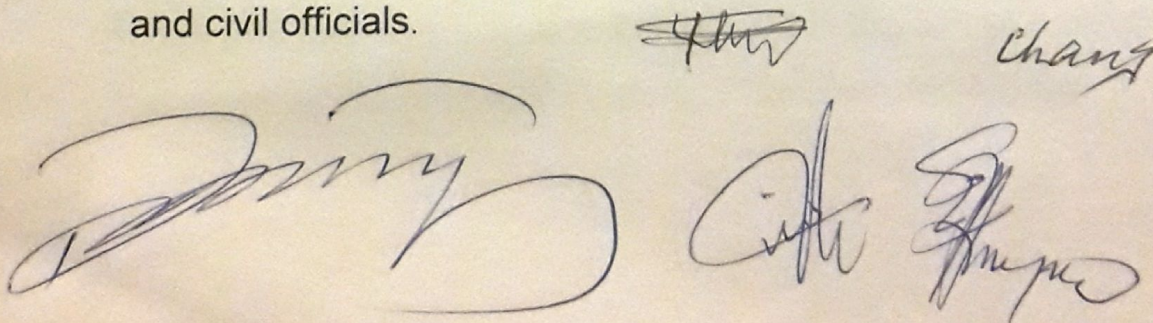


## SPLM/A-IO POLITICAL LEADERS SUPPORT TO SENIOR OFFICERS MOVE

On the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 our gallant senior officers of the SPLM/A-IO made a press statement in which they denounced and disowned Dr. Riek Machar the leader of the SPLM/A-IO. These senior officers gave many reasons for their brave and bold action. Which are summarize as follows:

- Reject the re-unification of the SPLM/A party which was responsible for the Nuer massacre in Juba on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
- Condemn Dr. Riek's dictatorial style of leadership as exemplified by his unilateral and summary dismissal of General Gatdet Yaka and General GatHoth Gatkuoth.
- Deplore Dr. Riek's turning of the SPLM/A-IO into a family enterprise in which he conducts an illicit trade of our oil, gold and other resources through his partner in trade and in-law Taban Deng Gai. Currently Dr. Riek and Taban Deng sons live comfortably in Dubai as agents of their companies.
- Reveal Dr. Riek's abject failure to protect the Nuer people against the Government ferocious onslaught.
- Expose and accuse Dr. Riek practice of favoritism, sectionalism and clannish politics in the promotion and assignment of officers and civil officials.



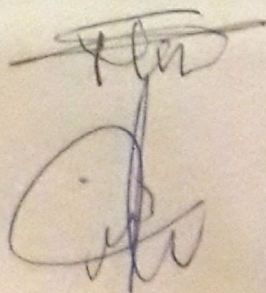
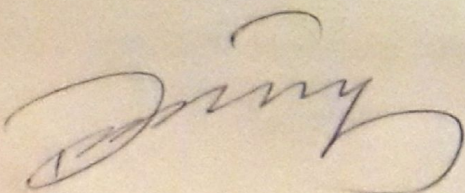
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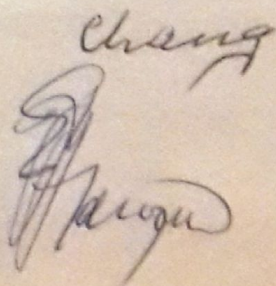


- Dr. Riek has used the IGAD forum only to secure his position in the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGONU) and ignores the interests and concerns of the Nuer people.

As the political leaders as well as elders of the Nuer who have held senior positions in the SPLM/A-IO, we would like to state the following:

- We strongly support and stand behind the bold and brave decision taken against Dr. Riek Machar by our senior officers of the SPLM/A-IO and appeal to and urge all the officers and men of the SPLM/A-IO to rally behind their senior officers and comrades in-arms.
- We confirm Dr. Riek's political ambition, failed and poor leadership that uses the blood of his people to gain political favors and positions without being considerate about their wellbeing. He has used the Nuer ethnic group several times in the past to gain political positions through these dangerous political games. For example, after staging a failed coup against Dr. John Garang in 1991, Dr. Riek used the Nuer people and went on a bloody crusade against the Dinka Bor whom he perceived as obstacles to his ascendancy to the leadership of the SPLM/A. The UN and Humanitarian organizations working in the area at the time gave a staggering high loss of lives and property. Worst of all a lot of women and children were taken as hostages.
- After signing the Khartoum Agreement in 1997 and having succumbed to pressures from his in-law Taban Deng, he abandoned all the officers and men he took with him to Khartoum and went back to the SPLM/A after securing his position in the SPLM/A hierarchy. The death of Commander Elijah Hon Top, Samuel Aru Bol, Joseph

