

## The Republic of South Sudan Government of Jonglei State

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## PRESS STATEMENT

Press Unit in the Office of Governor, Jonglei State, Bor is writing in response to all media users in Jonglei State and beyond to respect the national legislations of South Sudan Media. Currently, we are facing unethical trend when it comes to freedom of expression. Freedom of expression doesn't give a room for defamation; hate speech, insulting and news fabrication but it rather gives a privilege for the citizens to participate in all developmental process without interference. The 1966 international covenant on civil and political right stated clear that, every citizen has right to seek and impart information without restrictions; however, there are certain limitations to protect the individual reputation, state integrity and national security. According to South Sudan Code of Conduct and Ethics of Journalism Guide Act, 2013 Chapter 03, Article (19) "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinions without interference to seek and impart information through media" the same Act Article, 29 (2) "In exercise of freedom of expression, everyone shall be subject to limitations as solely determined by law to respect the right of others". Therefore, we are assuring our citizens in Jonglei State and beyond to respect the national legislations of South Sudan media and its limitations; otherwise justices will send a call out to everyone who will act beyond his/her freedom of expression.

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