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Country/ entity South Sudan

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Resolutions of the Anyuak Murle Peace Conference (Otallo Agreement)

Date 17 May 2003

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

Agreement/ conflict level Intrastate/local conflict ()

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Inter-group

Peace process South Sudan: Pre-secession Local Peace Processes

Parties This peace agreement was signed by

On the Murle side:

Nganthou Kabula Chief of Lekwangole
Ngatho Kavula Chief of Kongor
Etcho Buloch Chief of Manyiranye
Loziyo ADor Chief of Lekwangole
Kikar Adhing Chief of Akello
Nyikcho Ame Chief Wunkok
Ngachalan Lotako Chief of Kavachok
Boyoi Gogol Chief of Koyoi
Stephen Alan Chief of Boma
Maraka Lotinom Chief of Kelenya

On the side of Anyuak delegation:

Nyie Adongo Agada Akway King of Anyuak

Third parties Witnesses

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Elder Philip Obang Ojway, Chairman Upper Nile Peace & Development Task Force

Lt. Col. Ogato Cham, SPLM County Secretary Pochalla County

Cdr. Babur Mazi, Representative of the SPLM County Secretary Pibor County

A/Cdr. Simon Didingo, Peace Supervisor Pibor County

Mohammedan Nicho, Representative of the Commissioner of Pibor

Pastor David Gayen, Envoy of Governor Ismael Konyi

Dr. Peter Adwok Nyaba, Managing Director Larjour Consultancy. Facilitator

Mr. Jervasio Okot, Journalist Dryland Journal

Otallo, May 17th, 2003

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LIST OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ANYUAK PARTICIPANTS

Nyie Adongo Agada Akway, King of Otallo

Nyie Akway Nyigwa Akway, King of Okadi

Nyie Ocludhu Odol Aballa, King of Budhi

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Mr. Gilo Obang Okello

Mr. Kwot Bwogo

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Mr. Achumi Gada Bui

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Mr. Ogiel Cham-Chala

Mr. Peter Gwino Deng

Mr. Obali Ogoni

Mr. Odong Cham-chala

Mr. Okello Ojwok Nyigwa

Mr. Ochan Agwa Nyang

Mr. Akway Obongi Nyigwa

Mr. Ochwa Olango Alwiny

Mr. Ogali Owar Akola

Mr. Okumo Ochan Okello

Mr. Okolo Othow

Mr. Abulla Agada Akany

Mrs. Opat Atach Aballa

Mr. Ojullo Oman Akway

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Mr. Nyigwo Adou

Mrs. Akello Agada Akway

Mr. Ochang Okello

Mr. Philip Obang Ojway

Description In May 2003, a peace conference was held in Otallo, Sudan between the Anyuak and Murle communities, resulting in the Otallo Peace Agreement. The agreement aimed to improve security and stability in the region by ending the practice of abduction of children, ambush and murder of individuals, and cattle rustling and raiding between the communities. Joint security and surveillance committees were established to take action against violators of the agreement. Additionally, the agreement recognized the need for social and economic development in the region and called on the international community and Sudan Peace Fund to provide relief and support for initiatives such as drilling boreholes for water, constructing joint schools, and developing women's projects.

