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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO ALL SPLA UNITS ON THE 24TH SPLM/A
ANNIVERSARY (16TH MAY 2007)

AS WE APPROACH THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR STRUGGLE AND AS WE BEGIN THE 25TH YEAR, I SALUTE ALL OUR HEROES AND MARTYRS, WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE STRUGGLE FOR SUDANESE DIGNITY BEFORE AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE AND THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY AND IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE NEW SUDAN OF DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL SUDANESE. I SALUTE THESE HEROES AND MARTYRS AS A REMINDER THAT THEY DID NOT DIE IN VAIN. THE LEGACY AND SPIRIT OF THEIR STRUGGLE WILL ALWAYS GUIDE US, AND ALL GENERATIONS TO COME. YET WITH REGRET AND GREAT SORROW, WE HAVE TO REGISTER FOR POSTERITY AND FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME, THAT ON THE WAY TO THIS PEACE, WE HAD NOT ONLY ENDURED HARDSHIPS, BUT INDEED OUR PEOPLE HAD TO SHED BLOOD. WE HAVE LOST VERY DEAR AND DISTINGUISHED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OUR LAND IN MILLIONS; REMARKABLE AMONG THEM IS THE FOUNDER LEADER OF THE SPLM/A GEN. DR. JOHN GARANG DE MABIOR. ALL OF THEM HAVE JOINED THE LONG HOLY LIST OF OUR UNDYING MARTYRS. LET US PAY HOMAGE TO ALL THOSE MARTYRS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO SAVE OUR MOTHER LAND AND ITS PEOPLE.

THIS IS A GREAT DAY, AND IT WILL GO DOWN IN OUR HISTORY AS THE THIRD 16TH MAY ANNIVERSARY WE ARE COMMEMORATING IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE. ON THE OCCASION OF THIS 24TH ANNIVERSARY, I CONGRATULATE ALL OFFICERS, NCOS, AND MEN OF

THE SPLA, FOR THE MANY SUCCESSES OF THE SPLA OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS. IN OUR FIRST TWO YEARS IN PEACE WE WERE BASICALLY ENGAGED IN ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESSES AT VARIOUS LEVELS. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

- 1- FIRSTLY, AS PER THE REQUIREMENT OF THE CPA, WE WERE TO ORGANIZE AND DEPLOY OUR FORCES IN THE JOINT INTEGRATED UNITS (JIUS). I AM GLAD TO INFORM ALL THAT TWO YEARS AGO WE DEPLOYED ALL THE JIUS WE ARE REQUIRED BY THE CPA TO DEPLOY.
- 2- SECONDLY, THE PROCESS OF REORGANIZATION OF SPLA MOTHER UNITS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. ALSO, THE TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT OF THESE FORCES IS ALREADY IN ADVANCED STAGES. SO FAR WE HAVE TRAINED, PASSED OUT AND DEPLOYED THE SECOND DIVISION IN EQUATORIA. WE HAVE ALSO COMPLETED THE TRAINING OF THIRD DIVISION AND WE WILL PASS IT OUT THIS MONTH AND DEPLOY THEM ACCORDINGLY. THE FIRST DIVISION IS ALREADY UNDERGOING TRAINING AND WILL ALSO BE PASSED OUT AND DEPLOYED AS SOON AS THEY FINISH THEIR TRAINING. THE FIFTH DIVISION IS DUE TO START THEIR TRAINING AND THE FOURTH DIVISION WILL ALSO GO FOR TRAINING SOON.
- 3- THIRDLY, A SPECIAL FORCE OF BRIGADE SIZE WAS GRADUATED ON 10/5/2007 AFTER COMPLETION OF TWO YEARS OF RIGOROUS TRAINING.
- 4- FOURTHLY, THE REINTEGRATION OF FORMER OTHER ARMED GROUPS HAS BEEN BASICALLY COMPLETED. ALL FORCES FROM VARIOUS GROUPS HAVE BEEN SCREENED AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE C-IN-C AND AS YOU KNOW THE MAJOR GENERALS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, THE REST WILL ALSO BE DONE SOON AND THIS WILL MARK THE END OF THE REINTEGRATION PROCESS.
- 5- AS DICTATED BY THE CPA THE REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES OF SPLA MOTHER UNITS FROM NUBA MOUNTAINS AND BLUE NILE

TO THE SOUTH IS ABOUT TO START. BY THIS ALL THOSE FORCES WILL BE MOVED TO DESIGNATED CENTRES IN THE SOUTH WHERE THEY WILL BE TRAINED AND LATER DEPLOYED TO ANY OF THE FIVE DIVISIONS ABOVE.

MY MESSAGE TO ALL SPLA UNITS IS THAT AS WE COMMEMORATE THIS HISTORIC DAY, WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT IN OUR AREAS OF DEPLOYMENT AND WE SHOULD NOT GIVE ANY CHANCE TO THE DETRACTORS OF PEACE.

CELEBRATIONS FOR THE DAY WILL BE HELD IN ALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF NEW SUDAN AND BEYOND. HOWEVER, THE NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS WILL BE WITH OUR JIUS IN ONE OF THE MAJOR TOWNS.

AGAIN, ON THE OCCASION OF THIS 24TH ANNIVERSARY, I ONCE MORE SALUTE OUR MARTYRS TO WHOM THIS DAY BELONGS, AND I GREET AND CONGRATULATE YOU ALL WHEREVER YOU MAY BE ON THIS ANNIVERSARY DAY. I ASSURE YOU ALL THAT THE SPLA WILL BE FAITHFUL AND LOYAL TO THE VISION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STRUGGLE. THE SPLA WILL NEVER BETRAY THE CAUSE OF OUR PEOPLE. I ASSURE YOU THAT THE SPLA WILL OBSERVE AND DEFEND THE CPA IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE FREEDOM AND ENSURE JUSTICE AND DIGNITY FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE, THAT IS, TO ACHIEVE THE NEW SUDAN. I WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS AS WE BEGIN THE 25TH YEAR OF OUR STRUGGLE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

SPLA OYEE!

NEW SUDAN OYEE!

SINCERELY, YOURS IN THE STRUGGLE,