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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION TO H.E GEN: SALVA KIIR MAYARDIT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN FOR HIS TIRELESS AND GENEROUS SUPPORT TO SOUTH SUDANESE STUDENTS IN UGANDA AND BEYOND.

Press Statement,

We the entire south Sudanese students in Uganda under our umbrella south Sudanese students union in Uganda would like to take this opportunity to send millions of congratulations and appreciation to the president of the republic for his courageous and strong leadership he has shown to the people of south Sudan throughout these difficult moments in history of our nation and more importantly the support he gave recently through school fees to the students in Uganda which had led to more than **2500** students pays school dues and at the same time paid hostels for accommodations. In this regard, we say many thanks to his Excellency the president for that great and unforgettable generosity from the head of state to the students without this support some students would have not sat for their examinations.

Secondly, I would like to inform the general public and other institutions that "South Sudanese students union in Uganda is not and will not be a partisan organization but rather nonpartisan organization that was form majorly to unites South Sudanese students studying and living in Uganda", therefore, the president money that was sent in June this year to students in Uganda as school fees has no any political agenda on it, it was purely a presidential educational support to all south Sudanese students in Uganda regardless of their tribes, region or state.

Thirdly, the amount that was sent to students in Uganda as school fees from the president's office was according to the names that were collected from the students leaders of various universities and colleges from Uganda last year in November 2011 by, Director general for special program and public affairs in the office of the president with her deputy after she was instructed to go and get the students detail herself. The total students taken were **3,438** names. Therefore, if there is any student who has not been paid from this grant that went from president office might be because of the followings:

1. Any student that need to get this support must have his/her names on the list that was sent to Juba otherwise he/she will not be paid because from whose names should we pay that students in.

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2. If there is any student whose his/her names are there but has not been paid, is either he/she was not there when payment started or she/he was told to wait for the first week of September until the committee goes back to Kampala in order to resume payment of fees to the students.
3. We also agreed that those whose names are missing on register and they have genuine cases which need financial support should wait until the payment for those whose their names are there is done or finished then they will be attended to.

In conclusion, I urge the entire citizens, politicians, religious leaders and private sectors or any other important person not to use any political statement or try to influence other people regarding this issue, it is completely an academic support from the president office to the students, it has nothing to do with politics.

Within the same point, if there is anybody who still believe that the money was distributed along tribal line should go to the office of director general for special program and Public Affairs office of the president such that to check and verify on how many students that have been paid and from which state or region are the majority students who have been from, otherwise the whole exercise has been so transparent and will continue to be transparent.

Thanks,



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