

Sudan People's Liberation Army



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**Dear/ Mr. Badru Mulumba
The New Vision, Uganda and Juba Post**

Date: 24th February 2007

RE: Response to your email dated the 20th February 2007

Greetings and best wishes to you. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your email quoted above as I was on mission to where there is no access to Internet services. Reference to your three (3) questions in the email:

1. The LRA has committed a lot of atrocities in Southern Sudan including killing of many civilians, rapes and looting of properties. The latest event in the series of those atrocities against our people is that on the 22nd February 2007, LRA stopped at gunpoint two civilian Lorries at Ame-Junction. The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) patrolling unit intervenes before the killing and looting started and exchange fire with the LRA. One SPLA soldier was injured in that incident. The Government of Southern Sudan has repeatedly proposed the following three (3) options to LRA:
 - Peaceful settlement of the conflict in northern Uganda through a negotiated settlement. This is the option which is now holding through Juba Peace Talks between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the LRA;
 - The LRA peacefully quit the territory of Southern Sudan; or
 - The LRA is kicked out from the territory of Southern by the SPLA. We shall start kicking out the LRA from the territory of Southern Sudan after the approval from Government of Southern Sudan when the first two options are exhausted.

[There is no any agreement signed between the SPLA and UPDF or any other Organization/s to hunt for the LRA in case war broke out again in northern Uganda.](#)

2. Col. Ador Deng Ador was officially sent by the SPLA command to Kassese in north-west of Uganda in the second week of this month to attend a meeting between the SPLA and FARDC of the Democratic Republic of Congo facilitated by the UPDF. FARDC want to redeploy their troops to DRC Bazi village, and since the border line between DRC Bazi village and the Sudanese Bazi village is only a road and there is no direct contact between the SPLA and FARDC, the UPDF came in to facilitate that meeting. [Let me reiterate that Col. Ador Deng Ador did not sign any pact for the SPLA in Kassese town.](#)

3. According to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and the Interim Constitution of the Republic of the Sudan, the Sudan People's Liberation Army and the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) have equal rights and obligations and are all considered as Sudan's National Armed Forces. This means that the SPLA or SAF have the right to conclude pact/s with any Organization/s in the world, after the approval of the Joint Defence Board which, is consisting of equal numbers from both the SPLA and the SAF. [The SPLA shall follow the legal procedures when we want to sign any pact in the future. Allow me to repeat that we have not yet signed any pact with anyone.](#)

Thanks.

Signed:

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