

Sudan People's Liberation Army



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No Kenyans killed in Southern Sudan

Reference to an article in The Citizen daily new paper Issue 92 dated 31st March 2007, quoting The Daily Nation (Nairobi). Mr. Nicholas Mbugua of the unregistered Kenyan Long Distance Truck Drivers Union is accusing the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) of killing three Kenyan truck drivers 15 kilometres inside Sudan. This is the second accusation by Mr. Nicholas against the SPLA within one week. His first accusation was written by Philip Mbaji in The East African Standard (Nairobi) dated 25th March 2007, accusing the 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. We have refuted the first accusation in our Press release No.18 which is hereby attached. This second accusation is again not true like the first one.

The robbers attacked Kenyan truck on the 24th March 2007 at placed known as Khor-Dhuloma, literally meaning the Dark Dry Stream. Three Kenyans were reported killed in that attack. Khor-Dhuloma is inside the Kenyan territory, it's situated at 5 miles from the Sudanese border post of Nadipal of Eastern Equatoria State and 5 miles from the Kenyan border town of Lokichoggio. Khor-Dhuloma is a well known banditry point in Kenya where many Sudanese people have been killed and their properties looted during the war. SPLA have been urging the Kenyan Police at Lokichoggio to establish a post there, but the Kenyan bothers did not listen to us.

Mr. Nicholas Mbugua seems to be unaware of the borders of his country. The killing of the three Kenyan brothers is very unfortunate. We suspect the robbers to have come from Lokichoggio. We repeat our appeal to the Kenyan Police authorities to secure Khor-Dhuloma area since it is inside the Kenyan territory.

Thanks.

Signed:

Maj. Gen. Kuol Deim Kuol
SPLA Spokesman

Attachment: SPLA Press Release No.18

SPLA is not holding Kenyan Truck Drivers

Reference to an article written by Philip Mbaji in The East African Standard (Nairobi) dated 25th 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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SPLA Spokesman