



SUDAN PEOPLES' LIBERATION MOVEMENT

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

THE SPLM INTERIM POLITICAL BUREAU (IPB)

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COMMUNIQUE

The Interim Political Bureau of the SPLM met in Juba on 04th – 11th October 2007 under the chairmanship of Comrade Salva Kiir Mayardit, SPLM Chairman. After exhaustive discussion, the IPB resolved the following:

1. The IPB appreciates the positive steps taken by the SPLM Chairman to appoint three Deputies and expand both the Interim Political Bureau and Interim National Council.
2. The IPB warmly congratulates and welcomes the appointment of Comrades Yasir Saeed Arman and Dr Anne Itto as Deputies of the Secretary-General for Northern and Southern Sectors respectively.
3. The IPB after reviewing the SPLM activities commends the ongoing efforts of the SPLM General Secretariat and directs further intensification of the SPLM work, particularly the current political mobilization and organization of the SPLM as well as the sensitization of the grassroots on SPLM political agenda.
4. The IPB notes with grave concern the violations of the CPA by NCP, particularly critical issues such as; obstruction of democratic transformation, lack of initiation of national reconciliation and healing process, non-implementation of Abyei Protocol, non-completion of SAF redeployment, lack of transparency in oil sector operations, inadequate funding of census process and delay of North–South borders demarcation, inaction on the SPLM reshuffle list in the Government of National Unity (GONU) among others; as called for by the CPA and Interim National Constitution (INC).

5. The IPB condemns the ill designs of the NCP to dilute the institution of the Collegial Presidency by encroaching on the constitutional powers of the First Vice President.
6. The IPB is seriously disturbed by the actions of the NCP component of the Government of National Unity that contravene the INC, especially the Bill of Rights; such as unlawful detention of political opponents and partners alike (e.g. Yien Mathiew, SPLM member of Interim National Council), censorship of the press and harassment of journalists, high-handedness by the law enforcement agencies in carrying out their duties, partisan approach by the Minister of Justice in undertaking the duties entrusted to him under the constitution, expulsion of diplomats without due consultation with the SPLM and attempts to turn the independent Assessment and Evaluation Commission into a rubberstamp.
7. The IPB condemns the hostile media campaign, persistent attacks and character assassination of SPLM leaders, especially by the print media, such as Al-Intibaha, Akhir Lahza and Sudan Media Centre (SMC). The IPB notes with dismay that those heinous accusations only appear in media controlled by the NCP figures or well-known NCP journalists.
8. The IPB calls upon the Sudanese people to join the SPLM en masse to achieve democratic transformation and enhance peace-building; in order to realize the vision of New Sudan.
9. The IPB resolves to convene the 2nd SPLM National Convention during the first quarter of 2008. This is an important forum in which the SPLM shall assess and evaluate its performance as a basis for charting the future.
10. The IPB assisted by the SPLM General Secretariat shall develop and map out the political program of the party by sectoral committees for presentation before the 2nd SPLM National Convention.

11. The IPB notes with deep concern the recurrent violations of human rights in Juba and other towns in Southern Sudan by some indisciplined elements from the regular forces and other unidentified criminals; and urges GOSS to take the necessary measures to address this situation.
12. The IPB is committed and obliged to contribute to the achievement of a comprehensive and durable peace in all parts of the Sudan, particularly in Darfur. In this regard, the Interim Political Bureau appreciates the good work being done by the SPLM Darfur Taskforce in facilitating the unification of the Darfurian groups and the peace process; and deplors the attack on the AU peace-keeping force in Heskanita. To that end, the IPB:
 - (a) Supports the peaceful resolution of the conflict in Darfur;
 - (b) Welcomes the urgent deployment of the hybrid AU/UN forces in Darfur; and
 - (c) Firmly stands behind the SPLM initiative to help the Darfurian Movements reach unification and common negotiating position in the forthcoming peace talks.
 - (d) Condemns the recurrent attacks on Heskanita and Mahajeriya towns and calls for investigation of these incidents.
13. The IPB calls for the full implementation of the Cairo Peace Agreement, Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) and Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement.
14. The IPB reviewed the electoral bill and recommendations and commends the role of SPLM members in the NCRC and encourages them to continue their work guided by the recommendations which they presented and adopted by the IPB. In this regard, the IPB stands for a mixed election system and for free and fair internationally monitored elections held in the specified time, as stipulated in the constitution and CPA.
15. The SPLM leadership shall engage other Sudanese political parties and organizations on elections and other national issues.