

Country/entity	South Sudan Sudan Southern Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement of the Minister of Interior on Security Arrangements in Abyei
Date	17 Jan 2011
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

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 Agreement (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 Implementation/renegotiation

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process	Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei process
Parties	<p>Engineer/ Lt. Gen. / Ibrahim Mahamoud Hamid Ger Shuwang Along Federal Minister of Interior GOSS Minister of Interiro (sic)</p> <p>1 – The federal Minister of Interior 2 – GOSS Minister of Interior 3 – Governors of Southern Kordofan State, Unity State, Northern Bahr El-Gazal State, Abyei Administrator and Deputy Abyei Administrator. 4 – The Chair and Co-Chair of the Joint Defense Council 5 – Deputy General Manager of Police and Deputy General Manager of National Security and Intelligence. 6 – Representatives from SAF, Police and National Security 7 – With attendance of the SRSG, UNMIS Force Commander and their assistance.</p>
Third parties	-
Description	Short agreement attempting to solve the Abyei problem, by allowing voluntary return of displaced people under the protection of Joint Integrated Units of north-south law enforcement, supervised by UNMIS, opening the stock corridors and regulating the carrying of arms among misseriya herdsmen.

Agreement document	SD_110117_Agreement of the Minister of the Interior on Security Arrangements in Abyei.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	SD_110117_Agreement of the Minister of the Interior on Security Arrangements in Abyei_AR.pdf (opens in new tab)

Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
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 Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
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(1) Opening of all roads to the voluntary returnees from the South under the escort and protection of federal SAF and Police up to the 01/01/1956 borders where SPLA and South Police will take over the responsibility of returnees protection.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Mobility/access Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that led the parties to agree on the following points:
... (2) Opening of stock corridors under the protection of SAF and Police up to 01/01/1956 borders and then the SPLA and South Police will take over the responsibility of the corridors protection in the South.

Protection measures	<p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups</p> <p>Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that led the parties to agree on the following points:</p> <p>(1) Opening of all roads to the voluntary returnees from the South under the escort and protection of federal SAF and Police up to the 01/01/1956 borders where SPLA and South Police will take over the responsibility of returnees protection.</p> <p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other</p> <p>Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that led the parties to agree on the following points:</p> <p>... (2) Opening of stock corridors under the protection of SAF and Police up to 01/01/1956 borders and then the SPLA and South Police will take over the responsibility of the corridors protection in the South.</p>
Other	No specific mention.

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.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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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.

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 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 Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that led the parties to agree on the following points:
... (6) Organization of arms carrying according to recommendations of the reconciliation agreement between the Misseriya and Dinka Nogk signed in Kadugli on 12/01/2011.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police	<p>Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that ted the parties to agree on the following points:</p> <p>(1) Opening of all roads to the voluntary returnees from the South under the escort and protection of federal SAF and Police up to the 01/01/1956 borders where SPLA and South Police will take over the responsibility of returnees protection.</p> <p>Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that ted the parties to agree on the following points:</p> <p>... (3) The additional Police forces coming from the south and now deployed North Abyei should be assembled inside Abyei and replaced by two battalions from the Joint Integrated Units (JIUs).</p> <p>Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that ted the parties to agree on the following points:</p> <p>... (5) A joint technical committee of high-ranked police officers from the North and the South is to be formed to review the police forces situation in Abyei and the committee should propose remedy recommendations to the concerned authorities (the two Ministers of Interior of the North and South).</p>
Armed forces	<p>Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that ted the parties to agree on the following points:</p> <p>(1) Opening of all roads to the voluntary returnees from the South under the escort and protection of federal SAF and Police up to the 01/01/1956 borders where SPLA and South Police will take over the responsibility of returnees protection.</p>
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 No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar Page 1, The meeting was held in Kadugli on Sunday 17th January 2011 and characterized by spirit of cooperation and productive discussion that led the parties to agree on the following points:
... (4) UNMIS will take the supervision and monitoring of this agreement besides providing the logistical support for the implementation of the agreement.

Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	Source: Sudan North-South Border Initiative, https://www.scribd.com/doc/50453430/Agreement-of-the-Minister-of-the-Interior-on-Security-Arrangements-in-Abeyi
