

Dear citizens, I have been following minute by minute, and day by day, the sorrowful incident and the enduring developments today in the National Capital.

We had been in continuous contacts on the Presidential level, and we agreed on a number of procedures and precautionary measures to deal with the situation.

I would like to clarify the following facts as the First Vice President of the Republic, President of the Government of Southern Sudan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, and the Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement;

First, what had happened is strongly condemned, unfortunately it will affect all the procedures which will not help in resolving the issues.

Secondly, the Darfur issue is a political problem to be resolve through dialogue and to pursue with it to reach a fair and satisfactory peace agreement to all the parties.

The SPLM exerted and will continue to exert more efforts to reach a satisfactory solution accepted by the people of Darfur.

Thirdly, I agreed with my collogues in the SPLM to suspend the Second SPLM National Convention so that we can all participate in the stability of the country, to achieve a comprehensive peace especially in Darfur

Fourthly, terrifying the civilians and threatening their lives and belongings is rejected and condemned, and it is the duty of the State to protect them.

Fifth, the government of southern Sudan, the SPLA, and the SPLM are committed to the Peace Agreement and the protection of the Constitutional System. We should learned from what had happened to reinforce trust and moving towards the implementation of all the articles in the peace agreement which includes the transformation of democracy, and supremacy of law, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement should be use as symbol in resolving the remaining issues specially the Darfur problems.

In conclusion, let me pay my condolence to all those who lost their dear ones in this event, and I wish a quick recovery for the wounded and I urge the State's intuitions especially the law enforcers to properly handle the situation in accordance to the constitution, and to implement the law for all the citizens equally without exceptions.

We shall continue to monitor the situation and deal with it at the levels of the Presidency and the concern authorities.