



SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN

OPPOSITION

THE OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON

EASTERN EQUATORIA STATE-TORIT



9/4/2025

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### **Rejection of a Move to Replace Dr. Riek Machar Teng Dhurgon PhD & SPLM/A-IO C in C.**

After a comprehensive consultations with the members of SPLM/A-IO in Eastern Equatoria state, I am writing on behalf of my colleagues and on my own behalf to inform the people of South Sudan, IGAD, UN, the International Community and the people of Eastern Equatoria in particular that we are not part of Stephen Par's coup against Dr. Riek and the smooth implementation of the 2018 Peace Agreement. We are rejecting the unconstitutional interim replacement of C in C of the SPLM/A-IO organized by Stephen Par Kuol and his associates this morning 9/4/2025 at Palm Africa Hotel. We call upon the immediate release of Dr. Riek Machar and the rest of our comrades so that the peace process comes back on the process of implementation. We also appeal to the guarantors of the agreement to intervene.

We call upon all stakeholders to the peace agreement to prove to the people of the world and South Sudan that their public statements on the need to implement the peace agreement in letter and spirit to honor their words. Their words should not just be words carefully chosen to simply impress or appease certain people. They must pragmatically walk the talk so that our citizens can take them seriously and instill hopes and confidence.

It is up to us SS to make this peace a reality. Together we can succeed if we value the individual contribution because in our long history, our forefathers and generations have been granted the role of defending our freedom in its hour of maximum instability till the attainment of our freedom. 2011.

We need to welcome and embrace change, diverse views and put our great minds together in finding sustainable solutions to conflict that will curb and eradicate abject poverty, insecurity and youth unemployment in our country and State. We must work together to promote human freedoms, democratic principles, human rights, transparency and other core values that conform to the aspirations and expectations of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The PLM/A-IO leadership in EES reassures the members and the public that the commitment with its position to support the implementation of the revitalized Peace Agreement under the two principles H.E Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit president of the republic of South Sudan and general commander in Chief of Unified Forces and Dr. Riek Machar Teny Dhurgon, Chairman And Commander in Chief of SPLM/A (IO) and the First Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan. We stand with Rt. Hon. Nathaniel Pierino Oyot who is currently acting as the Chairman & commander in Chief of SPLM/A-IO.

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