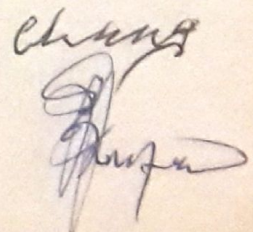
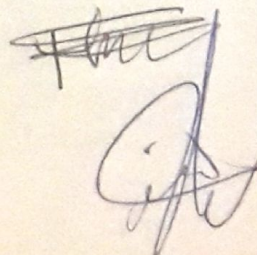
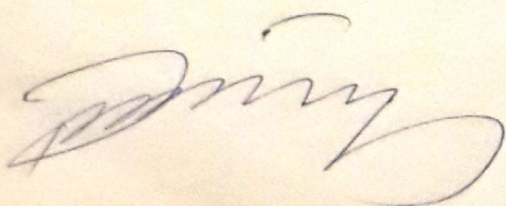


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- Dr. Riek in 2013, after being sacked as Vice President, landed the Nuer in trouble again. Without alerting the Nuer about his discrete political activities, Dr. Riek in company of some disgruntled SPLM Political Bureau members, engaged themselves on what they considered as "reformation of the SPLM". Dr. Riek also engaged himself in an election campaign for the presidency two years ahead of time by announcing his candidacy. The end result of his selfish political games was the massacre of some 20,000 innocent ethnic Nuer people in Juba on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2013. We have no doubt that Dr. Riek by engaging in this selfish political game was powered and guided by his lust for power. After luring the Nuer into the so-called "war of revenge" in December 2013, Dr, Riek stealthily fled to Addis leaving the Nuer cantoned in the war front while he sits comfortably with his family in Addis Ababa and shuttles between Addis, Nairobi and Johannesburg. Meanwhile on the ground war, hunger and disease take their toll heavily on the innocent Nuer.
- Dr. Riek's troublesome political behavior is not only detrimental to the Nuer ethnic group but affects the harmonious coexistence and progress of the people of South Sudan. It also retards state and national building.
- Dr. Riek despite several attempts to reconcile him with his senior officers refused and went on to dismiss more officers and politicians from SPLM/A-IO.
- We reiterate our support for a peaceful resolution to the current conflict. However, we believe that any peace agreement that confirms

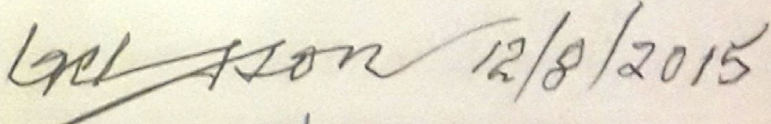




President Kiir and Dr. Riek Machar as leaders of the Transitional Government of National Unity shall not bring about a sustainable and lasting peace. With their lack of trust among themselves, we strongly believe that they cannot reconcile South Sudanese communities and heal the nation. Since President Kiir and Dr. Riek Machar were the perpetrators of Juba crisis therefore they are not qualified to lead the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGONU). They can wait and contest in the next elections if they so wish.

- The current crisis in our young nation is a national catastrophe. We therefore appeal to all south Sudanese to join us in search for a durable and sustainable peace to alleviate the suffering of our people. We appeal to all the four sections of the Nuer community not to allow Dr. Riek Machar and Taban Deng to divide you as they have in Unity state. You must remain united.
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- We appeal to IGAD PLUS to adjourn this session of the peace talks so that our political group can develop our peace proposals and select our delegates to the peace Talks.

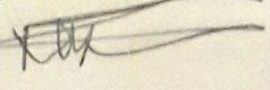
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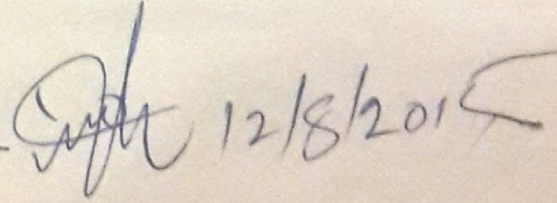
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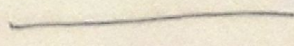


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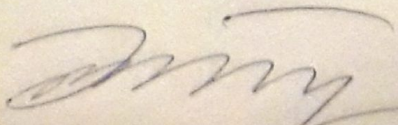


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