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SSHURSA Welcomes suspension of Two Cabinet Ministers, appeals to President to do more

The South Sudan Human Rights Society for Advocacy (SSHURSA) lauds and welcomes the move taken by the President of South Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit in suspending and lifting the immunity of the two cabinet Ministers Hon. Deng Alor Kuol and Hon. Kosti Manibe Ngai of the Ministries of Cabinet Affairs and Finance & Economic planning respectively. This is a move in the interest of the public and SSHURSA hails the President for the bold action taken.

“This is a long over due and I think practically, President Kiir has truly acted in the interest of the people and this is what has been expected of him” Said Biel Boutros Biel, the Executive Director of SSHURSA. “In the eyes of the law, the two ministers remain only as suspects of corruption allegations placed on them and therefore, are still innocent until their guilt is proved otherwise, however, worth to mention is that since their immunity has been lifted and altogether they are suspended from their official duties, is indeed in the right direction as full and fair investigations will lead to the material facts of the allegations and as usual, we call upon the President to do more” Biel added.

As SSHURSA hails the action taken by His Excellency the President, it also appeals to him to equally act on the most serious allegations leveled against some of the Executive members of government as follows:

- 1. He should suspend and lift the immunity of the Deputy Minister of Interior Lt. Gen. Salva Mathok Gengdit accused of murder of Banyjiioth Mathoat Tap. As long as he is still the Deputy Minister of Interior, no fair, free and impartial investigations would be expected of the case.*
- 2. Reveal identities, suspend and lift the immunity of the 75 alleged corrupt officials in and out of the government whom he had written a letter to in May 2012 over the disappearance of public funds entrusted to them. They should be investigated with urgency on equal note.*
- 3. SSHURSA appeals to National Parliament to summons and question the Ministers of Interior, National Security, Information and Justice for failing to avail results of investigations as who was responsible for the assassination of Isaiah Abraham in December 2012.*

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