



*March 8<sup>th</sup> 2017*

**An Open Letter to:**

All Citizens of South Sudan in the Garrison towns of the Kiir Regime!  
All the gallant men and women actively resisting the regime!  
All Citizens in IDP and Protection Camps!  
All Citizens scattered abroad in refugee Camps or in the Diaspora!  
All citizens, wounded or lying helpless sick all over South Sudan!  
All students at all levels – primary, secondary, university; and to  
All Citizens of all political shades!  
All hard-working farmers, fishermen, cattle-herders; men and women of South Sudan!

Dear Compatriots,

Revolutionary greetings to all of you wherever fate finds you at present! I write to you, to let you know from the bottom of my heart, that the repetitive wars for mere political power are over. I do not need to inform you that our history has been nothing but one of conflict. Most of you agree with me that we had sacrificed ourselves for all these years for our freedom and dignity. From the moment we were in charge of our own affairs after the CPA in 2005, some of us began to realize that we fought for the individual benefit of the few; but we endured due to our high hopes that our lives would dramatically change for the better after independence (2011).

Our hopes were dashed almost immediately after independence when we realized that our needs and aspirations were not being addressed due to a phenomenal new level of greed and selfish leadership that we never thought possible. Furthermore, public service employment and political appointments without merit proved that the management of our public affairs were not in capable hands. We have sadly observed extremely intense and bloody fratricidal confrontations since 2013 with gross and massive abuses of human rights – all having their origins in the struggle for power. Many citizens are now convinced that this is a war that pits mainly two people who have divided us along ethnic lines to

capture or to retain their imagined rightful place in the leadership of the Republic of South Sudan. The Jieng Council of Elders (JCE) has not felt embarrassed to openly pursue an ethnic agenda that cast the vast majority of the Jieng sub-nation in an unfair light. We categorically state here that all the peoples of South Sudan are not only innocent but are also unfairly portrayed in any conflict that focuses on leadership.

We who have established the National Salvation Front do so with no other intent than to rid the people of the Republic of South Sudan of the monster that has been created in Juba to suck our blood and destroy our lives – not even giving the respect that the dead deserve. The citizens of South Sudan, after years of untold suffering, hunger, lack of medical services, and utter contempt for their most sacred human rights, deserve to have a political, social, and economic environment completely purified; one that satisfies their yearning for Good Governance through a truly federal and democratic system that treats all citizens as equal before the laws of the land. Towards this end and only this end, we dedicate ourselves to ensure that our citizens and generations to come enjoy their God-given rights in a new political dispensation that allows each and everyone to realize their expectations through the creation of a fast developing modern nation.

I am especially appealing to all those who, thus far, have fought as unrelated groups all aiming at toppling Kiir's regime or in self-defence to acknowledge our common objective. We extend our hand of friendship and cooperation, united as a people that are bonded by a common fate. After we have rid ourselves of violent power struggles, and have created a level playing field for all, any citizen, young or old, man or woman, rich or poor, shall have their God-given right to stand for any public office under the organically democratic Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan.

I solemnly pledge to you that cleansing our house and setting its affairs in order, and only this, shall be our core mission! Together we shall succeed to become the contented, happy, and glorious nation that we dream of, so help us God!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Gen. Thomas Cirillo Swaka  
Chairman and Commander-in-Chief