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Statement on an unpublished manuscript and Peter Biar Ajak's repeated errors

The Office of the President has learnt with shock and dismay that one Peter Biar Ajak has been using contents of an unpublished book: *A Bloody Nile*, to launch a barrage of insults against H.E President Salva Kiir on social media.

The *A Bloody Nile* surfaced around 2016. The author, Tim Edwards, pieces together baseless rumors with an intent to tarnish the image of the President.

Almost a decade later, the manuscript remains unpublished obviously because it is unworthy. It could not and cannot be published by any credible publishing house, because the author did not present evidence to support his wild claims, including the Late Dr John Garang's spirit that "wanted to kill" Kiir. Did Tim interview the 'talking' spirit on its attempt to end Kiir's life?

Clearly inspired by the 1981 movie *The Rise and Fall of Idi Amin*, the author inarguably incorporated Amin's lifestyle scenes into his imaginary account of Kiir's life in a vain attempt to manufacture a character of the President.

In addition, Biar claims the office bought the copyright of the book in order to suppress its publication and that's why it was not published. If so, why then is the manuscript still circulating?

More importantly, the Office of the President could not and would not engage in commercial arrangements with the author. If anything, it had two options on how to respond – either make a public statement or take legal action against the author.

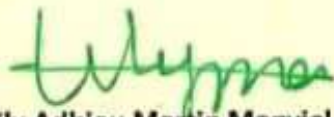
Unsurprisingly, 'Tim Edwards' does not exist. No traces at all, including social media footprints and prior written work.

Therefore, the fact that none of the above happened, the manuscript is nothing, but mere propaganda designed by the enemies of the state to destroy the reputation of the President.

Furthermore, in a public apology letter to H.E President Kiir dated May 2, 2023, Biar declared similar tirade of abuse against Kiir as "error" and asked for "mercy".

"All I can do is to acknowledge my error, beg for compassion from Your Excellency and hope that your heart will not remain hardened against your son forever," he wrote.

In light of the above, I urge the people of South Sudan to regard his latest rants against the President as repeated error.



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