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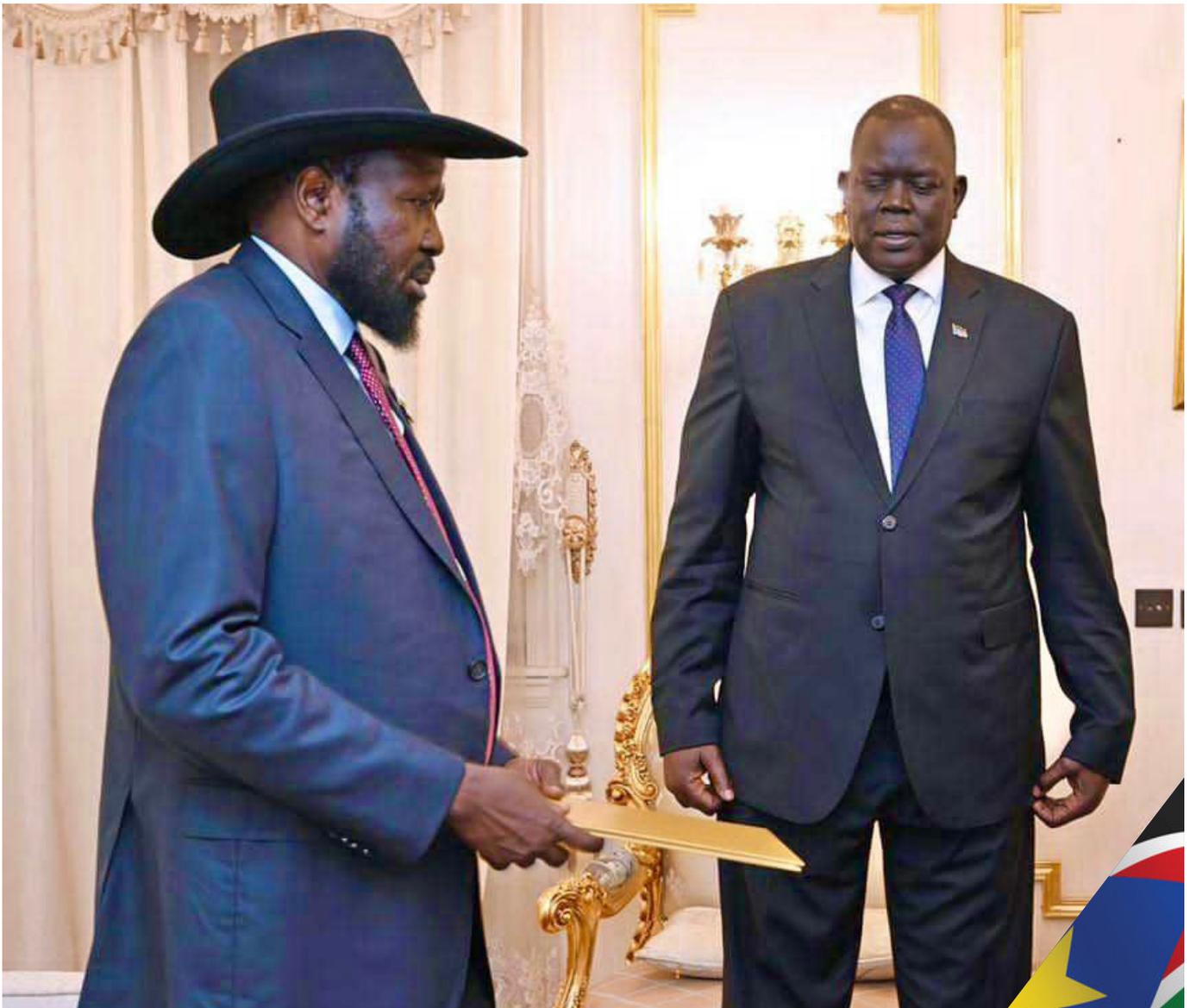
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National Anthem of the Republic of South Sudan

Oh God!

**We praise and glorify you
For your grace on South Sudan
Land of great abundance
Uphold us united in peace and harmony**

Oh motherland!

**We rise raising flag with the guiding star
And sing songs of freedom with joy,
For Justice, Liberty and Prosperity
Shall forevermore reign.**

Oh Great Patriots!

**Let us stand up in silence and respect
Saluting our Martyrs whose blood
Cemented our National foundation,
We vow to protect our Nation.**

Oh God, Bless South Sudan!



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"Esteemed citizens of South Sudan,

On this auspicious occasion of our country's Independence Day, let us come together as one nation, united in our pursuit of peace, progress, and prosperity. Today, we not only commemorate the hard-fought battles that led to our liberation but also to reflect on the journey that lies ahead. As we celebrate our independence, let us reaffirm our commitment to unity. Unity that transcends tribal and ethnic differences, binding us together in the common pursuit of a brighter future. Let us champion the principles of peace, reconciliation, and justice, as they form the bedrock of our society. May this day be a catalyst for renewed hope, unity, and progress. Together, let us march forward, hand in hand, towards a future where the dreams of our forefathers become a living reality.



Happy Independence Day, South Sudan!
God bless you all, and God bless our beloved nation."



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Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFA&IC).



I am pleased to welcome you all to the launch of the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan. Also, I am proud to present the diplomatic journal for the Ministry, both of which will play a crucial role in enhancing our diplomatic efforts and promoting transparency.

Under the theme “Creating an online presence for efficiency and professional service delivery to promote visibility regionally and internationally through Culture, Investment, and Tourism”.

As the young generation indulges more on the internet and through social networking sites, the Ministry recognizes that we need to capitalize on this. This is the way to connect with youths, women, men, families, and community groups within South Sudan and abroad.

This online platform will serve as a virtual gateway, providing a wealth of information about South Sudan’s foreign policies, diplomatic initiatives, investment opportunities, and international cooperation efforts. It will be a one-stop destination for diplomats, foreign missions, and international organizations to access up-to-date information about our nation’s diplomatic activities. Through this website, we aim to foster open communication, facilitate collaboration, and strengthen our diplomatic relations.

Secondly, I am pleased to introduce the diplomatic journal. This journal will serve as a platform for in-depth analysis, news, research, and commentary on various diplomatic issues. It will feature news articles about the ministry and its missions abroad, providing valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities in the field of international relations.

