

THE SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY



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**SAF Provocation in Abyei Town**

This is to update the Sudanese people and the world at large that the security situation along the South-North Borders and especially in Abyei Area is now deteriorating.

Last night at 9:00 pm Sudan Local time, four (4) SAF JIUs soldiers went to the market centre in Abyei town and started firing randomly and indiscriminately. According to the sources in Abyei, one trader from the sons of Darfur was wounded.

The SAF JIUs forces at the nearby barracks within Abyei vicinity responded firing into air up to 2 AM this morning of 12/10/2010. The firing was stopped after the intervention of the local UNMIS and the Area Joint Cease-Fire Military Committee in Abyei area.

The SPLA officers in the JIUs restrained and control their forces and that was what saved the situation, otherwise if SPLA forces were to respond, it would have been difficult to avoid direct fighting in the town. The question is what was the intention of the SAF JIUs forces? Why are they provoking the situation?

It is worth noting that SAF has been building up troops around oil fields at Difra (Kech in Dinka), Nyama, Karasana and Heglig. According to our sources the SAF intention is to invade and occupy the Abyei Area and parts of Unity State.

The SPLA is monitoring the situation carefully and have ordered its forces to react responsibly and do everything possible to prevent any clashes.

The SPLA would like to inform the Sudanese people in particular and the world at large about the intention of SAF and warns SAF to stop provocations and intimidations.

Thanks.

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