



Date: 11th September 2023

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THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

NATIONAL TRANSITIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - JUBA

Subject: Response to the National Transitional Legislative Assembly NTLA
Motion on Western Equatoria State Defunct states salary

Dear August House, I with honor and appreciation for the motion presented by Dr. Mula a member of National Transitional Legislative Assembly. No 18/2023 dated 28th 2023, me as a Governor of Western Equatoria State, I am really happy to receive summon from the August House.

I am here as a Governor with honor to all the members of National Transitional Legislative Assembly of South Sudan for allowing me to come and describe or explain about what is facing Western Equatoria State.

I am ready to defend or clarify the issues of defunct states Salaries, I am also happy to see Dr. Mula tabling the motion for the discussion about the challenges facing his state, but there are some conditions which will not allow me to come and appear in the August House unless addressed or clarified

On 15th February 2020 the President of the Republic of South Sudan H.E. Salva Kiir issued the republican order No. 05/2020 for the formation of high level committee to re-organize all the constitutional post-holders and civil servants affected by the final resolution of the meeting of the presidency on the number of the states and their boundaries, held on 14th February 2020 in Juba.

The 11 member of the committee were tasked for the reorganization of the constitutional post-holders and civil servants in the country who were affected by the order for the reduction of the state.

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The same order on terms and references of the committee No (7) said the Ministries of Finance & planning, and Ministry of Labour, Public service and human resource development were directed to ensure that normal salary payments of all civil servants affected by the resolution shall continue until a final settlement is agreed upon.

This committee was given 45 days to complete their task, so where is the concern of the Governor here?

1. The order of the president reducing number of state was before the appointment of the States Governors.
2. If it was the committee who was tasked to recognize the constitutional post-holders and civil servants in the country, where is the concern of the Governor here?
3. When I was appointed as Governor, there is no any directive given for the payment of the defunct state civil servants if it was there.
4. The National Ministry of Finance was directed to pay Civil Servants for the defunct states, but since then the state never receive any transfer for defunct states, where does the ministry placed the money?
5. Apart of 2020/21 budget that include defunct states which was all paid for 14 months, no any other transfer reflecting defunct states.

Below are the conditions if clarified, I will be able to appear in the August House for the sitting

1. I am requesting the Hon. Members to summon the committee tasked by the President of the Republic of South Sudan H.E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit to come and explain what are their findings and how far they have gone with their work not me the State Governor.
2. Present what shows that the money an MP Dr. Mulla claimed has been misused by the Governor? Where is the document that shows the money is/was given to the Governor? Because procedurally whenever you claimed something there should be a document attached to verify or prove, I want to know where or which office the

- money for defunct states was released to the government of Western Equatoria State?
3. According to government system, whatever is in or about the state, it must be discussed by the Council of State first and unless the motion is beyond the capacity of the Council of State then it will be forwarded to National Assembly, which procedure was the one used by Dr. Mulla under?
 4. When I was appointed the Governor of Western Equatoria State and take oath of office in June 2020, the money I found in the ceiling budget for defunct states was paid to them all for 14 months from July 2020 to October 2021, so which money Dr. Mulla is claiming for?
 5. From 2021 to 2022 the ceiling budget for R-TGoNueliminated the defunct states salaries, the ceiling budget for the year mentioned were only for Western Equatoria State and its Ten Countiesand this is the money the civil servantsis getting which stipulated in the ceiling budget not as assumed by Dr. Mulla.
 6. From 2022 to 2023 the ceiling budget was also for Western Equatoria State not defunct states and is for paying the civil servants as stipulated in the ceiling budget.
 7. It is the state government demanding money from the National Ministry of Financewhich is **8,450,942,316 SSP**not anyone demanding money from the state government as stated by Dr. Mula, So where is the figure or amount of **SSP 813,541,909**Dr. Mula presented comes from, where is it in the ceiling budget? Where did he get that information from?Where are the documentswhich shows the money were released and not paid?

