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## **SPLA is not holding Kenyan Truck Drivers**

Reference to an article written by Philip Mbaji in The East African Standard (Nairobi) dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 200; Mr. Nicholas Mbugua of the unregistered Kenyan Long Distance Truck Drivers Union, is accusing the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) to be detaining five Kenyan drivers for the past one month in the so-called "Yeli Prison in Juba" after being charged with ignoring roadblocks.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army is not holding any driver. SPLA have nothing to do with civilian truck drivers. The so-called "Yeli Prison" does not exist in Juba or any where in Southern Sudan. The story was concocted with the aim of discrediting the image of the SPLA to serve the narrow interests of the narrators. However, the brotherly relations between the Southern Sudanese and the Kenyan People are above those narrow interests.

Thanks.

**Signed:**  
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