

Country/entity	South Sudan Sudan Darfur
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Darfur Ceasefire (GoS/SLM/A), Abeche
Date	3 Sep 2003
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Agreements relate to several distinct dyads, and also the negotiated independence of South Sudan, and subsequent internal conflict in South Sudan. Sudan-South Sudan. The long-standing conflict between the north and the south of the country dates back to colonial times, where the British introduced a so-called 'Southern Policy', severely hampering population movements between these big regions. Immediately after gaining independence in 1956, southern movements started to fight for independence; this fight became professionalised in 1983 with the foundation of the soon internationally supported Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). When the Islamic Front government introduced strict sharia laws in the south after it took over power in 1988 the war intensified. A decade later, the military situation reached a stalemate, enabling internationally facilitated peace negotiations to begin in 1997. After more fighting, a final negotiation push began in 2002, leading to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in January 2005.

Sudan-South Sudan post referendum. South Sudan became independent in July 2011; since then, relations between the two countries are complicated and violent conflict led by the SPLM (North) in the Sudanese Nuba mountains region has since intensified.

Darfur. Other long-standing violent conflicts are in the east and the west of the country. In the east, the Beja Congress, established in 1957, is the spearhead of a currently 'peaceful' opposition movement. In the west, the violent conflict in Darfur intensified in the early 2000s and rapidly gained international attention, even resulting in genocide charges against leading figures of the Sudanese government. The situation on the ground is complex, with over a dozen organisations (most notably the Sudanese Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement) fighting the Sudanese government and allied groups like the Janjaweed – although all parties have switched sides on numerous occasions. Several mediation attempts have not been successful, due to the shaky commitment of the Sudanese central government and the distrust among the armed opposition.

South Sudan - internal

In December 2013, after president Salva Kiir accused opposition leader Riek Machar of attempting a coup, violent conflict broke out between government forces of the SPLM/A and anti-governmental groups. In addition, several other political militias as well as communal militias have joined the conflict. In 2015 the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS) was signed. Due to unsuccessful implementation the agreement was revitalized in 2018. In September 2019, Kiir and Machar agreed to establish a power-sharing government after struggles on forming a unity transitional government.

Close

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Stage Ceasefire/related

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process	Darfur-Sudan peace process
Parties	<p>Signatures:</p> <p>Major General ‘Ismat ‘Abd al-Rahman, Commander of the Western Region, Sudanese Government</p> <p>Mr. ‘Abd al-Rahman Musa, Minister of Public Security and Migration, Chadian Government</p> <p>Adjutant General ‘Abd Allah Abkar Bashir, Sudanese Liberation Army</p> <p>Government Delegation: Major General al-Rakan ‘Ismat ‘Abd al-Rahman Zayn al-Abidin, Head Brigadier General Ibrahim Muhammad al-Hassan Ahmed Sa’id, Member Colonel ‘Amr ‘Abd al-Mahlib, Member Consul General Khalid ‘Abas Ahmed al-Na’im, Member Babakar ‘Amr ‘Abd al-Qadir, Member</p> <p>Sudanese Liberation Army Delegation: ‘Abd Allah Abkar Bashir, Head Yahya Sin al-Nil, Member Amr Sulayman Dahiya, Member Adam Sulayman Bashir, Member ‘Abd Allah Hassan Allah al-Duhi, Member Mustafa Mahmud al-Tayeb, Member Professor ‘Uthman Muhammad al-Bashir, Member</p>
Third parties	President Idriss Deby, Chad
Description	Short Agreement outlining eight points of a ceasefire between the Sudanese Liberation Army and Government of Sudan. Points include assembly of troops at pre-designated locations, hand over of weapons, agreement for more talks, release of prisoners, formation of tri-partite implementation monitoring commission and a short schedule.

Agreement document [SD_030903_Ceasefire Agreement between the Government and the Sudanese Liberation Movement \(SLM\) in Darfur.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
State configuration	No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

**Independence/
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/
unification** No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

**Cross-border
provision** No specific mention.

Governance

**Political
institutions (new or
reformed)** No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

**Electoral
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties
reform** No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public
administration** No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, Item five:
The two sides commit to laying the foundations for lasting and comprehensive peace in the region in order to achieve economic and social development.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

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- a. The area of Dar Zaghawa
- b. The area of Jabal Si
- c. The area of Jabal Maydub
- d. The area of Jabal Marra
- e. The area Murni

Page 1, Item one:

Ceasefire between the two sides and a cessation of all aggressive operations that will lead to aggravations

Page 1, Item six:

Form a tripartite commission from the Sudanese government, the Chadian government, and the Sudanese Liberation Army to monitor the implementation of the terms of this agreement.

Page 1, Item Seven:

... b. The implementation of these agreement addendums and joint memoranda are implemented as follows:

1. The ceasefire will enter into force on 6 September at 1800 Sudanese time (1400 GMT).

Page 1, Item four:

Assemble Sudanese Liberation Army forces in the locations delimited by both sides.

Page 2, Item Seven:

... b. The implementation of these agreement addendums and joint memoranda are implemented as follows:

... 5. Form the tripartite committee 15 days after the start of the ceasefire, authorising the timetable completing the work of the remaining period, until the end of 40 days.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

Page 1, Item Seven:

... b. The implementation of these agreement addendums and joint memoranda are implemented as follows:

- ... 2. Determine the locations for assembling forces.

DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 1, Item seven:</p> <p>a. Begin private negotiations on addendums after (45 days) from the date of signing this agreement to arrive at a comprehensive peace and the hand over of weapons after the final agreement on addendums.</p>
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, Untitled Introduction, In the interest of calm conditions and the restoration of security in the state of Darfur and in order to avoid negative and destructive complications as a result of the war and the desire of the two parties for a convergence of views and reconciliation, the Sudanese Government (hereby referred to as the ‘First party’) and the Sudanese Liberation Army (hereby referred to as the ‘Second Party’) assembled their forces in the following areas:</p> <p>a. The area of Dar Zaghawa</p> <p>b. The area of Jabal Si</p> <p>c. The area of Jabal Maydub</p> <p>d. The area of Jabal Marra</p> <p>e. The area Murni</p> <p>Page 1, Item two:</p> <p>[Take] command and control over irregular armed groups in the theatre of operations.</p> <p>Page 1, Item four:</p> <p>Assemble Sudanese Liberation Army forces in the locations delimited by both sides.</p> <p>Page 2, Item Seven:</p> <p>... b. The implementation of these agreement addendums and joint memoranda are implemented as follows:</p> <p>... 4. Withdraw groups of irregular fighters at the same time as troop assembly.</p>
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release Page 1, Item three:
Release all prisoners of war, those arrested, and those linked to this issue from both sides.

Page 2, Item Seven:
... b. The implementation of these agreement addendums and joint memoranda are implemented as follows:
... 3. Release prisoners and detainees.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, Item eight:
In the event of a dispute over the items in this agreements or the emergence of a problem hitherto unknown, the third party has the task of reconciling the two parties.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source [In Arabic] 'Darfur's Revolutions: A New Crisis in Sudan', International Crisis Group, Report nr. 76 on Africa, Nairobi – Brussels, 25 March 2004, pp. 40-41. Available at: <http://www.ecosonline.org/reports/2004/darfurrising-arabic.pdf> [Accessed December 2017]
