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Article 35 on South Sudan

Developments in South Sudan Conflict: Bravo GRSS and SPLM/A-IO

Our Articles 1 to 3 and 5 to 34 were situation analyses of the conflict in South Sudan. Our articles 4 (A), 4 (B) and 4 (C) were the first of our series on “Who is Who”. This article 35 is dedicated to the shattering slap on the face to IGAD Mediation by both the GRSS and the SPLM/A-IO by by-passing Mediation and meeting on their own as Primary Stakeholders.

More shame

Leaders of the IGAD are due to meet in Addis to decide on what specific measures should be taken against South Sudan’s rival factions. Why? While the two parties to the conflict are already taking without the mediators. What else do you want? Is “assembly” and “threats” all that you have in your kitty?

The “punitive” culture is not in the usual practice of Africans. Reparations and reducing harm is the norm. From where do you fellows really come?

Why does this small regional organization (IGAD) wishes and dreams of becoming like ECOWAS or the UN of the EU? Why do you want to emulate, blindly, those organizations before making a “reality check” about your size, significance and capacity?

Why are you, always, so impulsive and leaning towards the easiest but more destructive road when it comes to South Sudan?

To add insult to injury, Uganda was in the meeting with Djibouti, Kenya and Ethiopia in Washington DC. At the same time of the meeting, Uganda was increasing its forces on the side of the GRSS.

Bravo (with a capital B) GRSS and the SPLM/A-IO

Right under the nose, eyes and ears of the IGAD mediation of the three Political Envoys;
And in brave and legitimate disregard to them and their arrogance and ignorance of the rules of the game of mediation
And Under the auspices of the “Security and Humanitarian Sub-committee”

The two parties met face to face and talked for a whole day about the priority issue of the two on the table and that is cementing the cease fire. Bravo! The small parties’ representatives, CSO and the group 9 were not there. Only now, the process may firm up.

That is the weirdest snub to a mediation panel!

That is the way to tell the trio that they work for you and you can choose to by-pass them. That is the way to sit in the driver seat and assert your rights.

With any residual dignity left, the trio should resign. The culture of resignation due to failure is, regrettably, not in the books of Africans

What puzzles us is: Where does the IGAD Executive body stand from all this? Why are they silent?

What made us wonder is Mr. Mabior Garang's call to the various stakeholders to "...Pressure the IGAD Mediators to "allow" the direct negotiations...." My dear Mabior: You do not ask third parties to "pressure" forth party staff that are hired to help you to "allow" you and the GRSS to exercise your legitimate rights.

You demand Man!

We wish if your father was alive!!

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