

Declaration of Unity between SPLM/SPLA and SNA/SAF

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Seventy-seven years after the 1924 Revolution led by Sudanese from the peripheries and center of our country and society joined together in a struggle for freedom, justice and unity; And, following a series of meetings in the liberated areas which crowned seven years of intricate but fruitful critical dialogue on national crisis and the pressing need to overcome the barriers that divide our nation along religious, ethnic, cultural and gender bases; The SPLM/SPLA and SNA/SAF have reached agreement on the following: -

a) Unification of the Two Movements into One Organization:-

- 1- The SPLM/SPLA and SNA/SAF are committed to the common political and ideological vision of a New Sudan.
- 2- Where as both movements share common political and ideological beliefs, it is in the national interest and in the interest of the struggle waged by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) that the two movements unify their political, organizational and military structures.
- 3- The historic decision to unite the two organizations is a true expression of the will and determination of our people to overcome the divisions of history, culture and religion which have hampered the development of our country, its security and its stability.
- 4- This historic step constitutes a continuation of the struggles for national formation and national liberation on democratic bases.
- 5- The two sides have agreed on an immediate political, organizational and military unification.
- 6- Joint Committees have been formed in order to unify political, organizational, military and administrative structures.

b) Agreement has been reached on the following issues:

- 1- System of Rule:** The SPLM & SNA affirm their absolute commitment to democratic pluralism, rule of law and respect for human rights.
- 2- The National Democratic Alliance (NDA):** Is the unifying body for the peoples of Sudan, and is the guarantor of national consensus and the future stability of Sudanese politics. Unity between the two movements is undertaken with an unwavering commitment to NDA institutions and charters and is meant to strengthen them and to solidify unity within its ranks.
- 3- Peaceful Settlement:** The SPLM and SNA are both committed to a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Sudan. Their unification is in accordance with this same principle and is based on their commitment to implementing peace initiatives on the basis of NDA resolutions.

4- Voluntary unity and Self-determination: The unity of the two movements creates favorable and conducive environment for voluntary unity of the country based on the right of self-determination.

5- Stability, Regional Cooperation and International Peace: This agreement is concluded at a time when the terrorist dictatorial regime of Khartoum continues to brutalize our country and to destabilize regional security and international peace. This agreement aims to make Sudan an anchor for regional and global stability and peace.

Finally: The historic agreement between the SPLM/SPLA and SNA/SAF enhances the struggles of our people for democracy, voluntary unity on new bases and the realization of a just peace and the building the New Sudan.

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