



**Equatoria Corps, 18th August 1955 setting direction of travel,
6.5 decades on, still two Sudan's one oppressive system**

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The People's Democratic Movement (PDM) hopes for the people of South Sudan are rekindled by the immutable memory of Equatoria Corps uprising and revolution on 18th August 2020, upon the historic city of Torit in Equatoria, which set the direction of travel that culminated in the referendum for self-determination on 9th January 2011 and gave birth to the Republic of South Sudan on 9th July 2011.

The great Equatoria Corps lit the fire of liberty in Torit, inspired future generations to carry and pass on the baton. PDM stands with humility before the alter of all our peoples sacrifices, to remember this day in our history, bowing with awe and respect for the courage of all our fallen heroes, all men and women in uniform, civilians, trade unions, students, our people in the country side who bore the brunt of the liberation struggles for over five decades and still counting, to set us free from oppression by external aliens and by our own SPLM kleptocrats who destroyed what Equatoria Corps on 18th August 1955 boldly sowed and weaved into our modern socio-political consciousness. Today, South Sudan is still in search of its identity for peaceful co-existence, without a nation or state.

Nearly 4 million of our population is in refuge, thousands are displaced by communal wars or state sponsored violence, the 2005 CPA and failed sequential agreements for rewarding elites with undeserved power, have turned the Sudan into two Sudans but one same oppressive system intact.

The 18th August 1955 bells are still beckoning that our people are yet to experience change to enjoy liberty, justice, economic, social and cultural rights, freedom of expression and association which successive Arab rulers denied them in the old Sudan, which the SPLM elites in power now also denied them in the Republic of South Sudan. Life in the RSS has never been any different, as the Republic of South Sudan is covered in blood and violence, corruption and impunity of SPLM elites.

PDM urges our people to rise up against SPLM elites impunity and bring a peoples' change government; in a peoples' NADAFSA government for the Republic of South Sudan, based on power sharing and federation between the peoples of Upper Nile, Equatoria and Bahr al Ghazal regions as per their borders of 1st January 1956.

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