



# United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

Media & Spokesperson Unit  
Communications & Public Information Office

## MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

### MORNING MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2014

#### NATIONAL NEWS

- South Sudanese president signs Broadcast Bill into law (*Sudantribune.com*)
- South Sudanese minister warns against pro-rebel reporting (*Sudantribune.com*)
- We do not know how the donors' funds were used - minister (*Al-Mougif in Arabic*)
- Leader of the Minority in parliament calls for an audit of the central bank (*Radio Miraya News*)
- WFP begins South Sudan food airdrops (*The Daily Monitor*)
- Unity State youth want governor excluded from 2015 elections (*Sudantribune.com*)
- South Sudan Radio in Malakal off-air after looting (*Radio Miraya News*)

#### REGIONAL NEWS

- South Sudan Presidential spokesperson hails regional bloc (*VoA News*)
- North Darfur, UNAMID ban travel of peacekeepers to Ebola affected countries (*Sudantribune.com*)

*NOTE: Reproduction here does not mean that the UNMISS Communications & Public Information Office can vouch for the accuracy or veracity of the contents, nor does this report reflect the views of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan. Furthermore, international copyright exists on some materials and this summary should not be disseminated beyond the intended list of recipients.*

# Highlights

---

## NATIONAL NEWS

### **South Sudanese president signs Broadcast Bill into law**

*Sudantribune.com Juba, 08/09/14* - South Sudan's president, Salva Kiir, has finally signed into law the Broadcast Bill, ending the long wait after it was amended by the country's lawmakers.

"The president has signed into law [the] Broadcasting Bill. The other bills will be signed tomorrow at 10:00 am," presidential spokesperson, Ateny Wek Ateny, told *Sudan Tribune* on Monday.

Under the new law, all broadcasting stations will be required to meet set requirements in order to obtain mandatory accreditation from the government appointed commission.

Working without accreditation, the law says, could attract fines or imprisonment.

Observers and analysts also wondered why the head of the media commission was to be appointed by the president on recommendation from the information minister and not parliament.

There have also been several calls by media practitioners for the independence of the yet to be established media commission. (*Ctrl + Click for more on the story*)

### **South Sudanese minister warns against pro-rebel reporting**

*Sudantribune.com Juba, 08/09/14* - The government will take punitive measures against journalists giving rebels a voice in South Sudan, information minister, Michael Makuei Lueth said Sunday.

"You are actually disseminating material of the enemy. When you are disseminating material of the rebels in the country, you are actually agitating the people against the government and that has not been happening all over the world," the minister said.

Minister Makuei said the Catholic-owned *Bakhita Radio* station will only be opened after security agents have completely concluded the ongoing investigations in to the matter.

"This time we will take you [journalists] to the court so that the rest of your colleague will know that you have committed an offence [and] you must be punished according to the law," remarked the minister.

"The government should tell us what objective writing is or else it is not committed to freedom of press and expression," said one journalist who preferred anonymity. (*Ctrl + Click for more on the story*)

### **We do not know how the donors' funds were used - minister**

*Al-Mougif Juba, 09/09/14* - The Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, Awut Deng, has expressed dissatisfaction over the activities or the UN agencies in the country, especially those operating in the humanitarian field.

In a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation yesterday, Ms. Deng underlined the need to hold discussions with these agencies on their conduct of humanitarian operations and also on the reports they write on South Sudan.

She further pointed out that 71% of the \$618 million donor funds pledged at the Oslo conference have been used and the government has no idea how these funds were used while IDPs continue suffering in the three states affected by the conflict. *(For more on the story, request a full translation of the article from UNMISS PIO)*

### **Leader of the minority in parliament calls for an audit of the central bank**

*Radio Miraya Juba, 08/09/14* - The Leader of the Minority in the National Legislative Assembly, Adigo Onyoti, is calling for an audit on the Central Bank of South Sudan.

Onyoti made the call as MPs discussed a motion on the impact of the official currency exchange rates operating alongside the black market rate. *(Tune in to Radio Miraya at 101fm or log on to [www.unmiss.unmissions.org](http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org) for more)*

### **WFP begins South Sudan food airdrops**

*Daily Monitor Entebbe, 09/09/14* - The World Food Programme (WFP) has started airdropping food supplies to remote locations of South Sudan to feed some 2.9 million people that have been isolated by insecurity and bad weather-rainy season.

The UN agency said yesterday the government had granted it permission to use Entebbe Airport as base to load the food relief aid to the country, which will take about two months.

WFP country director Alice-Martin Daihirou said they are using all avenues - land, air and water - to deliver food aid to people isolated by the conflict and are facing intense hunger.

“While WFP’s team here in Uganda is providing this critical logistical support to our colleagues in South Sudan, we are also assisting a growing number of South Sudanese refugees, currently totaling about 119,000 people,” she said. *(Ctrl + Click for more on the story)*

### **Unity State youth want governor excluded from elections**

*Sudantribune.com Juba, 08/09/14* - Youth from South Sudan’s Unity State say they fully support the recent Council of Ministers’ decision to hold next year’s elections, provided the process excludes the current caretaker governor, Joseph Monytuel.

Multiple youth, speaking on condition of anonymity, accused the governor of allegedly serving his own interest and not for the people. *(Ctrl + Click for more on the story)*

### **South Sudan Radio in Malakal off-air after looting**

*Radio Miraya Juba, 08/09/14* - South Sudan Radio in Malakal is off-air after thieves broke into the station and looted equipment, the station director, Johnson Amum, says.

He revealed that the robbers entered the government owned radio station on Saturday, cut cables and stole several items including a transmitter. *(Tune in to Radio Miraya at 101fm or log on to [www.unmiss.unmissions.org](http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org) for more)*

## **REGIONAL NEWS**

### **South Sudan presidential spokesperson hails regional bloc**

*VoA News Juba, 08/09/14* - Ateny Wek Ateny, South Sudan’s presidential spokesperson, says the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is being impartial in its efforts to resolve the country’s eight-month-old conflict.

Ateny also rejected reports that Kiir’s government has been purchasing weapons to prolong the conflict saying the administration has yet to buy any since its last purchase six years ago.

“South Sudan has not used a single penny to buy any arms since 2008. The issues we are [focusing on] is how to tackle famine, how to bring peace back to South Sudan and how to rehabilitate the communities and to reconcile them,” said Ateny. “We are not looking for arms because the arms we purchased in 2008 are already enough to protect South Sudan for the next 10 years.” (*Ctrl + Click for more on the story*)

**N. Darfur, UNAMID ban travel of peacekeepers to Ebola affected countries**  
*Sudantribune.com Khartoum, 07/09/14* - North Darfur state ministry of health and the African Union United Nation Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) on Sunday agreed that troops from the Ebola affected nations should not return to their home country due to the spread of fatal illness in West Africa. (*Ctrl + Click for more on the story*)

For further information or media enquiries please contact:  
UNMISS Media Monitoring Unit  
Tel.: +211 (0) 912 06 2612 or Mobile: +211 (0) 912 178839

---

**United Nations Mission in South Sudan - Public Information Office**

[www.unmiss.unmissions.org](http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org)  
UN House Juba 03, P.O. Box 29, Juba, South Sudan