The journal will cover a wide range of topics, including diplomacy, international law. The diplomatic journal will also serve as a means to showcase South Sudan’s diplomatic achievements and initiatives. These two initiatives, the website and the diplomatic journal, are testaments to our government’s commitment to effective diplomacy, transparency, and international cooperation. They will serve as powerful tools to bridge the gap between nations, foster trust, and promote mutual understanding. We believe that by embracing modern technology and sharing knowledge, we can contribute to the socio-economic development of South Sudan and the world.

Thirdly, before I conclude, I would like to give a special thanks to our partners, especially the UNDP Resident Coordinator, for their continuous support of the development of the websites and support to the other branches of government.

On this occasion, I also wanted to thank the National Communication Authority (NCA) for providing the necessary information to the contracted company. Without their intervention, this day wouldn’t be possible. Thank you.

Not forgetting the entire staff of the department of Media and spokespersons in the Ministry for their tireless efforts to bring this together, both the website and the Diplomatic Journal, to reality.

Indeed, the department of Media is very important because it contributes to a better-informed public and helps promote the ministry’s objectives on a global scale. I urge you in the department to make use of the platform by regularly updating it with information that will also promote national interests, diplomatic relations, and the achievement of foreign policy goals.

In conclusion, the official launch of the website for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation marks a significant momentous in our nation’s diplomatic journey. I invite you all to explore the website and engage with the diplomatic journal, as we work together towards a brighter future for South Sudan and the world.

God bless you and God bless South Sudan
Thank you.

Hon. Mayen Wol Dut, Undersecretary, MFA&IC



On behalf of the entire leadership and the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, allow me to welcome you all to this event. I am profoundly honoured to stand before you today to announce the long-awaited inauguration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation's official website. This event is an important step towards strengthening our country's global reach and promoting effective dialogue with our international partners.

In this digital era, a robust online platform is crucial for any country's diplomatic endeavors. The website we are unveiling today seeks to provide transparent and convenient access to valuable information about our ministry's policies, activities, and collaborations.

One of the primary objectives of this website is to strengthen our engagement with foreign counterparts, Diplomatic Missions accredited to South Sudan, NGOs, and UN agencies operating in South Sudan and beyond our borders. We recognize the vital role this website will play, for example, in facilitating investment opportunities, humanitarian assistance, peacekeeping missions, and the coordination of development projects among South Sudan's public and private institutions. Through this platform, we aim to establish a seamless line of communication, enabling us to work together more effectively towards achieving our shared goals.

To illustrate the impact of this website, let me provide you with an example. Imagine a potential investor who is interested in exploring business opportunities in South Sudan. In the past, they would have had to rely on scattered information from various sources, making it difficult to assess the investment climate. However, with the launch of this website, they can now access comprehensive information about our country's economic policies, investment incentives, and regulatory frameworks.

Furthermore, the website will also serve as a gateway for our citizens to engage with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. It will provide them with the necessary tools to seek consular assistance, apply for visas, and stay informed about our missions abroad. Empowering our citizens with access to this information fosters a sense of belonging and strengthens the bond between the government and its people.

In conclusion, I would like to thank UNDP for their continuous support and I will also like to thank the Organizing Committee.

To the department of Media and spokespersons, please make use of this platform. It is my hope that this platform will not only strengthen our diplomatic relations but also contribute to the socio-economic development of South Sudan.

Thank you all for your attention.

Amb. Awad El Karim Erasto, Acting Director General for Administration and Finance, MFA&IC



Today, I am absolutely exhilarated to convey my utmost happiness and pleasure that finally the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan is launching its long awaited official website. This is an outstanding endeavour undertaken by the Department of the Media and Spokesperson Office. It is a commendable effort that will surely contribute massively in advancing the implementation of the core objectives of the Ministry in its striving to achieve the mandate in the following way:

The launch of the Ministry's website is a great achievement as this website will constitute an ideal opportunity to enable the Ministry to expose the country's abundant economic and natural resources that South Sudan possesses, as well as the infinite economic opportunities to the potential investors and development partners.

The website will also create a viable opportunity for the Ministry to actively link with its various missions and consulates worldwide and, to enable the Headquarters and the missions abroad to timely and instantly reflect the desired activities of the Ministry to the public at large. The website will also be very instrumental in catering for the interest of South Sudan's diasporas abroad as well as offering a constant window on how consulate and visas services are offered to general public.

I am absolutely thrilled today to know that with the launching of the official website, the Ministry has moved a step ahead in the direction of consolidating its mandate and solidifying its activities through instant exposure and constant interaction with its embassies. This is a creditable work and a real move towards the right direction.





INTRODUCTION TO THE DIPLOMATIC JOURNAL



Welcome to the first edition of the Diplomatic Journal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

The Diplomatic Journal plays a crucial role in the operations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of South Sudan. It serves as a platform for communication, information sharing, and documentation of diplomatic activities.

A quarterly version of the journal will be released, covering news from the Ministry, activities at South Sudan’s diplomatic missions overseas, and South Sudan’s foreign policy.

Firstly, the Diplomatic Journal helps in recording and documenting diplomatic events, meetings, and negotiations that take place between representatives of different countries. This allows for easy reference and analysis of past interactions, enabling diplomats to accurately assess and strategize future diplomatic initiatives.

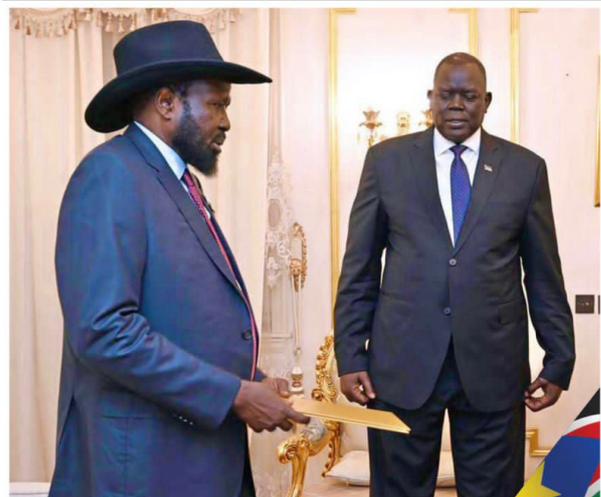
Furthermore, the journal provides a means for the Ministry to disseminate important information to its staff and external stakeholders. It may include updates on international relations, policy changes, and diplomatic protocols, helping diplomats stay

informed and up-to-date in their work.

