



**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN**  
**Ministry of Presidential Affairs**  
**The Minister**

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**TO:**

1. The Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), SSPDF
2. The Inspector General of Police (IGP), National Police Service
3. The Director General, ISB & GIB, National Security Service (NSS)
4. The Director General, National Prisons Service
5. The Director General, National Wildlife Service
6. The Commissioner, National Civil Defence Service

**FROM: Minister of Presidential Affairs**

**DATE: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**SUBJECT: DIRECTIVE ON THE PROTECTION OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND  
REGULATION OF OFFICER/S CONDUCT ON DIGITAL PLATFORMS**

**1. PURPOSE**

This Circular issues a formal directive from His Excellency, the President of the Republic, Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of the SSPDF and Supreme Commander of all Regular Forces, ordering the immediate cessation of the unauthorized sharing of official documents and the regulation of officer behavior on social media and digital platforms.

These measures are vital to protect the sanctity of the Presidential Signature and to restore institutional discipline across all organized forces.

## **2. SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

The provisions in this Circular apply to every officer—both commissioned and non-commissioned—within the South Sudan People's Defence Forces (SSPDF), the South Sudan National Police Service (SSNPS), the National Security Service (NSS), and all other organized forces of the Republic.

## **3. PROHIBITION ON DISSEMINATION OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**

Effective immediately, it is strictly forbidden to photograph, scan, or post any official document bearing the Signature of the President and Commander-in-Chief on the Internet, social media (including WhatsApp, Facebook, X), or any other public domain. This prohibition includes, but not limited to, Presidential Decrees for promotions, commissioning of Officers and operational assignment orders.

## **4. REGULATION OF SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT (UNIFORMS AND PROMOTIONS)**

It has been noted with grave concern that a trend has emerged where newly promoted officers immediately adorn their uniforms and rank insignia for the sole purpose of vanity displays on social media. Such behavior subjects professional military transitions to public debate and institutional disrespect. To curb this unprofessional behavior, the following regulations are hereby instituted:

4.1 Cessation of Public Displays: The practice of posting images in uniform to celebrate promotions on social media is hereby forbidden and must stop immediately.

4.2 Maintenance of Institutional Decorum: All officers are reminded that the uniform represents national service and state authority; it is not a tool for personal social media engagement or public commentary. Every officer must remember that the uniform represents national service and state authority; therefore, it must not be used as a tool for personal social media engagement, vanity displays, or unauthorized public commentary on executive matters.

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4.3 Public Commentary: All officers are strictly prevented from making any comments, statements, or expressions of opinion regarding decisions made by the President and Commander-in-Chief while in uniform or while identifying as members of the organized forces, in line with Republican Order No. 27/2021, dated 31<sup>st</sup>, December 2021.

## 5. MANDATORY PROCEDURE FOR DOCUMENT HANDLING

To guarantee the security of executive communications, the following steps must be followed without exception:

5.1 **Confidential Delivery:** All Presidential Decrees or Orders shall be delivered directly and exclusively to the CDF, IGP, or the respective Head of the Security Service. These documents are for internal official records only.

5.2 **Internal Implementation:** The Heads of Organized Forces shall execute changes or promotions only through internal departmental channels. The original document bearing the Presidential Signature must never be circulated outside of authorized administrative offices.

### 5.3 Access to Presidential Decree Control

Access to Presidential Decrees or Orders must be restricted based on "Need-to-know" principle. Only authorized personnel shall have access to Presidential Decrees or Orders.

5.4 **Consolidated Compliance Report:** Upon the conclusion of any promotion or assignment exercise, the respective Head of Service must submit a formal Consolidated Compliance Report to the Office of the President within 48 hours (2 days).

## 6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND ENFORCEMENT

The unauthorized posting of official communications and the unprofessional display of uniforms on digital platforms are classified as serious violations of military and security discipline. Any breach of this directive shall be dealt with in accordance with the relevant statutory laws. Heavy penalties shall be imposed on violators, which may include:

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6.1 Stripping of rank for any officer found displaying their promotion or rank insignia on social media.


6.2 Dismissal from service.

6.3 Prosecution under the SSPDF Act, the Police Act, or National Security laws governing the disclosure of sensitive information and officer conduct.

## 7. COMPLIANCE

This directive takes effect immediately. The CDF, IGP, and all Heads of Security Services are personally mandated to ensure strict adherence to this order across all ranks within their commands.

Issued Under My Hand in Juba this ..... Day of January, in the year 2026.

  
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Minister of Presidential Affairs  
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