

PRESS RELEASE

Withdraw Your Warning to Journalists

Juba, May 30th, 2024, the Association for Media Development in South Sudan (AMDISS) is deeply concerned about the warning issued by the Chairperson of the Standing Specialized Committee of Information, Technology and Postal Services Hon. Oliver Mori Benjamin.

In a press conference that took place on Monday, May 27th, Hon. Oliver Mori Benjamin issued a stern warning to journalists and media houses to stop reporting MP's critics or any statements made by lawmakers denouncing the endorsement of President Kiir's candidature for the December elections.

Hon. Mori went on and said, that anybody who goes ahead and does otherwise will bear the consequences of his/her action.

AMDISS considers Hon. Mori's warning as a clear intimidation of journalists and media houses as well as a restriction to freedom of expression and civic space.

In the spirit of promoting dialogue in South Sudan and creating space for journalists to do their work, AMDISS strongly urges Hon. Mori to withdraw his warning and refrain from using rude words against the media.

AMDISS is a not-for-profit member-based media organization founded in 2003 by South Sudanese senior journalists to address the news and information void in the country and to improve the capacity of local journalists to respond to the crucial issues of human rights, good governance, freedom of expression and democracy in this great nation.

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