The Diplomatic Journal also acts as a medium to showcase the achievements and initiatives undertaken by the Ministry. By highlighting successful diplomatic endeavours and partnerships, it enhances the public image of the Ministry and the nation as a whole.

Lastly, the journal fosters transparency and accountability. It serves as a record of diplomatic activities, providing insight into the decision-making processes and actions taken by the Ministry. This transparency helps build trust and credibility with both domestic and international audiences.

In conclusion, the Diplomatic Journal is of great importance to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. It serves as a comprehensive record of diplomatic engagements, a means of communication and information dissemination, a tool for showcasing achievements, and a source of transparency and accountability.



Diplomatic journal crucial MoFA&IC, ensuring record keeping, communication & showcase

MoFA&IC website essential for information sharing, diplomacy, consular services, global outreach



THE OFFICIAL LAUCHING OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFIARS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WEBSITE.



Our Foreign Policy

MoFA&IC's website is crucial for information dissemination, diplomacy, consular services, and global outreach.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation's website is extremely important in representing and promoting the goals and objectives of the ministry to a global audience. Here are some crucial details emphasising the significance of the website:

Dissemination of information: The website serves as the hub for delivering current and accurate information about the initiatives, activities, and policies of the ministry. It is a helpful resource for anybody looking for information on foreign affairs and issues involving international collaboration, including diplomats, officials, researchers, journalists, and the general public.

Public diplomacy: The ministry's website allows it to effectively convey its foreign policy aims, goals, and viewpoints to domestic and international stakeholders. It is a showcase for the country's diplomatic efforts, bilateral and multilateral interactions, and contributions to international

platforms.

Consular services: The website is critical in providing consular services to people living abroad, such as visa requirements, travel warnings, and embassy contact information.

It ensures that individuals have easy access to the essential information and support by facilitating the seamless operation of consular operations.

Diplomatic engagements: The website is used to promote diplomatic engagements and relationships with other countries and international organisations. It serves as a venue for the exchange of information about bilateral meetings, joint efforts, and collaborations, boosting dialogue and cooperation on a variety of mutually beneficial themes.

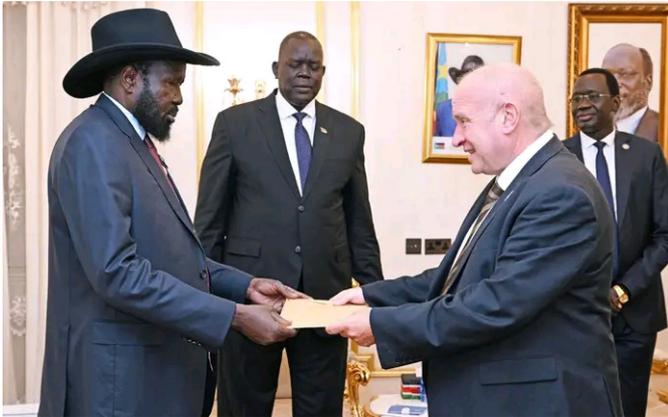
Global outreach: The website enables the ministry to reach a global audience, transcending geographical barriers. It enables the ministry to interact with international stakeholders such as foreign governments, diplomats, international organisations, and the general public, encouraging communication, understanding, and diplomacy.

Transparency and accountability:

The website fosters transparency by making official comments, speeches, press releases, and ministry reports available. It guarantees that the operations of the ministry are visible and accountable to both domestic and foreign audiences.

In conclusion, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation's website is an essential tool for information dissemination, public diplomacy, consular services, diplomatic engagements, global outreach, and transparency. It contributes to the ministry's mandate of furthering the country's foreign policy goals and developing international collaboration.

PRESIDENT KIIR RECEIVES LETTERS OF CREDENTIAL FROM AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO SOUTH SUDAN



President Salva Kiir Mayardit received letters of credential from 10 ambassadors designated to the Republic of South Sudan which was held in Juba, on 14th June 2023. The accredited ambassadors include one Resident ambassador and nine Non-resident ambassadors. The ambassadors accredited include;

1. United Kingdom ambassador to South Sudan, Amb. Guy Warrington
2. Austria Non-resident ambassador to South Sudan, Amb. Simone Knapp,
3. Poland Non-resident ambassador, Amb. Przemyslaw Bobak,
4. Czech Republic Non-resident ambassador, Amb. Miraslav Kosek,
5. Republic of South Korea Non-resident ambassador, Amb. Park Sung-Soo,
6. Denmark Non-resident ambassador, Amb. Kira Smith Sindjberg,

7. People's Republic of Philippines Non-resident ambassador, Amb. Marie Charlotte G. Tang
8. Kingdom of Morocco Non-resident ambassador, Amb. Abderrazak Laassel
9. Republic of Burundi Non-resident ambassador, Amb. Willy Nyamitew
10. Democratic People's Republic of Korea Non-resident ambassador, Amb. Sim Tong Guk

The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Deng Dau Malek said the government will deepen bilateral relations between South Sudan and their respective countries and provide them with the necessary support to run their embassies in Juba. The accredited Ambassadors expressed their commitment to work with South Sudan to promote mutual cooperation and to establish strategic relations, particularly in the areas of education, healthcare, agricultural sector, and humanitarian assistance.

South Sudan government is closely following the situation in the Republic of Sudan.



Hon. Deng Dau Deng, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, held a series of live streaming interviews with Aljazeera Broadcasting, BBC World Service, Eye Radio and the SSBC on the current situation in Sudan.

According to the Hon. Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the government of South Sudan will continue to engage with the Sudanese leaders to ensure that the dire humanitarian situation is addressed by opening humanitarian corridors.

Hon. Deng Dau said H.E. President Salva

Kiir Mayardit and the government are closely following the situation in the Republic of Sudan.

“We want to inform the public that the government has now made very clear plans on the situation of South Sudanese inside Khartoum and outside,” Deng Dau Deng, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the media..

The Acting Minister has also indicated that the South Sudan Embassy in Khartoum will not be closed, but that the Embassy will continue to operate in order to coordinate and update the leadership in South Sudan.



