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**Country/entity** South Sudan

**Region** Africa (excl MENA)

**Agreement name** Riang Peace Declaration

**Date** 5 Mar 2004

**Agreement status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim** Yes

arrangement

## 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 Areement (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** Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict nature** Inter-group

**Peace process** South Sudan: Pre-secession Local Peace Processes

## **Parties**

Full Name of Participants

Designation County Clan

CDR. James Yiech Biet

Commander LuakPiny Jikany

CDR. James Kaat Pinyien

LuakPiny Jikany

A/CDR. Moses Dar Dieng

LuakPiny Jikany

A/CDR. Gabriel

Nyabiem Juoch

Ulang

Jikany

A/CDR. Peter Gatkuoth Gien

Nyirol

Lou

A/CDR Peter Biel Joak

Akobo

Lou

A/CDR. Gordon Hoth

Nyirol

Lou

Lt. Col. Peter Pal Deng

Ulanq

Jikany

A/CDR Ruach Gatluak

Wang

Jikany

A/CDR Thomas Tut Ruea

Luakpiny

Jikany

Lt. Col. John Ngaknom Lony Wuor

Ulang

**Jikany** 

Major. John Gatyiel Puot

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Cant Simon Changach Kuoth

# **Third parties**

# **Description**

A dialogue conference between Jikany and Lou communities across the Upper nile region. The agreement involves presentations of local grievances by delegation members followed by sets of solutions on each key issue agreed on by communities, namely; governance, water access and grazing, Government of Sudan relationship with militia groups, cattle rustling issues and provisions to address drought and famine as well as overall development needs. The agreement encourages inter-community coordination on disarming and mutual understanding of key local peace issues and the need for local governance and monitoring of implementation efforts.

# Agreement document

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#### Groups

Children/youth

Groups→Children/youth→Substantive

Page 23, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 6. Ignorance and illiteracy:

- •Provision and construction of education facilities and schools in Jikany and Lou areas.
- •Increase the number of primary schools in the area.

Page 23, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 8. Mistrust/Attitudes/beliefs:

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• Promotions of inter-clan marriages, constant consultations, inter communal youth activities and dialogues.

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• Discourage disunity among Nuer leaders living in the diaspora.

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**Disabled persons** No specific mention.

**Elderly/age** No specific mention.

**Migrant workers** No specific mention.

# Racial/ethnic/ national group

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

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- To promote peace and resolve inter-clan conflicts among the Nuer Community.
- To promote understanding and appreciation of the importance of peace, human rights observance, fairness and justice between and among Nuer clans.
- To facilitate the emergence of sustainable and broad-based community level forum to strengthen advocacy for peace in Upper Nile Region.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 1. Governance:

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• Clear demarcation of clan and administrative boundaries.

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 2. Water Points and grazing land:

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• Drilling of water wells and boreholes for both Jikany and Lou clans in the disputed areas .

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• Initiation of re-settlement programme (policy) for Lou and Jikany people who are willing to go back to their land.

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 3. GOS and Militia groups:

- Promotion of peaceful dialogues among different communities of South Sudan especially the Lou and Jikany clans.
- Launching massive peace education and human rights advocacy programs in Jikany and Lou areas.

Page 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 5. Cattle rustling and looting of property:

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Page 24, 3.3.3 Riang Peace Declaration Dated 5th March 2004:

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**Religious groups** No specific mention.

**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

 $\textbf{Refugees/displaced} \ \ \text{No specific mention}.$ 

persons

**Social class** No specific mention.

# Gender

# Women, girls and gender

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Page 33, 5.0 Appendices: Appendix I, Participants

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133. Mary Nyaletni Tut

Woman/Assoc

Akobo

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136. Elizabeth Nyaborah Bol

W/Assoc

Wunror

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140. Mary Chuol Whial

W/Assoc

**Ballet** 

141.Elizabeth Nyakoka Thech

W/Assoc

LuakPiny

142.Mary Nyayang Lam

W/Assoc

LuakPiny

143.Sarah Nyaleak Long

W/Assoc

LuakPiny

144. Elizabeth Chuol Riek

W/ Assoc

Luak Piny

**Jikany** 

145. Sarah Buok Riekah

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W/Assoc

W/ASSUC

Men and boys No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

**State definition** 

Nature of state

No specific mention.

(general)

**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** No specific mention.

institutions (new or

reformed)

**Elections** No specific mention.

Electoral

commission

No specific mention.

Political parties

reform

No specific mention.

#### **Civil society**

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- Organize community training workshops and forums to create awareness on civil rights, community development and peace building.
- Maintenance and expansion of peace advocacy to the whole Nuer communities and their neighbours.

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Traditional/ religious leaders

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 1. Governance:

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Page 23, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 8. Mistrust/Attitudes/beliefs:

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Page 24, 3.3.3 Riang Peace Declaration Dated 5th March 2004:

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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

**Human rights/RoL** Page 7, 2.1 Conference Objectives:

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Page 20, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 1. Governance:

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• Restoration of law and order in all liberated regions by establishing police department and justice system.

Page 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 3. GOS and Militia groups:

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• Launching massive peace education and human rights advocacy programs in Jikany and Lou areas.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

**Treaty** 

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and political rights

No specific mention.

Socio-economic

No specific mention.

rights

# **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 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 5. Cattle rustling and looting of property:

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• Movement of cattle from one community or point to the other should be sanctioned by

the relevant authority.

Protection measures

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians

Page 20, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 1. Governance:

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• Plan and undertake disarmament programs or mount initiative to get rid of illegal arms

in the hand of civilian and militia groups.