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Groups

Children/ youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1 - 2, The conference adopted the following resolutions: A. SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA 1. Stop the practice of abduction of children that has gone on for a long time between the Anyuak and Murle. a. Any person caught in the act of abduction of a child shall be apprehended by the authorities and prosecuted according to law; b. If an abducted child dies, the culprit shall be apprehended, and shall by killed in the place of the child; c. If the child is found alive, the child shall be retrieved and the culprit forced to pay a fine of three cows.
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	Page 3, B. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, There is need for immediate rescue of the situation through the following actions: ... 4. Initiation of women development projects through the development of natural resources e.g. shea nuts, etc. which abound in the area;
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	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics</p> <p>Page 2, The conference adopted the following resolutions:</p> <p>A. SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. Increase communication between the Commissioners of Pochalla, Boma and Pibor with the view of minimising insecurity and conflicts between the communities and to contribute to peace and stability in the sub-region.</p> <p>a. The conference calls for the provision of 4 radio sets for Pochalla, Boma, Otallo and Pibor to be given to the security committee to make easy and quick communication and intervention in case of criminal act.</p>
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Mobility/ access	<p>Page 2, The conference adopted the following resolutions:</p> <p>A. SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. Stop the practice of ambush and murder of persons travelling or hunting in the area with the view of appropriating his rifle;</p>
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Protection measures	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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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	<p>Page 1 - 2, The conference adopted the following resolutions:</p> <p>A. SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA</p> <p>1. Stop the practice of abduction of children that has gone on for a long time between the Anyuak and Murle.</p> <p>a. Any person caught in the act of abduction of a child shall be apprehended by the authorities and prosecuted according to law;</p> <p>b. If an abducted child dies, the culprit shall be apprehended, and shall be killed in the place of the child;</p> <p>c. If the child is found alive, the child shall be retrieved and the culprit forced to pay a fine of three cows.</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. In order to prevent eruption of violence between communities joint security and surveillance committees shall be established and empowered to take action against violators of this agreement;</p> <p>a. Anybody who violates the security of the region through ambushes, cattle rustling and raids shall be apprehended by the respective community or government agencies [GoS, and SPLM/A] and taken to court.</p>
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance</p> <p>Page 3, B. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, There is need for immediate rescue of the situation through the following actions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>1. Immediate intervention in the area to provide relief in form of food, medicines for humans and livestock;</p> <p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction</p> <p>Page 3, B. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, There is need for immediate rescue of the situation through the following actions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. Construction of joint schools;</p>
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	<p>Page 3, B. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, There is need for immediate rescue of the situation through the following actions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. Initiation of women development projects through the development of natural resources e.g. shea nuts, etc. which abound in the area;</p>
International funds	<p>Page 3, B. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, There is need for immediate rescue of the situation through the following actions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. The conference calls on the Sudan Peace Fund to provide peace dividends to the Murle and Anyuak communities.</p>
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	3. Stop cattle rustling and raiding between the two communities; a. A person caught stealing a cow, three cows shall be taken from him: two as punishment and the other as retrieval; b. Any chief sheltering a criminal shall be punished along side the criminal; c. The 31 missing heads of cattle to be paid back to the Anyuak owners and this responsibility rests with the Murle chiefs.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	No specific mention.
Water or riparian rights or access	Page 3, B. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, There is need for immediate rescue of the situation through the following actions: ... 2. Drilling of enough bore holes in the following areas: Okello, Thorjoich, Waraberi, Abich, for provision of potable water;

Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
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	<p>Page 2, The conference adopted the following resolutions:</p> <p>A. SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. Stop the practice of ambush and murder of persons travelling or hunting in the area with the view of appropriating his rifle;</p> <p>a. If a person ambushes and kills a person, he shall be killed in his place;</p> <p>3. Stop cattle rustling and raiding between the two communities;</p> <p>a. A person caught stealing a cow, three cows shall be taken from him: two as punishment and the other as retrieval;</p> <p>b. Any chief sheltering a criminal shall be punished along side the criminal;</p> <p>c. The 31 missing heads of cattle to be paid back to the Anyuak owners and this responsibility rests with the Murle chiefs.</p>
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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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 Page 1 - 2, The conference adopted the following resolutions:

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b. If an abducted child dies, the culprit shall be apprehended, and shall be killed in the place of the child;

c. If the child is found alive, the child shall be retrieved and the culprit forced to pay a fine of three cows.

2. Stop the practice of ambush and murder of persons travelling or hunting in the area with the view of appropriating his rifle;

a. If a person ambushes and kills a person, he shall be killed in his place;

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN
signatory No specific mention.

Other
international
signatory Page 1, Introduction,
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Referendum
for
agreement No specific mention.

International
mission/
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement
mechanism No specific mention.

Related
cases No specific mention.

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