PRESIDENT KIIR REMAINS COMMITTED TO PEACE IN SUDAN

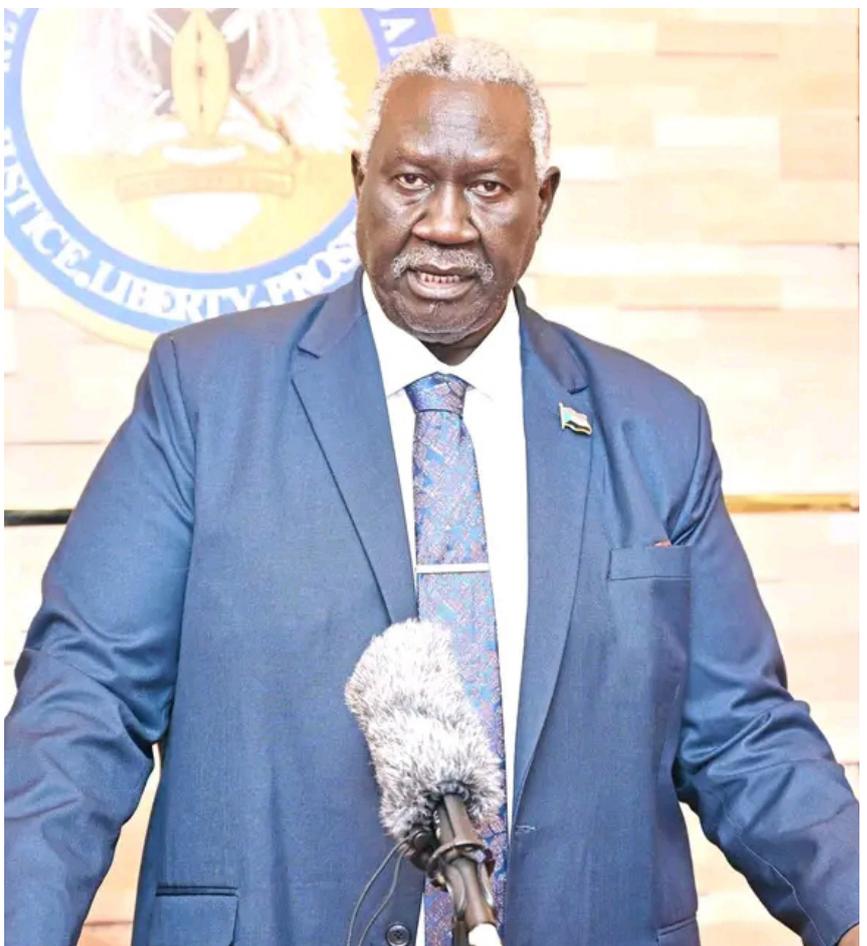
President Kiir has reiterated his commitment to the restoration of peace and stability in Sudan.

President Kiir on 26 June, 2023 spoke in a meeting with the Deputy Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council Malik Agar Eyre in Juba.

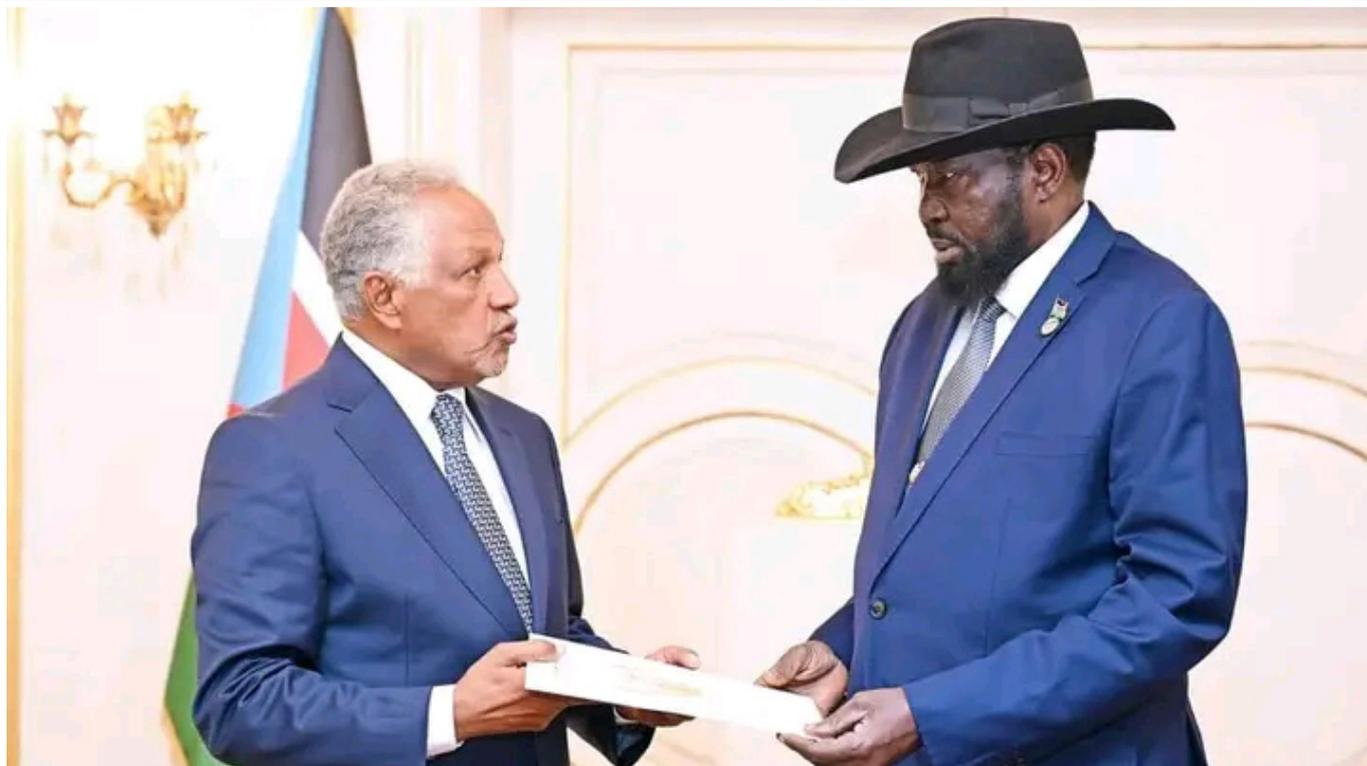
Agar briefed President Kiir on the latest Situation in Sudan and his recent visits to the neighbouring countries, which are affected by the Sudanese crisis.