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 3. GOS and Militia groups:

•Distribution of fire arms to civilian and support to militia groups by the government

should stop or be a subject of debate at the on going peace talks in Kenya.

•Mounting anti-arms/ammunition distribution campaign to appeal to the UN and relevant bodies to intervene in discouraging the government from issuing arms to

civilian.

**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** No specific mention. **emergency law** 

**State of emergency** No specific mention. **provisions** 

Judiciary and

No specific mention.

courts

Prisons and

No specific mention.

detention

**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 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 4. Drought/Famine and abject poverty

•Provision of food and non-food materials to the affected communities/people in the area.

•Provision of farm inputs and implements (eg seeds, ploughs, etc) for communities to start farming activities in areas that experience relative peace.

•Awareness creation and training communities to initiate and take part in productive self sustaining projects rather than relying on relief.

Page 24, 3.3.3 Riang Peace Declaration Dated 5th March 2004:

- 4. That we shall strive to promote peace and advocacy and development activities between the two communities:
- 5. That we shall coordinate and collaborate with the local communities in carrying out peace and development activities;
- 6. That we shall also collaborate with other like-minded groups in carrying out peace and development activities;

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance

Page 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 4. Drought/Famine and abject poverty

 Provision of humanitarian assistance including health and education services by NGOs and donor agencies.

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 2. Water Points and grazing land:

- •Provision of irrigation systems and dams to enable people start farming activities .
- •Drilling of water wells and boreholes for both Jikany and Lou clans in the disputed areas

Page 23, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 6. Ignorance and illiteracy:

- •Provision and construction of education facilities and schools in Jikany and Lou areas.
- •Increase the number of primary schools in the area.

**National economic** No specific mention.

plan

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** Page 3, Acknowledgement and Appreciation:

... ACHA is so grateful to the donors who extended both financial and material support to the conference. First appreciation goes to Pact Kenya (Sudan Peace Funds), British High Commission, Norwegian Peoples' Aid and Norwegian Church Aid for their invaluable assistance.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

# Land, property and environment

**Land reform/rights** Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution

Page 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 5. Cattle rustling and looting of property:

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• SPLA/M should work hard to recover stolen cattle and return to the owners while offenders are punished.

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 2. Water Points and grazing land:

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Page 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 5. Cattle rustling and looting of property:

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Page 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 5. Cattle rustling and looting of property:

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#### **Cultural heritage**

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible

Page 23, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 8. Mistrust/Attitudes/beliefs:

• Restoration of Nuer cultural norms and rules by recognizing and respecting positive cultural practice especially those that promote peace and unity.

Page 23, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 8. Mistrust/Attitudes/beliefs:

• Inculcation of a culture of prayer, love and faith in God to restore hope and humanity at all levels.

Page 24, 3.3.3 Riang Peace Declaration Dated 5th March 2004:

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#### **Environment**

No specific mention.

# Water or riparian rights or access

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 2. Water Points and grazing land:

- •Provision of irrigation systems and dams to enable people start farming activities .
- •Drilling of water wells and boreholes for both Jikany and Lou clans in the disputed areas

•Deployment of SPLA/M soldiers along water points to monitor and prevent occurrence of violent conflicts.

#### **Security sector**

# Security **Guarantees**

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 1. Governance:

• Deployment of SPLA/M soldiers in major disputed and conflict prone areas to monitor and prevent emerging conflicts.

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 2. Water Points and grazing land:

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Page 24, 3.3.3 Riang Peace Declaration Dated 5th March 2004:

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# Ceasefire

No specific mention.

#### **Police**

Page 20, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 1. Governance:

 Restoration of law and order in all liberated regions by establishing police department and justice system.

## **Armed forces**

No specific mention.

#### DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

Page 21, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 3. GOS and Militia groups:

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  Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 20, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 1. Governance:

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• Plan and undertake disarmament programs or mount initiative to get rid of illegal arms in the hand of civilian and militia groups.

# Intelligence services

No specific mention.

# Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

Page 20, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 1. Governance:

• Establishment of SPLA/M effective governing structure and systems from grassroots to regional level.

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- Deployment of SPLA/M soldiers in major disputed and conflict prone areas to monitor and prevent emerging conflicts.
- Deployment of SPLA/M soldiers to work out of their own communities to enhance transparency and accountability among the soldiers.

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Page 22, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 5. Cattle rustling and looting of property:

- Organize joint military (SPLA/M) interventions or operations in cattle rustling areas.
- Arrest and put under trial (tribunal court) those militia or leaders that support and perpetuate conflict and other criminal activities in the region.
- SPLA/M should work hard to recover stolen cattle and return to the owners while offenders are punished.

Page 23, 3.3.2 Suggested Solutions, 8. Mistrust/Attitudes/beliefs:

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• Promotion of harmonious co-existence between the civilians and military personnel.

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Withdrawal of foreign forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime

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 $\bullet \ \mathsf{Plan} \ \mathsf{and} \ \mathsf{undertake} \ \mathsf{disarmament} \ \mathsf{programs} \ \mathsf{or} \ \mathsf{mount} \ \mathsf{initiative} \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathsf{get} \ \mathsf{rid} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{illegal} \ \mathsf{arms}$ 

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**Drugs** No specific mention.

**Terrorism** No specific mention.

#### **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice** No specific mention.

general

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

No specific mention.

#### Reconciliation

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** 

No specific mention.

Other international No specific mention.

signatory

Referendum for

No specific mention.

agreement

International mission/force/

No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism

similar

No specific mention.

**Related cases** 

No specific mention.

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