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NSS Press release on accusations of having blocked R-TNLA First Deputy Speaker from traveling abroad

The National Security Service – Internal Security Bureau has received news of alleged obstruction of the Revitalized Transitional National Legislative Assembly’s First Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Oyet Nathaniel Pierino, a news that does not mirror the mandate of the Service.

As a matter of necessity, the National Security Service is mandated under section 13(3) of the NSS Act, 2014 to maintain security, protect the constitution, national social fabric and safety of South Sudanese from any internal or external danger. In this respect, the security and safety of airport travelers and most especially of the post constitutional holders is the role of the service and this implies that any government official whether being senior or junior should avail their travel permission from their respective institutions to airport security controllers. This guarantees official knowledge of the government employees’ traveling manifest especially in the event of security and safety breach that may arise.

However, Rt. Hon. Oyet Nathaniel Pierino do not avail his official travel permission or leave from R-TNLA and instate provided a document signed by him in his capacity as the First Deputy Speaker of the August House, permitting himself a leave permission. The document was received by the airport security agents and scrutinized and found out to have been a “self-permitted” leave solely signed by him and according to procedures and channels of permissions or leaves understood by the security agents operating within the House, all such documents are solely written and signed by the Speaker of the R-TNLA who is constitutional vested with powers to oversee the daily activities of the National Parliament.

So, the act that the national MP conducted by issuing a "self-permitted" leave is unilateral and an act of insubordination that is meant to undermine the authority and administration of the Speaker of the August House of which it is punishable by the law and equally portrays lack of acquaintance with the R-TNLA rules and regulations as well as the NSS Act, 2014.

On the other hand, the decision by the First Deputy Speaker to go rampage on social media, labelling the NSS and the DG as institution and individual that infringes fundamental human rights and freedom of movement of people across the country is unlawful and does not reflect the mission and vision of the service.

Therefore, the NSS calls upon the public to treat such behavior as undermining of authority and an act of insubordination that is meant to divert the public attention negatively towards the DG and the ISB as a whole.

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