Presidential Advisor on National Security Affairs Tut Gatluak Manime says President Kiir is closely following the situation in Sudan.

Tut said President Kiir is continuously engaging the warring Sudanese leaders to end the conflict by embracing dialogue as the viable means to settle their differences.



Dafallah al-Haj, Sudan's Special Envoy delivered President Abdel Fattah al-Burhan's message to H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit.



The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, attended the meeting at the President's office. The current talks in Jeddah, supported by the United States, according to Ambassador Al-Haj, are solely humanitarian in nature and will not compromise the IGAD-led process. Sudan has full confidence in President Kiir's abilities to mediate the Sudanese problem.

General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan's representative, Ambassador Dafalla, added that Juba is still the ideal location for the Sudanese peace negotiations because it is so beloved by the Sudanese people. President Salva Kiir has the entire support of Sudan, according to the ambassador.

Acting Foreign Affairs Minister Deng Dau Malek said the envoy provided the president a briefing on the situation in Sudan and outlined how the Sudanese government is approaching the issue and plans to address it.

"The president thank Gen. Abdul Fattah al-Burhan for having responded to his request of sending

people to Juba but also for sending face-to-face pre-negotiation on what is happening in Jeddah and respecting the cessation of hostilities the president has asked for on May 4th to May 11th", Deng said.

The Acting Minister stated that on April 15 and 16, when the heads of state and government of IGAD met virtually and nominated President Kiir to lead the delegation to Khartoum as the fulfilment of the IGAD mandate to end the war in Sudan, the president briefed and informed the special envoy on the actions that had been taken. "President Burhan and Hemeti, if they are ready, President Kiir is going to receive their representatives. The current talks in Jeddah are limited to pre-negotiation and humanitarian purposes, not the political settlement. We still have a long way to go. Our interest is stability in Sudan", Acting Minister Deng stressed.

According to minister Deng, the president has cautioned anyone who wish to meddle in Sudan's domestic affairs. Only an internal solution can fix Sudan's current problems.

JAPAN LAUDS PRESIDENT KIIR'S EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACE IN SUDAN

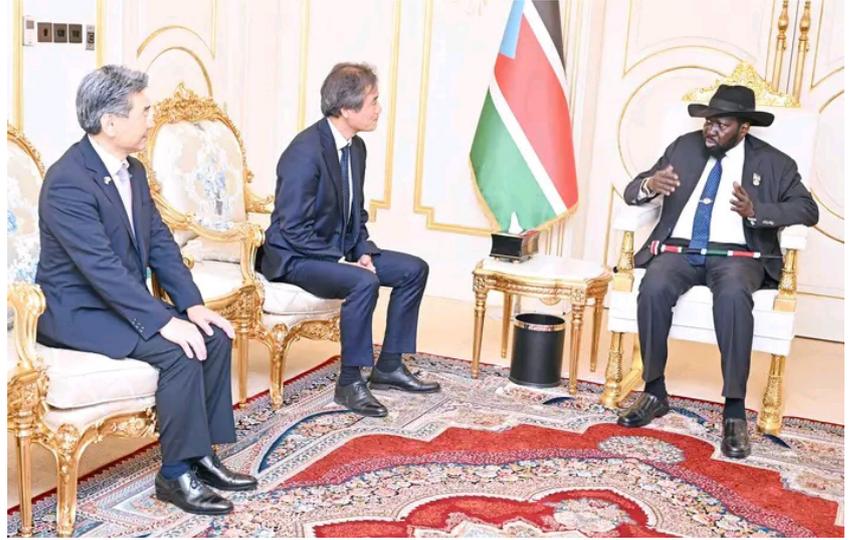
The Japanese government has conveyed support to the IGAD peace process in Sudan headed by President Salva Kiir Mayardit. This comes as Prime Minister Fumio Kishida Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Shumizu Shinsuke, met President Kiir in Juba on the 12 May 2023.

Speaking in a joint media briefing Ambassador Shinsuke says he consulted with President Kiir on the conflict in Sudan, where Japan called for strict observance of ceasefire and allowing humanitarian assistance to reach the civilians trapped by conflict.

The Envoy said the Japanese government has confidence on President Kiir's mediation efforts in Sudan and pledged to coordinate humanitarian aid to the affected population.

South Sudan's Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Deng Dau Deng said President Kiir has assured the Japanese Envoy of his commitment towards restoration of peace in the Sudan. Minister Deng said President Kiir has been on constant talks with the two warring Generals in Khartoum to cease fire and come to the negotiating table.

The two parties in their prenegotiation signed a declaration of commitment to protect civilians and lay ground for humanitarian assistance to resume in Sudan.



South Sudan has paid four million US dollars in arrears to IGAD

On 7 June 2023, The government of the Republic of South Sudan has paid a total of four million US dollars in arrears to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), according to Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

“I would like to thank H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit for clearing the arrears and paying contribution fees to IGAD. H.E. the president directed the Minister of Finance and Planning to pay 4 million United States dollars, which is 50 percent of the outstanding contribution and fee from IGAD. This is good news”, Hon. Deng announced upon arrival in Juba.

The Acting Minister stated that he spoke with the IGAD executive director and confirmed that the funds had been received.

“We will continue to endeavor to get money and pay our subscriptions to those other international and regional organizations,” he added.

On his part, Dr. Aleu Garang, Head of IGAD’s Mission to the Republic of South Sudan, has acknowledged the receipt of South Sudan’s payment to IGAD. He thanks H.E. the President Salva Kiir Mayardit and the Acting Minister of Foreign



Affairs, Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, for having facilitated the payment, as he has taken it as a priority.

“This afternoon, I have received a cheque and a wire transfer proof of some parts of South Sudan’s arrears to IGAD. This amount is important because it comes at a time when all member states don’t have outstanding arrears, except South Sudan. To see South Sudan taking a step forward and clearing some of its arrears is an indication that it is taking its membership in the region seriously”, said Dr. Aleu Garang, Head of the IGAD office, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs representative from the Department of Regional Organization during the handover of the cheque in Juba on Tuesday.

