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Country/ entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities between the Youth of Dinka Bor and Murle Communities
Date	23 May 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	Hon. Sultan Ismail Konyi, Governor of Boma Hon. Philip AguerPangyan, State Governor of Jonglei State
Third parties	Hon. Chuol Rambang, Chairperson of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission Hon. Michael Chiangjiek, Minister of Interior Hon Tuk Gatluak, Presidential Adviser on Security Affairs H.E David Shearer, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations
Description	This agreement commits the Dinka Bor and Murle communities to cease hostilities and create a committee to ensure compliance.

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Groups

Children/ youth	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee 1. The committee on cessation of hostilities shall be composed of: ... g. Fourteen (14) youth leaders each from Dinka-Bor and Murie communities; ... 2. The Committee shall ensure:</p> <p>b. Withdrawal of youth to their respective states; d. Immediate stopping of child and women abduction, killing of innocent people and cattle rustling; e. Collection and return of abducted children and women within one month</p> <p>Page 2, Article IV Peace Conference The two fighting communities have agreed to convene, within a month from the date of signing this agreement, a peace conference to resolve the issues of cattle rustling, child abduction, killing of innocent people and any other matters pertaining to peaceful co-existence.</p> <p>Page 2, Article V The Return of Abducted Women, Children and Cattle The warring communities have agreed to collect the abducted, women, children and cattle and hand them over to the National High-Level Commission which shall, in turn, handover the same to their original community of belonging. The TGoNU shall for an investigation committee to investigate into the conflict between Dinka Bor and Murie communities.</p>
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.

Racial/ ethnic/ national group	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Summary: The entire agreement is between two ethnic tribes: Dinka Bor and Murle Communities</p> <p>Selected provisions include:</p> <p>Page 2, Article V The Return of Abducted Women, Children and Cattle The warring communities have agreed to collect the abducted, women, children and cattle and hand them over to the National High-Level Commission which shall, in turn, handover the same to their original community of belonging. The TGoNU shall for an investigation committee to investigate into the conflict between Dinka Bor and Murie communities.</p> <p>Page 2, Article VII Monitoring and Verification Mechanisms The National High-Level Committee shall establish a Monitoring and Verification Mechanism that shall be based in Bor, Pibor and other areas to be agreed upon. Any party that violates the agreement shall face serious consequences including punitive measures by the TGoNU.</p> <p>Page 2, Article VIII Facilitation of the Peace Process The peace process between Dinka Bor and Murle communities shall be facilitated and supported by the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU), Governments of the two states (Jonglei and Boma), UN and Partners</p>
Religious groups	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Substantive Page 1, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee 1. The committee on cessation of hostilities shall be composed of: ... i. One Church leader from each community;</p>
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	<p>Page 1, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee</p> <p>1. The committee on cessation of hostilities shall be composed of:</p> <p>...</p> <p>h. Three women leaders from each community;</p> <p>Page 2, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee</p> <p>2. The Committee shall ensure:</p> <p>a. Immediately cessation of hostilities;</p> <p>e. Collection and return of abducted children and women within one month</p> <p>Page 2, Article V The Return of Abducted Women, Children and Cattle</p> <p>The warring communities have agreed to collect the abducted, women, children and cattle and hand them over to the National High-Level Commission which shall, in turn, handover the same to their original community of belonging. The TGoNU shall for an investigation committee to investigate into the conflict between Dinka Bor and Murie communities.</p>
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	Page 1, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee 1. The committee on cessation of hostilities shall be composed of: ... f. Three chiefs of their designates in the two states; g. Fourteen (14) youth leaders each from Dinka-Bor and Murie communities; h. Three women leaders from each community; i. One Church leader from each community; j. Three community elders from each community
Traditional/ religious leaders	Page 1, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee 1. The committee on cessation of hostilities shall be composed of: ... f. Three chiefs of their designates in the two states; j. Three community elders from each community
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality Sub-state level Pages 1-2, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee 1. The committee on cessation of hostilities shall be composed of: a. Ministers of local government and law enforcement in both Boma and Janglei States or their delegates; b. Representatives of Legal administration in both Boma and Jonglei States; c. Three (3) members of the State Legislative Assemblies; d. Three (3) Country Commissioners in the two states of their designates; e. Chairpersons of the State Peace Commissions; f. Three chiefs of their designates in the two states; g. Fourteen (14) youth leaders each from Dinka-Bor and Murie communities; h. Three women leaders from each community; i. One Church leader from each community; j. Three community elders from each community
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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	Page 2, Article VI Opening of Roads To ease the delivery of humanitarian assistance and commercial activities, the two communities have agreement to immediately open the following roads: a. Jub-Bor-Pibor Road; b. Juba-Pibor Road
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 No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

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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
Pages 1-2,

Article I Objectives of the Agreement

The objectives of this agreement is to commit and obligate the two communities to immediately cease hostilities and create conducive atmosphere to a comprehensive and inclusive dialogue.

Article II Formation of Committee on Cessation of Hostilities

The two warring communities have agreed to form a committee on the cessation of hostilities

Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee

1. The committee on cessation of hostilities shall be composed of:

- a. Ministers of local government and law enforcement in both Boma and Janglei States or their delegates;
- b. Representatives of Legal administration in both Boma and Jonglei States;
- c. Three (3) members of the State Legislative Assemblies;
- d. Three (3) Country Commissioners in the two states of their designates;
- e. Chairpersons of the State Peace Commissions;
- f. Three chiefs of their designates in the two states;
- g. Fourteen (14) youth leaders each from Dinka-Bor and Murie communities;
- h. Three women leaders from each community;
- i. One Church leader from each community;
- j. Three community elders from each community

2. The Committee shall ensure:

- a. Immediately cessation of hostilities;
- b. Withdrawal of youth to their respective states;
- c. Creation of a buffer zone between the two communities;
- d. Immediate stopping of child and women abduction, killing of innocent people and cattle rustling;
- e. Collection and return of abducted children and women within one month;
- f. Collection and return of raided cattle within one month.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces

No specific mention.

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

No specific mention.

Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations Page 2, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee 2. The Committee shall ensure: ... f. Collection and return of raided cattle within one month.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	H.E David Shearer, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism	<p>Page 2, Article VII Monitoring and Verification Mechanisms The National High-Level Committee shall establish a Monitoring and Verification Mechanism that shall be based in Bor, Pibor and other areas to be agreed upon. Any party that violates the agreement shall face serious consequences including punitive measures by the TGoNU.</p> <p>Page 2, Article VIII Facilitation of the Peace Process The peace process between Dinka Bor and Murle communities shall be facilitated and supported by the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU), Governments of the two states (Jonglei and Boma), UN and Partners</p>
Related cases	No specific mention.
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