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Ambassador Simon Juach Deng

Head of Mission

**Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan
Plot 2 Sezibwa Road, Nakasero, Kampala, Uganda**



Response to Protest Note on alleged defamation of the Republic of South Sudan

Your Excellency, I would like to apologise for the unfortunate misunderstanding that has arisen from an erroneous lower third that appeared briefly on screen during one of our stories on NTV Weekend Edition bulletin on Sunday 16th April 2023.

The lower third text, which read "South Sudan Fighting" might have been construed to mean the story on air at that time referred to a conflict in South Sudan yet the story was about the Republic of Sudan.

The erroneous text was quickly removed a few seconds into the story and for most of 2 minutes and 30 seconds that the news package was on air the text in the lower third correctly read "Sudan Fighting".

Furthermore, the entire story never even once mentioned or referred to South Sudan.


Unfortunately for the brief few seconds that the wrong text was on air a few pictures were taken which were circulated on social media and this has been the cause of the misunderstanding despite the story in no way mentioning the Republic of South Sudan.

I once again offer my unreserved apologies over the mix up but also give assurances that the story never mentioned South Sudan anywhere and neither do any of the social media and online posts relating to it.

For your consideration, here is a link to the story as it run on air in the bulletin.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHwYC3oxwIE>

I avail myself to any further clarifications on this unfortunate incident.

Regards


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