



SUDAN PEOPLES LIBERATION MOVEMENT -SPLM-N - NORTH



GENERAL SECRETARIATE

The Position on the Draft By-Laws of the Council of Partners for the Transitional Period

The Masses of the Sudanese People!

In a clear deviation from the people's revolutionary aspirations for democratic transformation, and in a clear violation of the spirit of the political declaration and the constitutional document, the power circles controlling the central authority in Khartoum continue to tighten their grip and control over all aspects of public affairs, monopolizing the authority of decision-making by legalizing only their implementation of it, notwithstanding their ongoing failure and setback. The Sudanese people who offered the most precious they have and dear life in order to achieve the goals of the revolution have not yet gained anything. The blood of their martyrs is still demanding justice. The current authority have deviated from the rightful path of responding to the aspirations of the December revolutionaries and slogans (freedom, peace, justice), showing extreme lack of seriousness in bringing about peace.

Fellow Compatriots and honourable people!

The Sudan People Liberation Movement - North has obtained a by-Law draft of the so-called "Council of Partners for the Transitional Period", which consists of four chapters and 15 articles. This flawed by-Law draft, in all aspects, represents an outright conspiracy against the goals and slogans of the glorious December revolution; it also represents an obstacle to necessary change in order to achieve the aspirations of the Sudanese people. No by-Law that prevails over other legislation, because the by-Laws aim only to control the internal performance of any body, not to manage any situation outside the body such as the constitution and laws that deal with public issues. The defective by-Law was drafted - according to Article (2) - to prevail over "all interpretations" without specifying what these 'interpretations' are, along with other vague generalization that all point to a hidden conspiracy. According to the provisions of the by-Law, we find that it aims at the following article (10/ 11).



1 / Blocking the way to negotiation with the Sudan People Liberation Movement - North that discuss root causes of the Sudanese problem, appending SPLM-N to the Juba Peace Agreement signed on October 3, 2020 (Article 3 / C).

2 / Weakening the Council of Ministers, hijacking its powers, turning it into a defunct body making it into an ambiguous constitutional entity that has no role, thus preventing the realization of the “the civic authority” (Chapter Two, Article 4/5/8/ & 11).

3 / Usurping the powers of the Legislative Council, even if it was formed, by the proposed Transitional Partners Council thus reducing its members to mere employees who receive their salaries, just as it was the case during the era of the defunct regime (Articles 10/11).

This makes it clear that this proposed by-Law is nothing but a legalization of a new authority emerging from the coup d'état of April 11, 2019. Those are but the same forces that hijacked the revolution with the aim of preserving the Old Sudan, while claiming that they stood with the people and sided with them. However, they have kept the laws that restrict freedom in order to suppress anyone who may question this alleged partnership. Today there are still large numbers of resistance committee members languishing in detention. In fact, this coup d'état forces seek, through this by-Law, to achieve the following:

(A) Pushing the revolutionary forces to a state of despair and frustration, so that they eventually accept the status quo. Then the current regime will arrange partial elections at the end of the transitional period to give themselves false legitimacy;

(B) To prevent the Sudan People Liberation Movement - North from sharing power by removing it from the scene permanently so that it does not play any role in the future because of its negotiation position and political program that aims at realizing the following:

1 / dismantling the old regime, liquidating political Islam, and building the new Sudan on new foundations;

2 / Grounding the slogans of the glorious December revolution: (**Freedom**: abolishing all the laws restricting freedom by guaranteeing personal freedom, freedom of choice, belief and conscience; **Peace**: achieving a just, comprehensive and real peace that is not adulterated; **Justice**: achieving true justice amongst the Sudanese people, including transitional justice);

3 / Reaching new security arrangements that guarantee the dismantling of armed militias and the building of a new national army with a patriotic combat doctrine whose mission is to protect the constitution, the country's borders, and citizens;



4 / Fairness for the arbitrarily dismissed civil servants and uniformed forces, by restoring all their rights, including returning them to their places of service;

5 / Redressing the families of the victims of the glorious December revolution and the victims of the sit-in break-up, and bringing those involved to justice, nationally and internationally;

6 / Returning of the internally displaced, refugees and war victims to their original areas occupied by newcomers, with justice and accountability achieved;

7 / reviewing the Sudanese nationality that was granted to unqualified foreigners, especially in eastern Sudan, Darfur, the capital, and other cities;

8 / ridding the Sudanese nation of the parameters and bases of the state of corruption, violence and extermination;

9 / Repeal the laws that restrict freedoms, and reform the judiciary, security, economy, civil service and media system;

10 / reclaiming the people's right to their wealth and punishing the corrupt people who plundered and destroyed the sources of that wealth;

11 / restoring national dignity by upholding the independence of Sudan and not pursuing polarized axes intended to serve purposes unrelated to Sudan's supreme interests;

12 / Ensuring the security and right of citizens to live and enjoy a decent livelihood;

13 / Prosecuting and punishing the criminals who practiced the worst forms of torture, rape and murder against the sons and daughters of the Sudanese people;

14 / dismantling economic, social, cultural and political marginalization in accordance with the principles of equal citizenship;

15 / Reviewing the status-quo pertaining to the mono-cultural national identity.

Fellow compatriots and Sudanese glorious people!

The Sudan People Liberation Movement – North (SPLM-N) had negotiated with the transitional government with all determination and persistence to achieve a comprehensive and just peace that would put a rational end to the civil wars in Sudan once and for all. Such a peace would have achieved justice and democratic transformation.



However, due to the lack of political will on the part of the transitional government, negotiations are still stalling. This is while SPLM-N is still committed to the negotiation with the hope of agreeing on the Declaration of Principles (DoP) that will govern the negotiation process. However, the government preferred to sign with other parties an agreement that did not address the root causes of the historical crisis.

Last but not least,

The Sudan People Liberation Movement – North (SPLM – N) reaffirms its keenness on the option of a settled peace through negotiations; it also reaffirms its readiness to resume negotiations at any time whenever the transitional government proves that it has the desire and will.

The struggle continues! Victory is certain!



Ammar Amun Daldum

General Secretary of the Sudan People Liberation Movement - North

Juba, South Sudan November 23, 2020