding while the current government faces challenges or a potential collapse. Often, such changes are the inevitable result of misleading actions. It is inconceivable that some members of the government starve, harm, unjustly arrest innocent people or exclude others from power for fear of losing their positions.

Those who understand the dangers of division should realise that we stand firmly in support of the state of South Sudan and will adhere to this principle without hesitation. Our leadership has preserved the nation during the turmoil of 2013. Society will always look at the leader in this role, no matter how long they may be away from the country



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