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Ministry of Labour**



# **ANNUAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS CALENDAR 2024**

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**Foreword**

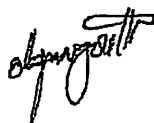
The Ministry of Labour issues annually the public holidays calendar, it is comprised of two parts. Part I is a list of full public holidays and part II is a list of the observed public holidays. The full public holidays are celebrated while people take rest from official work, they stay at home. While the observed holidays are celebrated while people report to their places of work.

According to the Labour Act 2017 section 61 subsection (1) stipulates "all public holidays shall be observed on calendar days". This means if a public holiday falls on a weekend day that is on Saturday or Sunday it is not to be compensated.

I would like to take this opportunity also to inform all Government Institutions who may be having an observed holiday that is not listed here to alert this ministry so that the observed holiday is included in the list. We do update the annual public holidays calendar every year, therefore if you have new developments to be incorporated just inform this office.

It is worth noting here that as the situation may require the office of the president may announce extraordinary public holiday, which is not included in this list, therefore the public is to adhere to such pronouncements.

I wish you all happy 2024 public holidays celebrations.



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Part I

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN MINISTRY OF LABOUR**  
**Public Holidays Calendar 2024**

S/NO.	Date of Holiday	Name of Holiday / Event	No. of Days	Remarks
1.	January 1st	New Year	1 day - Monday	Celebrating and observing the dawn of the New Year, reflecting on the past and ushering in hope for the future.
2.	March 29th - 1st April	Easter Holiday	4 calendar days	Christian commemoration of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3.	April 9th - 11th	Eid-El Fitr	3 calendar days Tuesday to Thursday	Muslim holiday marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. It is to be noted that the beginning of this holiday depends on sighting of the new moon.

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4.	May 1st	International Labour Day	1 day - Wednesday	International day recognizing the role of workers in development.
5.	May 16th	SPLA Day	1 day - Thursday	The day a unit of South Sudanese soldiers rebelled in Bor town leading to the subsequent birth of the SPLM/A
6.	June 16th to 18th	Eid El-Adha	3 calendar days Sunday to Tuesday	Muslim sacrificial festivity marking the end of Hajj, the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.
7.	July 9th	Independence Day	1 day - Tuesday	The day South Sudan became an independent nation.
8.	July 30th	Martyrs' Day	1 day - Tuesday	The day the founding Chairman of the SPLM died in a plane crash. The day is marked for commemoration of all martyrs.
9.	December 24th – 26th	Christmas Holiday	3 calendar days Tuesday-Thursday	Christian holiday that marks the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Note: Exact dates for Easter and Muslim holidays are determined by Christian and Muslim calendars respectively.

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## Part II

### MINISTRY OF LABOUR OBSERVED HOLIDAYS 2024

S/NO.	Date of Holiday	Name of Holiday / Event	Remarks
1.	9th January	CPA Day - Tuesday	The day the CPA was signed between NCP and SPLM/A in Nairobi, Kenya.
2.	22nd Feb	Nile Day-Thursday	To raise awareness and visibility of the Nile Basin Initiative, to recognize and celebrate the rich and varied cultures of the Nile Basin
3.	8th March	International Women's Day - Friday	To sensitize societies about the crucial role women, play in their family and nation.
4.	20th March	International Earth Day – Wednesday	To focus attention on the need to protect the environment.
5.	22nd March	World Water Day - Friday	Focus attention on the importance of fresh water and advocate for sustainable management of fresh water resources and taking action to address the global water crisis.
6.	7th April	International Health Day – Sunday	To raise awareness on how to look after our health.

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7.	25th April	World Malaria Day – Thursday	To raise awareness on eradication of Malaria.
8.	3rd May	Freedom of Expression Day - Friday	The day when the media celebrate the right of freedom of expression.
9.	12th May	Mothers' Day - Sunday	The international day for remembering and honouring mothers.
10.	4th June	African Child Tuesday	To draw attention to the plight of neglected African children.
11.	10th June	Fathers' Day - Monday	The day for remembering all fathers.
12.	12th June	Child Labour Day – Wednesday	Awareness on elimination of the worst form of child labour worldwide.
13.	16th June	African Child's Day – Sunday	Commemorated annually to remember the African Children in Soweto, South Africa, who were brutally massacred in 1976 by the then Apartheid regime during a protest for their right to be taught in schools in their language rather than Afrikaans.

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14.	20th June	International Refugee Day - Thursday	To raise awareness about the suffering of refugees and problems that drive them away from their countries.
15.	12th August	International Youth Day – Monday	A day the United Nations have set aside to remind all Governments to carry out their obligations on youth issues.
16.	1st-7th Sep	Public Service Week – Sunday - Saturday	A week for public service institutions to account to the public by displaying their services to the public.
17.	16th Sep	El Moulid El Nabawi - Day Monday	The day marking the birth of Prophet Mohammed.
18.	21st Sep	International Peace Day – Saturday	To draw attention to the importance of international peace and promote it by addressing conflicts through dialogue.
19.	13th Oct	International Day for Disaster Reduction Sunday	Designated by UN to raise awareness about risk reduction and building communities that are risk resilient

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20.	16th Oct	World Food Day Wednesday	Designated by the UN in commemoration of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Food Day aims to raise awareness of global hunger and encourage people to take action.
21.	24th Oct	UN Day - Thursday	The day the UN came into existence, in 1948.
22.	19th Nov	World Toilet Day Tuesday	Create awareness on the need to have access to a toilet-connected sanitation system that effectively removes and treats human waste
23.	1st Dec	World Aids Day - Sunday	A day of public awareness on HIV/AIDS.
24.	3rd Dec	International Day of Persons with Disabilities Tuesday	UN recognized as International Day of Persons with Disabilities
25.	10th Dec	Human Rights Day - Tuesday	The day the United Nations has set aside to remind all institutions in the member states to observe all aspects of human rights.