

**In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate**

**Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds and prayers and peace be upon Muhammad the faithful Messenger of Allah, and upon all the Messengers of Allah!**

**Dear Brother, the Representative of the United Nations Agencies;**

**Dear Brother, Acting Minister of Health;**

**Dear Brother, Khartoum State Governor;**

**Dear brothers and sisters;**

**Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you!**

It gives me great pleasure to join you, this morning, in the celebration on the International Day for Roll-Back-Malaria, where you meet, experts and activists in the field of protection of people from this evil disease, in the hope for a better life.

We congratulate you on this Day, and salute and welcome to all the guests and attendees, who have responded to the invitation and the call for continuous fight against malaria, which promise high motivation, leading to the most wholesome results.

Sudan is aware of the meaning and importance of rolling-back malaria, as well as the efforts required for optimal implementation for the Millennium Development Goals, and Abuja Declaration, as issued by the

Summit, which we were keen to participate in, and the theme for this year's celebration "*Towards more commitment to achieving goals*".

And I would like to point out here, and pay tribute to the great success achieved by malaria control programme, that is bringing down the rate of malarial cases from more than four million cases in the year 2000, to less than one million cases in the year 2010. This success reflects the level of good planning, execution and follow-up, the commitment of the Governors and Commissioners of Localities, and the commitment of partners inside and outside the Sudan.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters;**

The health of citizens is one our high-priority and ideal goals that we seek for to achieve . Therefore, we will continue our support for the various health programmes, plans and efforts to improve work environment in health institutions. Thus, we would like, today in this context, to renew and reaffirm our confidence in the Sudanese medical staff, specialists, doctors, technicians, nursing staff and other cadres, appreciating the effort they are exerting in serving their duty and their people in various parts of Sudan, a good example or that is the considerable role of the malaria control workers at all levels of Localities across the Sudan. We are aware of their effort and we appreciate and cherish it very much, very much, as they is an example of humanitarian dedication and national recognition.

Please let me direct, through your present celebration ceremony, planners for each agricultural, industrial development projects, the health to take into account the environmental aspects in the design and implementation, in a way that ensures the safety and health of citizens, in coordination with and approval of the Ministry of Health.

It is necessary to understand the negative impact of malaria on the economy, through incapacitation, particularly in rural areas, and its reflective impact on the activities of young people, students and children on education and public health. We need to find out radical solutions for the critical balance and how to reconcile the need for water for agricultural projects and pesticide used in the environment where people live, which requires extensive scientific research to resolve this dilemma, through a national scientific research effort, in the first place, then comes the role of international organizations. These researches should be wide-scale, and not limited to one area, as mosquitoes, malaria carrier, which are now transmitted anywhere through airplanes.

In the cities and urban areas, the question of sewerage and rain water drainage need to be addressed in a permanent and sustainable manner, and even the noble feelings of charity people establishing public fountains as source for drinking water on the roads need to avoid the negative aspects arising from mosquito transmission and breeding.

This special Day gives us the opportunity to raise awareness on health, to protect our citizens from the lethality of malaria and the violation of their immunity; we need to recognize, Dear Brothers and Sisters, that we share joint responsibility on that. And the Governors of the States are to lead the field control activities in their Localities, and provide what is necessary in regard to workers and running costs of money, and give priority to that, as well as work to stop the abuse of the properties, facilities, and vehicles of malaria control, which should not be utilized in other purposes apart from the original purpose they were provided for. Also, we direct the Ministry of Information to publish free of charge the broadcast of health and health education programmes for malaria control in the Federal and State mass media. The relevant authorities at Customs and Taxes should remove duties and charges on inputs related to malaria control for the good of the people and the country.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters;**

I would like to express my pleasure, for the coincidence of the celebration of the International Day for Roll-Back-Malaria and the celebration of Immunization Week, of which we celebrate jointly with the countries of the world, where Expanded Programme on Immunization for children in the Sudan has reached 95%, and that the country showed no confirmed cases of poliomyelitis in children of the Sudan for two consecutive years, and hence, we will announce a year later, in April of next year, with God's guidance, Sudan completely free of poliomyelitis! I greet on this Day all people responsible of immunization in all parts of Sudan.

I wish, in conclusion, to thank the partners from the United Nations Agencies, mainly, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, for its great role and its support for our health programmes. I would also like to thank all the international and national organizations, public and private sectors and local leaders for their interest and contribution to the joint responsibility to Roll-Back-Malaria, and I ask Allah to safeguard our country secure and peaceful, and to protect our citizens from epidemics and diseases, and to disseminate health and safety, and reward all of you with the best rewards.

**Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you!**