The question is, if the ceiling budget is not indicating the defunct states salaries as mentioned by MP Mulla, the August House should summon the National Minister to provide where they use to send the money not the Governor, because if the budget is not there where should the state government gets money to pay the defunct states civil servants?

Rt. Hon. Speaker, the August House if the answers for the above questions are provided, I will be in position to appear in the sitting, I The Governor of Western Equatoria State, I am the one demanding a lot of money from the National Government apart from defunct states salaries, not me that Dr. Mulla should summon, supposed to be me and Dr. Mulla together to summon the national Minister of Finance for our money of the state as an MP representing Western Equatoria People, Dr. Mulla has a right as representative of the people of the state to summon the National Minister of Finance to explain who has he transferred the defunct states salaries to for all months mentioned, if it is there. I also have my right to summon the National Minister of Finance who does the Ministry transfers the Balance of the money indicated in the ceiling budget to

The below is the balance of the amount needed from the National Ministry of Finance by the Government of Western Equatoria State

S/No	Fiscal Year Budget	Ceiling Budget	Transfer	Balance
1	2021/22	3,304,853,890	1,104,000,000	2,200,853,890
2	2022/23	8,554,088,426	2,304,000,000	6,250,088,426

The government of Western Equatoria State is demanding the deficit budget of **Eight Billion, Four Hundred Fifty Million, Nine Hundred Forty Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixteen South Sudanese Pound(8,450,942,316 SSP)** from the National Ministry of Finance and Planning for of 2021/22 and 2022/23

So I am requesting Dr. Mulla to present the document that indicates whom the money 813,541,909 SSP has been paid to, I wanted to see the document before I appear in any sitting in the parliament.

Western Equatoria state has 10 Counties, 100 Members of State Parliament, 17 Ministries, 5 Independent Commissions and all Civil Servants who are getting their salaries monthly and being paid out of small amount transferred to State by National Government, I would like to request the August House to provide which article is still recognizing the defunct States.

Here are the evidences and witnesses

1. The order of the president for the formation of the High level committee for civil servants in the country
2. Directive of president for the defunct state salaries to the National Ministry of Finance and planning
3. The Eleven members of the committee formed by Dr. Wanilga which does not include the name of the Governor
4. No directive from the national Minister of Finance from 2021 to 2023 to the State about the defunct state, unless the 14 months from 2019 to 2020.
5. Ceiling budget for Western Equatoria State does not indicate defunct state civil servants.
6. Transfer of the state is less than the ceiling budget and the state is trying its best within the small revenue collection in the state to pay at least civil servants salaries (Chapter One).
7. The integration is already done but no budget for it.
8. There is no any document from D. Mulla shows that Governor has misused the money.
9. State is demanding money from National Ministry of Finance which is.
10. The arrears for defunct states salaries are paid for 14 months according to what appeared in the ceiling budget.

11. There is no directive giving power to the state Governor to claim the arrears of defunct State civil servants, if it was there.

To conclude, I am appreciating all Hon. Members of R-TGoNu, for listening to challenges facing Western Equatoria State.

Hon. Members, I am blaming and condemning the 51 Law makers who signed the document or the motion which has no clear evidence, the Members of Parliament Represent the people and their rights not their political interest.

I would like to make it clear to this August House that, the government of South Sudan for is all the people, but not individual interest, Political propaganda and tribalism.

Right Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, I will be ready to appear in the August House unless there is Right Procedure as stipulated in the CBR and constitution No. and clear information with evidence not propaganda from an individual.

1. **The right procedure** means through Council of States to National Assembly
2. **Clear Information** means providing evidence with document from the National Minister of Finance

Right Hon. Speaker, Rt. Hon. Deputies, Hon. Chief Wives, Hon. Chairpersons of specialized committees, Hon. Members and Hon. Clerk. I thank you for your attentions. May God bless you all and bless The Republic of South Sudan.

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Cc: Speaker Council of States