Acting Foreign Minister discussed the outcome of the recent conference held in Addis Abeba on the sustainable use of Nile water resources.



The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, met with H.E. Ambassador Nebil Mahdi Abdullahi, Head of Mission to South Sudan, and discussed the outcome of the recent conference held on 26 June, 2023 in Addis Abeba on the sustainable use of Nile water resources.

The Acting Minister said the meeting also focused on the significance of implementing the recently signed road project between South Sudan and Ethiopia.

“We discussed the issue related to the recent conference in Ethiopia and the importance of Nile Basin countries focusing on sustainable usage of Nile water resources. We also discussed the importance of the implementation of the road project signed recently between South Sudan and Ethiopia”, said Hon. Deng.

According to Ambassador Nebil, the meeting also discussed bilateral relations as well as a new telecommunications company, cost of communication once it is launched.

South Sudan officially admitted to Non-Aligned Movement membership: Acting Minister Deng



Baku, Azerbaijan, 5 July, 2023 (MFA&IC) Hon. Deng Dau Deng, the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, said South Sudan was officially admitted to the membership of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) during the ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement's coordinating bureau. "South Sudan was officially admitted to the membership of the Non-Aligned Movement. I was given an opportunity to address the august gathering on behalf of the Republic of South Sudan", said Hon. Deng Dau Deng, Acting Minister, on Wednesday. The Non-Aligned Movement is the world's second-largest organisation, after the United Nations. The membership has grown to 120 countries, including 53 African countries that represent the interests and ambitions of developing countries. South Sudan's admission to the NAM represents an opportunity to strengthen diplomatic ties with other member states, potentially leading to increased

trade, investment, and development opportunities. It also gives South Sudan a global platform to express concerns and interests, particularly on issues of peace and security, development, and human rights.

On the sidelines, Hon. Deng met with Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister and held a series of discussions with him. He stated that they discussed a wide spectrum of bilateral relations between South Sudan and Azerbaijan, as well as the situation in the Republic of Sudan. "I also met the state minister of Qatar's Foreign Affairs. We discussed issues of bilateral relations and the situation in Sudan. I also met the Foreign Minister of Malaysia. We discussed issues of common interest and the situation of our students under the scholarship of Patrons and those with self-sponsorship. We discussed the conditions facing our students in Malaysia", he added.

Undersecretary Mayen Dut Wol emphasizes South Sudan's commitment to peace, science, and technology in Vienna, Austria conference



The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Mayen Dut Wol, said South Sudan is committed to regional and international peace through the use of Science and Technology during a conference in Vienna, Austria. South Sudan's commitment, like that of other African countries' governments, recognises the critical role of science and technology as universal enablers for addressing peace and security, poverty and inequalities, health, environmental conservation, climate change impact, digitalization, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Hon. Mayen informed the gathering during his speech, the recent accession of South Sudan to the Biological Weapons Convention on February 15, 2023, is a manifestation of the South Sudan government's commitment to maintaining and promoting peace and security in the region and also at the global level.

The High Level Opening of the Conference this year witnessed opening remarks from CTBTO Executive Secretary, Dr. Robert Floyd, where in he reiterated the power of togetherness and roused the international community to come together to reinforce the norm against nuclear tests and to engender international peace and security.

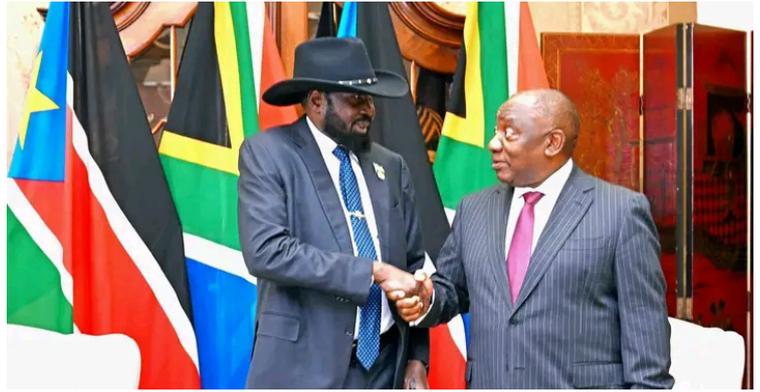
The Science and Technology Conferences are a

major platform through which the organization tests the scientific and technological basis of its work, especially the verification regime comprising 337 Stations monitoring the world for nuclear test explosions.

Other keynote speakers include Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, United Nations UnderSecretary General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, who delivered a statement on behalf of UN Secretary General Mr. Antonio Guterres, Mr. Rafael Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); H.E. Abshir Omar Jama, Foreign Minister of Somalia; and Ms. Jil Hruby, Undersecretary of Energy for the Nuclear Security Administration of the United States.



PRESIDENT KIIR'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA



President Kiir left Juba on a working visit to South Africa, where he will meet his counterpart President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The meeting which on 27th June 2023 was centre on strengthening bilateral relations between Juba and Pretoria.

Speaking to journalists at Juba International Airport prior to President's departure, the Minister of Presidential Affairs Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin said the leaders will also delve into the implementation of the revitalized peace agreement.

