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The President

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**Hon. Chol Tong Mayay,
The Governor,
Lakes State,
Rumbek.**

Subject: Relieve of Lakes State Minister of Information

Dear Governor,

By this, I am ordering you in strongest terms to forthwith relieve the Minister of Information in Lakes State, Hon. Charles Mayan Badiri, for grossly violating and infringing on the Constitutional rights of the 1st Deputy Speaker of the National Legislative Assembly, who also doubles as the chairperson of SPLM lakes State, when he denied him access to the media to address the citizens of Lakes during his recent official visit.

Needless to state, the said 1st Deputy Speaker was delivering a message of goodwill to the citizenry to co-exist in peace and harmony, yet the Radio Director who "allegedly allowed" him to address the citizens via Radio Rumbek, was arbitrarily suspended.

In that vein, such insubordination meted out to the SPLM Lakes State Chairperson, who is also a senior member of the Party cannot go unchecked, and such unfettered discretion of denying the Deputy Speaker access to the media by your Minister must be dealt with accordingly, and in keeping and accordance with Article 165(2) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 A.D, which provides *inter alia*, the Governor shall be the head of the executive organ and shall relieve State Ministers in consultation with the President, I order you to relieve the said State Minister of Information forthwith and with immediate effect. This, will serve as a deterrent to any other government Official, be it at the National or State level of the need to uphold the sanctity of the Constitution, and it will further renew confidence in our Government in upholding the rule of law as far as the chain of command is concerned in accordance with hierarchical echelon of the Party and the Government.

By the same token, in my capacity as the SPLM Chairperson, I order you as a member of the Party to desist from interfering with the activities of the SPLM Party in the State, and give chance for the elected officials to their assigned tasks, as he is clearly not answerable to you.

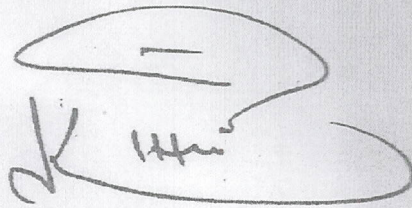
Further, I have noted with great concern the double standards being exhibited by some SPLM Members at the State, in that when the Chairperson of SPLM Lakes State invoked his powers in appointing Cde. Moses Malou Majok as the acting Lakes State SPLM Secretary General, no issues arose, but when he again invoked the same powers and relieved the said State Acting Secretary General and in his place

appointed Cde. Mabor Ater Dhuol, there was a lot of uproar from some quarters, yet at the first instance, there was none.

This makes me to seriously question the motive of the said members, and moreover, they exceeded their limits to the extent of humiliating the 1st Deputy Speaker, and consequently sowing seeds of discord and division within the Party.

To that end, I expect total compliance with the SPLM Constitution and its rules and discipline of all the Party members accordingly.

Have the assurance of my highest regards and considerations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Salva Kiir', enclosed within a large, irregular oval shape.

**Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit,
The President,
Republic of South Sudan,
Juba.**