

Subject: Press release on the aggression of the Sudanese Armed forces and its invasion of the Republic of South Sudan

The Republic of South Sudan has pledge since achieving its independence to respect all aspects of International law. The Foreign policy of South Sudan advocates non-interference in the affairs of other States and the respect of good neighborly relations with all its neighbors. The RSS is appalled by the recent violent activities of the Government of Sudan on the RSS, and protest in the strongest possible terms the invasion of our territory in a continuous and ever increasing manner. (Intensity and frequency).

The Sovereign Republic of South Sudan informs the august house that on December 3rd 2011, Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) attacked Jaw in Unity State with mechanized infantry Brigade and occupied it. This led to heavy casualties in human and material and created displacement of large civil population from the area.

Prior to this recent attack, SAF has consistently violated the territorial integrity of the RSS as shown below:-

On 10th November 2011, The Sudan air force indiscriminately bombarded towns along the North-South borders around GUFFA, similar bombardment targeted Marinji on 14/11/2011 in Upper Nile State, Edda area in Unity State on the 14th/11/2011, Tumsah in Western Bhar el ghazal State was seriously air raided on 16th/11/ 2011.

As a result of such unprovoked violation, ten civilians were killed and many more injured and or displaced, creating a serious humanitarian burden on South Sudan.

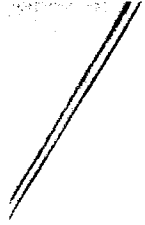
Other than these air violations, SAF deployed ground forces together with proxy militias being forcefully in conscripted and trained by the SAF.

On November 10th and 16th, SAF forces crossed the North-South border from Hamra (South Kordafan) and attacked SPLA units at Kuek in Upper Nile State.

On November 28th Um-Dolwich Agricultural Scheme in Renk County Upper Nile State was attacked, 4 SPLA soldiers killed, 1 missing in action and 1 taken prisoner. Earlier violations before November 10th are not listed

While the RSS Government and people deplores this behavior by the Republic of the Sudan of inflaming the region, whereas the RSS retrains the Sudan Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA) from responding appropriately, it urges the UNSC to call upon the Government of the Republic of the Sudan to live up to previous commitments and responsibilities under the International law and Regional responsibilities and to:

- Immediately withdraw its invading forces from Jaw
- Immediately release the SPLA soldiers taken prisoner at Um-Dolwich

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- Immediately cease act of aggression that escalate the situation and push early resumption of conflict
 - Urge the international community to exert more pressure on the Government of the Sudan, to respect the sovereignty of the republic of South Sudan and its territorial integrity.

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