

**SUDAN PEOPLES' LIBERATION MOVEMENT – NORTH**

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**The Battle of Surkum in Blue Nile**

We confirm through this statement that the fighting continues within Surkum area in Blue Nile state, which began on 09/18/12. In a desperate but failed attempt by the National Congress Party to adjust reality during negotiations, the statement by Sawarmi Khaled Saad contains false information, which was fabricated to mislead public opinion. No single SPLA-N soldier was killed or injured and not even one gun was lost.

The SPLA-N is besieging NPC forces and militia inside Surkum and moral is high. The coming hours will witness the destruction of the invading forces and the infliction of severe defeat. The dreams of Omar al-Bashir and his henchman will be dispelled.

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