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The Leadership of National Salvation Front (NAS) would like to update its members, the people of South Sudan and members of International Community on the latest ongoing South Sudan People's Defense Forces (SSPDF) dry season offensive against NAS positions.

The SSPDF dry season operations comprised of disgruntled small units of SSPDF and its militia including SPLM IO elements from Western Baher El Gazal, Gen. James Kong IO group who split from Riek Macher IO and joined SSPDF and elements from Maban IO group. It is an open secret that Kiir tribal SSPDF are not willing to fight, that is why the JCE government under Kiir is using the surrendered IO and other opposition elements to fight for their stay in power. In this regard, NAS would like to caution these elements not to let themselves be used by the regime which is oppressing and destroying their people and the country. It is high time we unite our efforts to rescue our people and the country from this kleptocratic regime.

The objective of this dry season operations is to wipe out NAS forces to enable the government declare victory and announce a fake peace in the country; the ploy is once again to deceive the people of South Sudan by conducting scam elections in order to legitimize the presidency of Salva Kiir and his JCE in power. NAS views this enemy objective as an illusion which is more easily expressed in the corridors of power in Juba than translating it in reality on the ground. The enemy forces are very weak with no moral and reason to fight for the regime which is barely not even paying them their salaries, leave alone care for their families. However, the gallant NAS forces are confronting the enemy incursion with utmost bravery and resolve. As the situation dictates, the enemy will soon be defeated and be forced to retreat sooner or later.

As far as the operation is concerned, the enemy lost thirty seven (37) soldiers, seventeen (17) were buried in Loka while twenty (20) were transported to Juba seven (7) died on the way and buried at Jondoro near Lologo South of the old military HQs. Furthermore, fifty nine (59) soldiers were badly wounded, fifteen (15) of them were admitted in Yei Teaching Hospital and

thirty four (34) were transported to Juba and admitted in Juba Military Hospital all in critical conditions. In these battles, NAS destroyed three (3) Land Crushers mounted and one truck loaded with ammunition and food. On NAS side, five soldiers including one officer martyred and nine (9) others were wounded. The NAS Leadership wishes the NAS wounded soldiers quick recovery and sends its heartfelt condolences to the fallen heroes and their families and May the Almighty God rest their souls in perfect peace.

As of yesterday, the enemy has sent in more reinforcement to Lainya detached from Lasu, Morsak and Kargulu. This implies that there shall be more confrontations. However, NAS assures its members and people of South Sudan that these attacks on NAS positions and civilians shall always be met with firm resistance from your gallant revolutionary forces.

The Leadership of NAS congratulates the NAS field brave commanders, officers, men and women who are resisting this dry season offensive of Salva Kiir, and urges them to be vigilant and steadfast as the enemy is still all out for vengeance. This noble struggle of our oppressed people shall continue until they are totally liberated.

NAS reiterates its commitment to the Cessions of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) signed on 21st December 2017 in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, and to the Rome Declaration signed on 20th January 2020 in Rome Italy. NAS however, reserves the right to self-defense and protection of civilians.

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