



SOUTH SUDAN OPPOSITION ALLIANCE (SSOA)

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-PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

Date 18th July 2021.

The Leadership of the South Sudan Opposition Alliance (SSOA) would like to inform the general public and the Peace Partners including, IGAD, Troika and the International Community that, On 15th July 2021, Hon. Joseph Bakosoro, Chairman of the National Movement for Change (NMC), a constituent Member of SSOA, released a press statement in which he declared that he and some of his members have re-joined the SPLM (IG).

In response to the declaration by the former chairperson of NMC, a counter Press release was issued dated 15th July 2021, by the remaining members of the NMC Leadership Council asserting that the decision of their chairman and the members with whom he re-joined the SPLM is purely individual and not that of the Party. Copy of the Press Statement has been received by the SSOA Leadership.

As an Alliance, we have duty of care towards each member. In this respect, an emergency meeting was convened on Friday the 16th of July 2021, by the SSOA Leaders to discuss the impasse of the declaration of the former NMC Chairperson, its implications on the Alliance and the Peace Agreement. The Leaders unanimously agreed to issue this press statement to reaffirm their strong support to the position taken by the remaining NMC leaders to stay in the Alliance and to pursue the implementation of the revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan in letter and Spirit.

The Alliance's leadership commits itself to the implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement to ensure its participation in the responsibility sharing at National, State and Local Government levels as dictated by the provisions of the Agreement. As of now, SSOA leadership acknowledged the reorganisation of NMC as resolved in NMC's interim Leadership meeting on Friday 17th of July 2021 in which they resolved to nominate their former deputy Chair Hon. Ishaq Ibrahim as interim chair. NMC therefore shall continue to be part of SSOA to effectively play its role in the peace implementation along with other SSOA constituent members. SSOA leadership regret the decision taken by former NMC chair Hon. Bangasi Bakosoro but wish him well in his "new home".

SSOA will continue to engage constructively with SPLM Party and other peace partners in the peace implementation. Similarly, we want to assure the International Community, the IGAD and Troika that nothing will deter SSOA in its pursuit of complete and faithful implementation of the peace Agreement as the only way to deliver comprehensive peace dividends to the suffering



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people of our beloved Country. In this regard, we appeal to our brothers and sisters who are still holding out to reconsider joining the peace process so that we together join hands and end the suffering of our people.

SSOA Leaders remain ceased of this matter!

Hon. Josephine Lagu Yanga,

SSOA Chairperson

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