

Country/entity South Sudan

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Gogrial Agreement (between Twic, Aweil East, Aweil South and Gogrial West Counties)

Date 13 Jul 2013

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/local 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 Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Inter-group

Peace process

South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements

Parties

Four counties of Warrap State and Northern Bahr el Ghazal States (being Twic, Aweil East, Aweil South and Gogrial West;

Aweil South County

1. Paramount Chief – Piol Geng Ariath [Signed]
2. Paramount Chief – Luis Deng Dut Jok [Signed]
3. Paramount Chief Ayom Akol Wek [Signed]
4. Women Rep Achol Athian Athian [Signed]

Aweil East County

5. Ngong Deng Ngong - Paramount Chief [Signed]
6. Garand Rual Deng - Paramount Chief [Signed]
7. Atem Geng Atem - Paramount Chief [Not Signed]
8. Arol Kuol Makuac - Paramount Chief [Signed]
9. Deng Pioth Yai - Paramount Chief [Signed]
10. Lual Malong Yor - Paramount Chief [Signed]
11. Amet Maboir Yel – Executive Chief [Signed]
12. Akoon Tong Akoon – Executive Chief [Not Signed]
13. Ngong Chan AKOL – Youth Leader [Signed]

Twic County

14. Longar Awic Ayuel – Paramount Chief [Signed]
15. Garangdit Nyuol Bok – Paramount Chief [Signed]
16. Awan Gak Ajak – Paramount Chief [Signed]
17. Malek Malek Deng – Paramount Chief [Signed]
18. Lual Lial – Paramount Chief [Finger print]
19. Atem Choi Atem – Paramount Chief [Signed]
20. Aguek Matiop Mulo – Women Rep. [Signed]
21. Salva Nyuol Mathian – Youth Rep. [Signed]

Gogrial West County

22. Aru Luac Korr – Executive Chief [Signed]
23. Malual Dut Akon – Executive Chief [Signed]
24. Chan Mawwien Akol – Executive Chief [Finger Print]
25. Mathuc Bol Kuol – Executive Chief [Signed]
26. Aur Mayuot Akol – Women Rep. [Signed]
27. Angelo Aguok Kur Aguok – Youth Rep. [Signed]
28. Manyuat Deng Nhommuot – Ex-Chief [Signed]
29. Ayom Wek Kuanyin – Paramount Chief [Finger Print]
30. Monydeng Akok Wol – Ex-Chief [Signed]

Third parties

Witnesses:

1. Hon. Makuc Aru Luac – Commission, Gogrial West County [Signed]
2. Hon. Wet Kiir Awet – Commissioner, Aweil East County [Signed]
3. Hon. Malek Riing Makuei – Commissioner, Twic County [Signed]
4. Hon. Jel Mongok Jel – Commissioner, Aweil South County [Signed]

Description

13-point agreement between 4 counties of Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap states in South Sudan outlining a commitment to peace, recommending the creation of an arbitration body, recommending the formation of courts to resolve disputes that cannot be arbitrated, commit to sharing common local resources, recommend establishment of police posts in conflict prone areas and call on the dissemination of this agreement over radio. Lastly the agreement calls for specific penalties for murder, homicide and cattle rustling.

Agreement document

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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**

No specific mention.

Social class

No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	Page 2, Signatories: Aweil South County ... 4. Women Rep Achol Athian Athian [Signed] Page 3, Signatories: Twic County ... 20. Aguek Matiop Mulo – Women Rep. [Signed] Gogrial West County ... 26. Aur Mayuot Akol – Women Rep. [Signed]
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

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Traditional/religious leaders

[Summary] The majority of signatories are paramount chiefs, executive chiefs or ex-chiefs.

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Page 1, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution: ... 6. The counties call on the chiefs, payam administrators and Commissioners to take the lead in investing in the culture of peace coexistence, cooperation and improve strong administrative relations through regular communication meetings.

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Public administration

No specific mention.

Constitution

No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Other
Page 1, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution:
... 3. The counties recommend the formation of joint courts to settle judicial matters that involve the four counties, which are not resolved by the committee.

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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other
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Mobility/access Page 1, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution:
... 4. The four counties affirmed their readiness to share common local resources including Toc-Choi, water points, fishing and grazing areas as well as guarantee the free movement of peace and trade with less restrictions or unnecessary taxes.

Protection measures No specific mention.

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 emergency law Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Reform to specific laws
Page 2, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution:
... 9. The counties resolute that the crime of cattle theft/rustling should be met with punishment of both 3 years and equivalent of 5,000 SSP or 5 years all together in the event of failure to pay the above amount.
10. The counties resolute that the crimes of murder intentionally deserves death penalty while the semi homicide deserves compensation in form of blood price.
11. The sale of cattle and driving should be regulated and cattle camp should move during the day time unless the security necessitates.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts Page 1, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution:
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Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources Page 1, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution: ... 4. The four counties affirmed their readiness to share common local resources including Toc-Choi, water points, fishing and grazing areas as well as guarantee the free movement of peace and trade with less restrictions or unnecessary taxes.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 2, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution: ... 11. The sale of cattle and driving should be regulated and cattle camp should move during the day time unless the security necessitates.

Taxation Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation
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Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management
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Pastoralist/nomadism rights [Summary] Conflict pertains to land use dispute of Toc-Choi farming area.

Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	No specific mention.
Water or riparian rights or access	Page 1, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution: ... 4. The four counties affirmed their readiness to share common local resources including Toc-Choi, water points, fishing and grazing areas as well as guarantee the free movement of peace and trade with less restrictions or unnecessary taxes.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	Page 1, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution: 1. Four counties positions acknowledging the importance of peace, stability and good relations based on amicable neighbourliness. In this regards, the counties affirm their commitment to protect and preserve coexistence and vowed to stick to the principles of maintaining peace with neighbours and mutual security.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	Page 1, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution: ... 5. Establishment of police posts in controversial or disputes (sic) prone areas.
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	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 Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations
Page 2, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution:
... 10. The counties resolute that the crimes of murder intentionally deserves death penalty while the semi homicide deserves compensation in form of blood price.

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 No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, Four counties joint position and action points/recommendations and resolution:
... 13. The Four County Commissioners will monitor and implement this resolution.
