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The Supreme Council for Peace and Unity in the Khartoum State

Attention to Southern Sudan Referendum Commission Chairperson - Khartoum

Your Excellency,

We are sending you this memo due to the fact that a large number of violations have occurred inside and outside registration centers for the Southern Sudan Referendum. Those violations are mentioned in the following sections of the Southern Sudan Referendum Act (2010¹):

1. 33 (c)
2. 33 (4)
3. 25
4. 26
5. 27 (4)
6. 49
7. 51
8. 51 (a)
9. 54 (c)

Below are some of violations as per the aforementioned sections.

1. The Council found out that the Commission officials are under 40 years of age, which is a blatant violation of the Southern Sudan Referendum Act.
2. Some people whose one parent is either from the North or the South were denied registration, which obviously contradicts the provisions of Section (25) (4).
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¹ Source citing 2010 instead of 2009

- a. A number of people were denied registration given the fact that the identifiers inside the center do not represent all Southern tribes. The Commission wants each and every applicant to bring his/her own Sultan, which is out of the question.
 - b. Rejection of Proof of Residence issued by the local governments and also military cards, which is inconsistent with subsections (a) and (b).
4. Obstruction and delay of registration procedures inside the centers and Commission members' tardiness and leaving earlier than the official business hours, which is time-wasting.
5. Obstruction of applicants by Commission officials inside the centers in attempts to obstruct the procedures. This contradicts the provisions of Sections 15 and 54 (a) of SSRA. We have evidence and witnesses to prove all the above, e.g. to name but a few, Assaha Ashaabiya Registration Centre in Khartoum.

We hope you would redress all the above in accordance with the provisions of the law.

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Memorandum released today on the Partisan Arrangements Committee for the Referendum – Southern Sudan Committee of the NCP on SPLM violations of the Southern Sudan Referendum Act in the Southern states:

SPLM violations of the SSRA in the Southern states:

1. Registration committees in the states of Upper Nile and Western Bahr Elghazal have prevented the non-Southern Sudanese tribes from registering claiming that they are not Southern Sudanese. This occurred at centers in Renk County, particularly Jouda Quarter, Kilo 5, Belaya in Western Bahr Elghazal, Waw, Alfalata Quarter, and Number 3 Quarter. Moreover, all applicants of Almalkiya tribe were harassed and bullied in all states.
2. A number of unity advocates were apprehended, on top of whom are Mr. Zuhair Hamed Suleiman, NCP Youth Deputy Secretary General and Chairperson of Youth and Students Committee of the Pro-Unity Board formed by the President of the Republic. He was arrested in Juba airport in the morning of 20 November 2010. A number of West Darfurian people in the Fareng County in Unity State were also rounded up.
3. A number of centers in the states of Lakes, Western Equatoria, Central Equatoria, Unity, and Warrap are under the SPLA control and are inaccessible by observers and party agents, which gives the green light to rigging. It is worth noting that the police uniform-clad SPLA are claiming that they are providing security for those centers.

All the above undoubtedly prove the SPLM's intentions of rigging the wishes of the people of Southern Sudan. Those practices will lead to the rejection of registration results and consequently the entire referendum process.

- Proofs of residence and identification documents are not acknowledged.
- The launch of the registration process coincided with the Eid Al-Adha, during which Muslims and others are busy with festival arrangements.
- A large number of citizens were asked to leave and denied registration despite their possession of identification documents.
- All Commission identifiers are SPLM members.
- A State High Committee member intervened to stop considering regular forces' cards as identification documents.
- Rejection of registering Southern Sudanese citizens, if one of their parents is from the North.
- Commission observers directly interfered in the work. They also intimidated and forced citizens out of centers.
- Citizens belonging to some tribes, who do not have a Sultan in the Commission, were denied registration.
- Interference of SPLM operatives, who expelled some citizens out of the centers.
- Commission officials' tardiness and leaving early in the majority of centers.
- In Al-Kalakla Al-Wihda Center, a Commission official threatened a registration staff member of Al-Radeef Center of killing (a report was filed).
- Al Mogtama Center in Jabal, Al-Radeef Center was assaulted by SPLM elements. The police intervened and resolved the case.
- The Commission officials age under 40 years; their ages are in the range of 35-38.

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- Rejection of identifiers' card and the Chairperson of the Center asked for a letter of accreditation from the Commission in some centers.
- Citizens were under armed threat by the SPLM members (A Land Cruiser, Salon and three Box vehicles) in centers in Khartoum.
- The house of a registration activist was demolished in Bahri Locality (Taybat Al-Ahamda) by SPLM operatives. She was visited by the mayor.
- Commission officials' tardiness.
- Sultans' testimonies are not acknowledged.
- Observers' IDs were not seen inside the centers.
- Some international observers interfered in the course of work inside the centers.
- Some centers were located in areas not densely populated by Southern Sudanese, whereas other areas inhabited by a large number of Southern Sudanese do not have any centers (Mandela, John Madid)
- Harassment and clashes on the part of SPLM in some centers.
- SPLM's impersonation of Commission officials.

³ Repeated by source