

National Legislature,
Council of States-Juba

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the press,

There is a very awkward scenario happening currently with the security sector mostly considering the economic difficulties and dilemma this country found herself entangled in.

On the 3rd of this month I have been violently attacked, humiliated, beaten up and stripped naked and dragged to the sector and detained by the security forces in Hai Referendum sector 3 detachment on the basis of possessing USD.

The CID and the Military Intelligent agencies broke my Identification card and ordered that I should be beaten up properly after they learned that I was a Member of Parliament claiming that "the parliament have been sitting on their budget" this however, increased the aggressions and vented their anger and frustrations on me.

My car was searched and I was ordered to surrender everything in my possessions including money which to me it was a grave violation of my rights and the constitution of this country, in light of the above, there is some serious continuous harassments by the security organs and the traffic police on the roads leading to the parliament.

As an MP I have immunity covered by the constitution and the parliamentary conduct of Business regulations which should be respected by the law enforcement agencies.


In case of any misunderstanding or misconduct from me, there are always channels of communication and avenues of accountabilities since no one is above the Law.

The menace even got exacerbated when the legal Advisor arrived at the station to secure my release, a soldier threatened to shot him should he allowed my release from their custody.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The assault on MPs has been on the increase and this should be look into by the leadership of the organised forces before it may heighten into another desecrations and attacks on parliament as an institution in near future.

To set the record conventional, the parliament does not make any National Budget as the public and the organised forces are purporting to believes but rather the executives branch of Government.


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