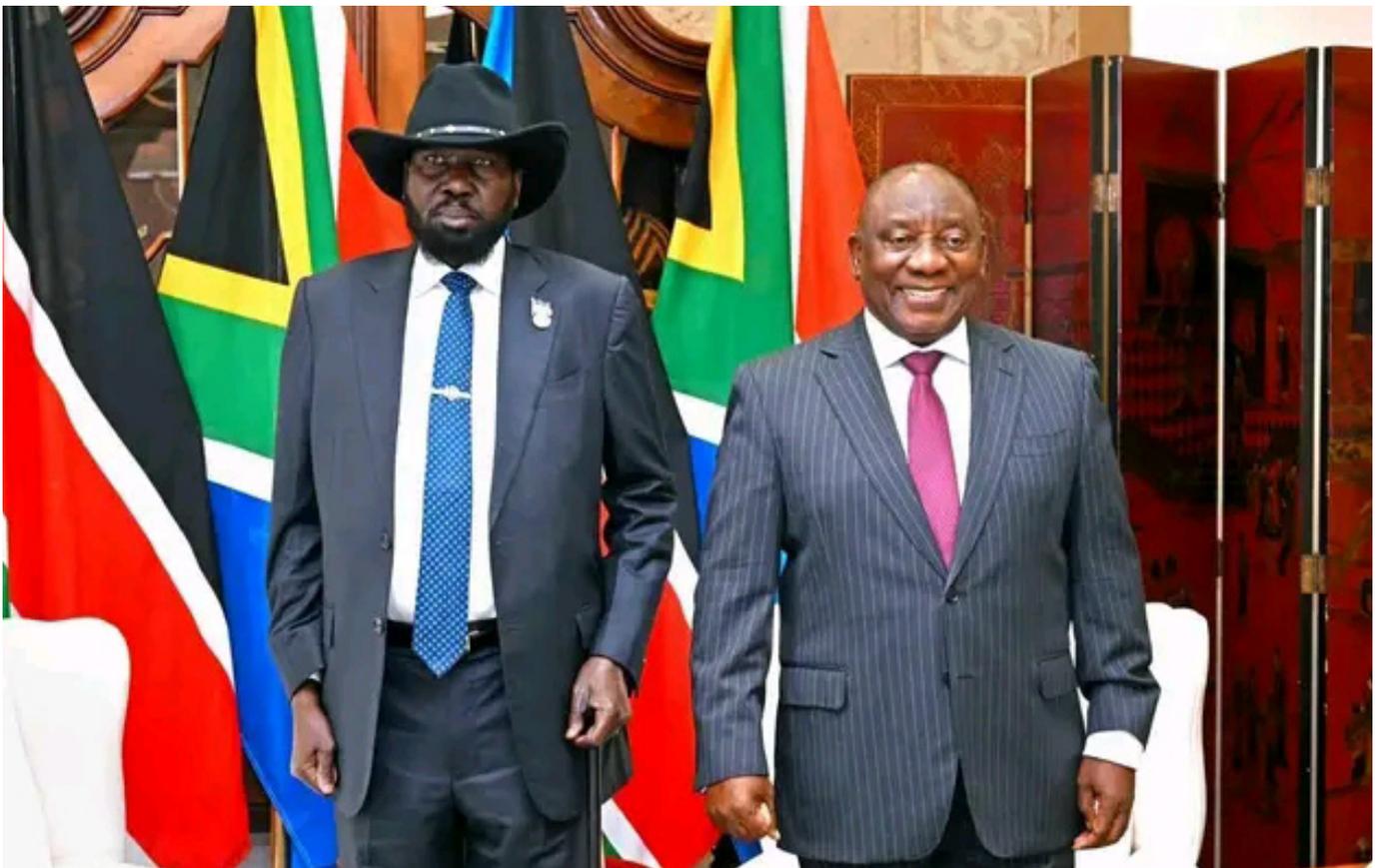
Dr. Marial added that President Kiir and his South African counterpart Cyril

Ramaphosa discussed the crisis in Sudan and regional issues.

The Minister said President Kiir and Ramaphosa also discussed areas of mutual cooperation between SPLM and South African ruling ANC party.

During his stay, President Kiir met with other key South African officials and business leaders to promote trade and investment between the two nations.

South Sudan looks forward to bolstering its long-standing relationship with South Africa and enhance collaborations towards achieving sustainable peace and development.



South Sudan's Permanent Representative to UN Office at Geneva presented credentials to Director-General Tatiana Valovaya

(MoFA&IC) Ambassador Alier Deng Ruai Deng, the new Permanent Representative of South Sudan to the United Nations Office at Geneva, presented his credentials on 15 June, 2023 to Tatiana Valovaya, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Deng, a career diplomat, has held various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Director-General of Multilateral Relations and Undersecretary of the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs from May 2015 to May 2019. He also served as an advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of South Sudan from September 2019 to February 2021. Amb. Deng worked, before the independence of South Sudan, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sudan from 1982 to 2011. He was Sudan's Ambassador to Italy from September 2008 to March 2011. He has a Bachelor of Law from the University of Khartoum (1981).



Bilateral relations between South Sudan & Kuwait

Since the early 1970s, the Republic of South Sudan has had significant bilateral relations with the State of Kuwait.

His Excellency Ambassador Joseph Dut had a lengthy, fruitful, and cordial discussion with His Excellency Ambassador Al Tunaib on bilateral ties and development collaboration between the two sisterly countries.

His Excellency Ambassador Al Tunaib expressed his willingness to assist the Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan in carrying out its duties in the State of Kuwait whenever that assistance is required.



South Sudan honors UN Peacekeepers Day



(MFA&IC): Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, joined the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in marking UN Peacekeepers Day on Monday at the United Nations Mission Compound in Juba.

On 29 May, 2023, The Acting Minister, alongside the special representative of the secretary general, Nicola Heysom, inspected an honor guard made up of peacekeepers from different countries serving under Mission in South Sudan during the event today.

Hon. Deng reaffirmed the government's commitment to removing all restrictions and hurdles in the course of carrying out their mandate. He stated that the government had taken decisive measures to condemn and arrest the culprits, who were in some way halting UN food deliveries. "May I take this opportunity to convey and extend a message of congratulations from H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit, the government, and people of South Sudan to this gracious function of celebrating UN peacekeeping day. My government honors all the men and women who have left their families, homes, and beloved countries to serve humanity worldwide, including my country, South Sudan", Hon. Deng Dau Deng, Acting Minister, said during his keynote speech. He pointed out that the government counts on a

partner like UNMISS and other UN families to continue helping crucial areas like the constitution-making process and support the free, fair, credible, and transparent elections in the field of peace implementation.

Hon. Deng acknowledges UNMISS's sacrifice and contribution to peace in South Sudan. He urges them to continue to be peace champions through their hard work everyday. He noted that South Sudan has joined the rest of our regional protection force for peacekeeping tasks in eastern DRC.

The secretary-general's special representative, Nicola Heysom, says that helping South Sudan advance political solutions at the national and subnational levels is UNMISS's top priority in order to help the country achieve the lasting peace, development, stability, and democracy that South Sudanese have outlined in the peace Agreement. Heysom highlighted that UNMISS sees 2023 as a crucial year for the country to carry out its strategy for implementing the promises made in the Peace Agreement. He asserts that UNMISS will assist in these constitutional-making efforts and election-related preparations in order to ensure a peaceful transition.



