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Statement on the Proposal of Formation of a Unified Military Front

The Leadership of the National Salvation Front (NAS) has come across a letter circulating online in form of a proposal signed by Gen. Stephen Buay Rolnyang, the Chairman and Commander-in-Chief of South Sudan People's Movement/Army (SSPM/A). In the letter, dated 19th October with reference SSPM/A/10/015/2022, and subject: **United Front**, Gen. Stephen Buay Rolnyang proposes the formation of what he terms a **United Force** and proposes the Chairman and Commander-in-Chief of NAS, Gen. Thomas Cirillo Swaka, to be the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the proposed United Forces.

The Leadership of NAS would therefore like to state the following:

1. NAS has taken note of the content of the letter of Gen. Stephen Buay Rolnyang, the C-in-C of SSPM/A expressing his opinion on the need of having a military alliance.
2. NAS Leadership has neither been consulted nor has it discussed anything with Gen. Stephen Buay Rolnyang about his proposal. NAS therefore is not a party to his proposal.
3. NAS is committed to the new Road-map by the National Consensus Forum (NCF) towards convening a Round-table Conference of all South Sudanese Stakeholders: political parties, civil society groups, faith-based groups, women groups and youth groups to address the root causes of the conflict in the country and chart a way forward to sustainable peace.
4. NAS is a movement with structures such as the Salvation Council (SC) and Military Command (MC). These structures perform different functions and roles including provision of guidance and direction to NAS Leadership on strategic issues like working together with other opposition groups and making alliances.

5. NAS Leadership urges its members supporters to treat this proposal for the establishment of a united military force as an individual's opinion.

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