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Country/ entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Kupera County Peace and Reconciliation Communique
Date	21 Mar 2019
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	<p>The community and government of Kupera county represented by chiefs, elders and government representatives. Signed by:</p> <p>Ismail Taban Kango - Paramount Chief Kupera County James Ila Charles - Head Chief of Wuji "B" Court Luka Lasu Philmona - Head Chief of Mundu "B" Court Thomas Nyobulo - Head Chief Kupera "B" Court Charles Tabu Dema - Head Chief Korobe "B" Court Mikaya Wani - Head Chief Koyoki "B" Court Tito lomude Manase - Head Chief Dongoro "B" Court S.Charles Tabu Dema, Mikaya Wani, Head Tito lomude Manase, Head</p>
Third parties	<p>Witnessed by:</p> <p>Arch Bishop Elias Taban Parangi - Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Head of EPC Peace Desk, Yei River State</p>

Description A short community reconciliation agreement which attempts to resolve ongoing conflict and community disputes in the local area. Within broader ongoing reconciliation efforts, the agreement provides for setting up further dialogues, security reform and freedom of worship. The local state government also commits to engage with partners to provide agricultural resources and training of community leaders in policing and capacity building.

Agreement document

[SS_190321_Kupera County Peace and Reconciliation Communique.pdf](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale The agreement follows a pattern of signing around this time in Yei state, led by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) and supported by community leaders and local state government representatives. A few days earlier there is also another similar signing nearby in the county of Mukaya, following the same structure. Regarding support to end ongoing conflict issues in the area involving local armed groups and government forces, there are also clear commitments by the EPC and joint council of elders to oversee broader reconciliation efforts, with ongoing dialogue conferences proposed and local government commitment to training local leaders around capacity building.

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

Link to national process: articulated rationale This is a highly localised agreement where there is no clear reference in the text and the presence of local/state government led provisions does not seem clear enough. The signatories also do not clearly suggest involvement or a link to any part of another national process.

Name of Locale Kupera County

Nature Of Locale Region

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 4.118173, 30.964542

Participant type	Local state actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	The agreement describes Bishop Elias Taban as supporting and organising the peace and reconciliation conference. This is in keeping with the other initiatives taking place in Yei state at this time, Bishop Taban tends to mediate and is signed as a witness.
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, 4. Freedom of worship be allowed in Kupera County Page 2, Closing statement, ... Tumalu thanked the ENAF team for abandoning rebellion and choosing peace, and then asked for forgiveness from God
Grievance List	Page 1, Kupera Community chairman Mr. Edward Lubert statement, Mr Lubert expressed anger and frustration with his people who were against him and the commissioner's move to Kupera and outlined the following points: -The lost of his 60 cows that were destroyed during the conflict and the destructions of his business entities. -That people of Kupera have no identity and are not straight forward. Adding that he cannot be identified as a Pojulu and that the question of Kupera identity need to be addressed. - Mr Lubert forgave his people who caused him and his family harm. Page 1, 3. Government to establish a stable security in Kupera County 4. Freedom of worship be allowed in Kupera County
Cattle rustling/banditry	Page 1, Kupera Community chairman Mr. Edward Lubert - statement, ... The lost of his 60 cows that were destroyed during the conflict and the destructions of his business entities.
Social cover	No specific mention.
