

My dear Ray,

I visited the National Supreme Court this morning with one of my friend Safwan Ahmed, Advocate and paid a courtesy call on Sir Justice Khatim, Justice Muzammil and Justice Ibrahim Osman. Then I went to Executive Director Taha Ziad Taha, who allowed us to inspect the orders passed by the Court and copy. He was pleased give us the following information:

1. Total number of appeals filed before the National Supreme Court 187
2. Number of appeals rejected by the Court 114
3. Number of appeal approved 001 (Upper Nile two state assembly geographical constituencies No.28 and 29)

(Actual numbers of constituencies given in the order were 47 and 48). "Cancellation of the elections results in these two constituencies. NEc should re-conduct elections during a period of (60) days from the date of issuance of this decision after rectifying the technical errors." This appeal was filed by an independent candidate Guag Deng Abor.

4. Four appeals were filed against Governor's elections, three of which were rejected. These were against elections of Governors of Khartoum, Blue Nile and White Nile while the fourth against Red Sea Governor is pending.

5. 68 appeals are still pending adjudication.

6. One appeal out of 187 appeals was filed against the Presidential elections which was rejected.

Information as to how many appeals were filed before the Southern Sudan Supreme Court is to be obtained. We may ask Meaghan Fitzgerald to obtain this information from Juba.

Submitted for information.

Best regards,

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