World Food Programme (WFP) Regional Director for Eastern Africa, discussed the general humanitarian situation in South Sudan & Sudan.



18 May, 2023 (MoFA&IC) Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received Mr. Michael Dunford, World Food Programme (WFP) Regional Director for Eastern Africa, in his office and discussed the general humanitarian situation as well as WFP support for South Sudan.

Minister Deng appreciated the WFP regional director's generosity in visiting Renk and Jonglei to examine the humanitarian situation as well as the effects of floods in Jonglei.

He emphasized to the WFP director the necessity for additional funding to address the humanitarian situation of people fleeing the fighting in Sudan. The minister reaffirmed the commitment of the government to continue working with WFP.

Mr. Michael Dunford, WFP Regional Director for Eastern Africa, said that the main discussion focused on the implications of the Sudan conflict and WFP's ability to respond to the returnees and refugees.

Michael said that WFP was having some financial limitations, and therefore, they are challenged to respond beyond what they are doing right now.

He said they also discussed the operations of WFP in the country with regard to the security of humanitarian work.

He further added that WFP has established a presence in Renk and is helping all refugees coming from Sudan, as they will further examine WFP's capacity to address the situation.

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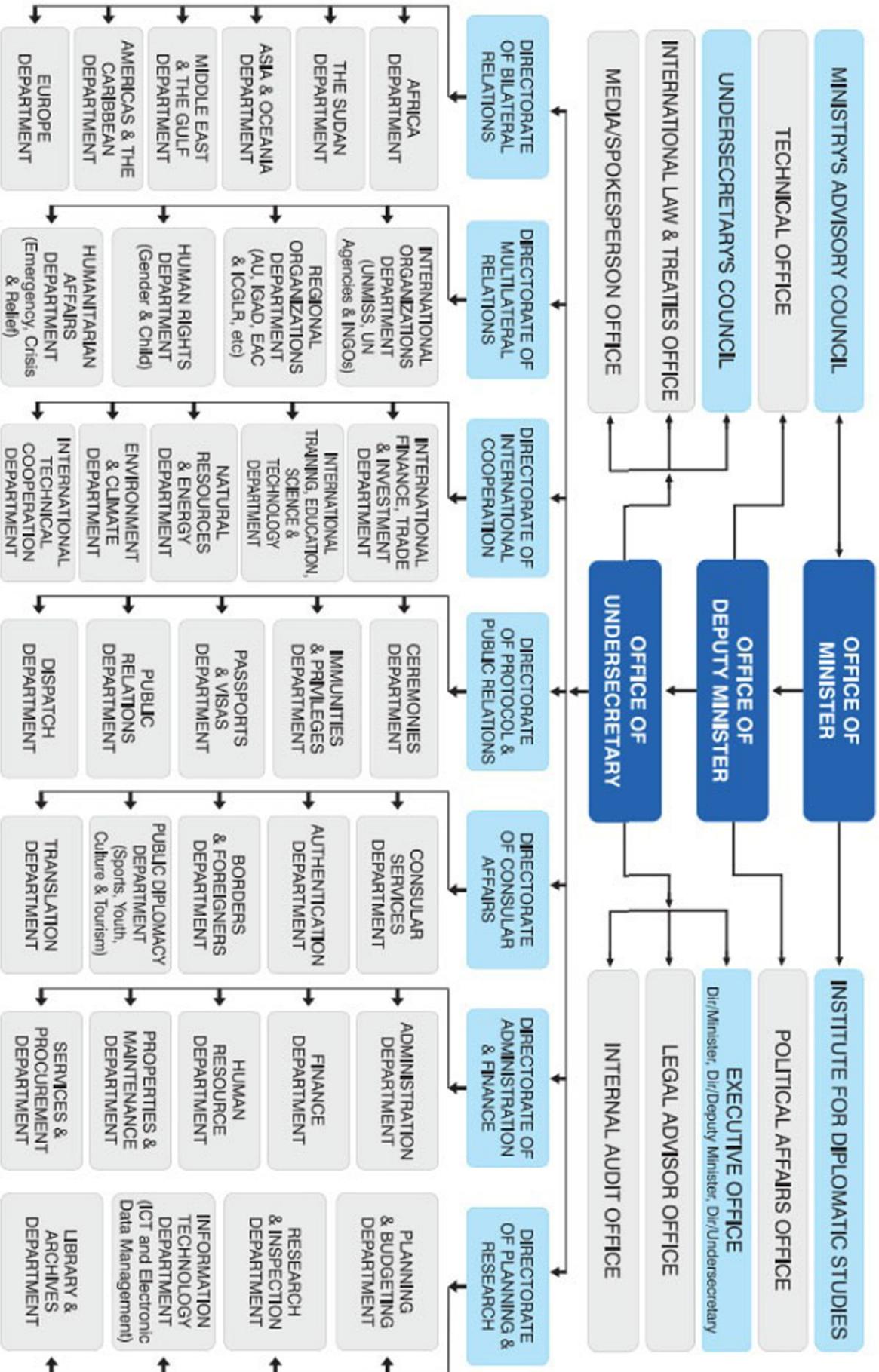
stated that the government's request for former top officials to hand over their diplomatic passports to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation was received positively. Last week on 8 June 2023, Hon. Deng addressed to the Council of Ministers about the need for strict enforcement of the laws regulating the issuing of official, special, and diplomatic passports. Obtaining and using diplomatic, special, and official passports in the Republic of South Sudan has turned into a launching matter, he continued.

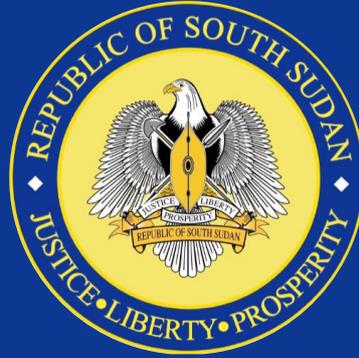
"I would like to inform the public that today I have received some passports from senior former officials. This is good spirit, and I urge others to do the same," the Acting Minister said. Hon. Deng continues to request that anyone in possession of these passports unlawfully, including former officials, respect the regulations and hand them in to the Directorate of Immigration and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.





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