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Country/

South Sudan

Region

entity

Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement

Mundri Agreement

name

Date

15 Nov 2015

Agreement

Multiparty signed/agreed

status

Interim

Yes

arrangement

Agreement/ Intrastate/local conflict (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))

conflict level

Framework/substantive - partial Stage

Conflict

Inter-group

nature

Peace

South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements

process

Parties Mr James Biro David

Representative of Greater Mundri Civil Community

Major. Toby Majak Thomas

Representative of the SPLA Division 6, Brigade 16, Mundri Battalion

Third parties

Bishop Paul Yugusuk Diocesan Bishop of Lomega

Lead Mediator

Bishop Bismark M. Avokaya Diocesan Bishop of Mundri

Witness

Hon. Bullen Abiatere Hakim Deputy Governor of WES

Witness

Bishop Matthew Taban Peter Diocesan Bishop of Wonduruba

Witness

Major Gen. Johnson Juma Okot SPLA Division VI Commander

Witness

Description

Agreement aimed to solve the conflict between the SPLA Division 6 and the local community following an increase in violence as tensions rose between migratory herdsmen, the Dinka SPLA, and the local community. Fighting displaced 80,000 locals from the area. The agreement was broken on 25 November following a gunship attack on armed youth 30km from Mundri, sparking retaliatory attacks and a downward spiral of violence.

Agreement document

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Local agreement properties

Process

Formal structured process

type

Rationale

The agreement is the result of a five-day meeting during which the Church Leaders Mediation team led by Bishop Paul Yugusuk mediated between representatives of the SPLA Mundri Battalion and the local community. The SPLA Division 6 Commander and the Deputy Governor of West Equatoria State also signed the agreement. Limited background research does not suggest a history of signing peace agreements in Mundri specifically. However, this agreement is part of a mediation initiative of the Church Leaders Mediation team that has led to the signing of another agreement in Equatoria (Wonduruba agreement, 3 December 2015).

Is there a No documented link to a national peace process?

Link to national process: articulated Neither the agreement text nor limited background research suggests a link to the national-level peace process. Boswell (2019, 12; see references) notes that the mediation initiative that led to the signing of the agreement was not

officially recognised or supported by the main conflict parties (the

rationale Government of South Sudan and the SPLA-IO).

Name of Locale

Mundri

Nature Of Locale

Region

GPS Lat/

5.345719, 30.320805

Long (DD)

Participant Local state actor

type Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Regional state actor

Mediator,

Mediator or similar referred to

facilitator or

similar

Mediator Mediators: Bishop Paul Yugusuk, Diocesan Bishop of Lomega, Lead Mediator; (references) Bishop Bismark M. Avokaya, Diocesan Bishop of Mundri, Witness; Bishop

Matthew Taban Peter, Diocesan Bishop of Wonduruba, Witness

Type of mediator/ facilitator/ similar

Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Local issues

Ritual/

No specific mention.

prayer and process (including use of scripture) Grievance List Page 1-2, Resolutions, 2. That we apologized to the community of Greater Mundri and to the SPLA Division 6, Brigade 16, Mundri Battalion on the conflict.

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6. That SPLA soldiers who have caused atrocities in Mundri will be disciplined by their command.

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- 13. That the County Commissioner will form a committee to investigate the magnitude and extend of loss of lives and the looted properties, including government institutions, NGOs, hospitals, etc. and will report to the national authority for appropriate actions, including compensation.
- Page 2, Recommendations, 1. That the two parties requested for humanitarian support to enable to settle the IDPs.

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4. That the two parties agreed that the church should recommend to existing non-governmental organizations and other institutions and agencies to provide bursary for the pupils and students whose parents cannot now pay their school fees as a result of the Mundri conflict.

Cattle rustling/ banditry No specific mention.

Social cover

Page 1-2, Resolutions, 6. That SPLA soldiers who have caused atrocities in Mundri will be disciplined by their command.

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12. That the SPLA leadership in Mundri should investigate on the specific soldiers that had caused atrocities and take disciplinary measures against them, and even remove them from among the good soldiers.