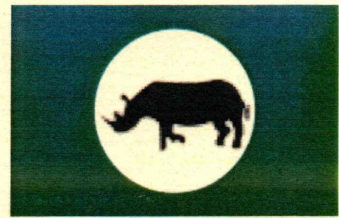




REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
CENTRAL EQUATORIA STATE-JUBA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH & SPORTS



OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

Ref: RSS/SMCYS/CES/J/07

Date: 17th August 2026

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 07/2026 FOR THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF
COMMUNITY SPORTS TOURNAMENTS IN JUBA

WHEREAS:

1. The Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 (as amended), mandates that State Governments regulate youth and sports development within their jurisdictions, including the establishment, supervision, and restructuring of relevant institutions.
2. Recent, violent incidents, notably at Munuki Playground resulting in injuries, and an intimidation incident at Buluk Playground involving a firearm, threaten public safety and tarnish the peaceful image of sports. Such behaviors contravene the social cohesion promoted by sports and have garnered adverse social media attention.
3. There is an urgent need to align grassroots sports initiatives such as community and youth-led tournaments with established state regulatory frameworks to promote peaceful coexistence and uphold legal standards.
4. It is imperative to enhance coordination, registration, and regulation of community sports activities through the Youth and Sports Registration Commission of Central Equatoria State, ensuring compliance with applicable sports laws.

NOW THEREFORE:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Presidential Decree No. RD/85/2026 and in accordance with Article 110 (1) of the Central Equatoria State Constitution (2012, as amended), **I, Hon. Bush Buse**, Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sports, hereby issue the following order:

1. Suspension of all community sports tournaments in Juba City with immediate effect, pending investigations and a comprehensive administrative review. This suspension excludes leagues or tournaments organized under the Juba Football Association, South Sudan Football Federation, legally recognized sports bodies, sports academies, school tournaments, and registered clubs.



2. Prohibition of any sports associations or clubs from approving playgrounds for community sports tournaments within Juba City.
3. Requirement for sports community associations and their teams to register with the Central Equatoria State Youth and Sports Registration Commission to obtain authorization to organize tournaments, in accordance with state sports laws and procedures.
4. Enforcement by security agencies, including the State National Security Directorate, State Police, and Central Security Division (Political Division), to ensure strict compliance with this order and to safeguard public safety.
5. Non-compliance shall attract administrative sanctions, including suspension or revocation of facility access and potential legal action under applicable laws governing sports and land use.

This order is issued to uphold the safety, legality, and integrity of sports within Juba and Central Equatoria State.

This Order shall come into force on the date of its signature by Hon. Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.

ISSUED under my hand and seal in Juba, Central Equatoria State, this 17th day of August 2026.

Hon. Bush Buse

Minister

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

Central Equatoria State

Juba



Cc: H.E Governor of Central Equatoria State

CC: Ministry of Local Government and Law Enforcement

Cc: Mayor of Juba City Council

Cc: Director General's office, MCYS

Cc: State Youth and Sports Registration Commission

Cc: Central Security Division (Political Division)

Cc: State National Security Service Directorate

Cc All Security Organs

Cc: All Sports Associations

Cc: Sports Clubs

Cc: Media outlets

Cc: File

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