

## **Without delay or hindering, SPLM/N calls for safe corridors for humanitarian operations**

**The speech of President Al-Bashir about rejecting any role for the international community and the international humanitarian organizations to provide the urgently needed aid for thousands of IDPs in South Kordofan is regrettable and not acceptable. Al-Bashir is indeed using food as weapon and it comes from the highest authority in the country. Such speech adds to the already existing ethnic cleansing and genocide by the regime of Khartoum.**

**SPLM/N condemns such irresponsible speech and calls for an urgent agreement between Government of Sudan and SPLM/N to open safe corridors for humanitarian operations in South Kordofan. The safe corridors agreement is to be supervised and operated by the UN and its concerned bodies. Furthermore, Operation Life Line Sudan (OLS) that had previously saved lives of millions of southerners Sudanese is the appropriate model to adopt and to stop the deteriorated humanitarian situation in South Kordofan. Implementing a similar model to OLS is urgently needed before the two parties reach a ceasefire agreement. Further it is to be recall that Al-Bashir was the one who obstructed and sabotaged the work of cession of hostilities committee when he denounced the Addis Ababa Framework Agreement.**

**SPLM/N emphasizes the significant of opening safe corridors to ensure that international community can provide humanitarian assistant without delay or hindrance, and to stand against using food as weapon. The international community has to take seriously the orders and threats made by Al-Bashir with regard to humanitarian needs in South Kordofan. These orders and threats have also to be seen in a context of ongoing human rights atrocities and deterioration of humanitarian situation, which are worse than other countries that are getting international attention.**

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