



**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
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The Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan accredited to the Republic of Uganda is appalled by the footage script aired on NTV – Uganda television station on 16th April 21 hours news in which the station refers to the conflict taking place in the Republic of the Sudan as “South Sudan Fighting”.

It is to be noted that the Republic of South Sudan seceded from the Republic of the Sudan on 11th July 2011 after a plebiscite in which the people of the then Southern Sudan voted overwhelmingly to create a new state “the Republic of South Sudan”. The NTV Uganda, a subsidiary of Nation Media Group that operates in Uganda and Kenya which are immediate neighbors of South Sudan should have a better knowledge on East African region.

The uncalled conflict in the Republic of the Sudan between the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) is a concern to African Union (AU), the IGAD and the Republic of South Sudan as it threatens regional peace and stability. On this note, the IGAD Head of States convened an emergency virtual meeting on Sunday 16th April and had resolved to send the Presidents of South Sudan, Kenya and Djibouti to bring the parties to the conflict to a negotiation.

The NTV as one of the reputable TV stations in the Republic of Uganda should adhere to ethics of good journalism by providing its viewers with credible information. Any misconception about the conflict in the Sudan as “South Sudan fighting” creates panic among citizens of East African Community and affects the image and economy of South Sudan. It also undermines the achievements made in the implementation of the Peace Agreement, “the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS)”.

The Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan has written to NTV – Uganda to demand an apology and to reassure investors and Ugandans that South Sudan is safe.

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