

**Country/entity** South Sudan

**Region** Africa (excl MENA)

**Agreement name** Communique: Inter Communal Dialogue on the Cessation of Hostilities Declaration Meeting Between Defunct Tonj and Wau States

**Date** 18 Jun 2020

**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.

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Sudan Conflicts (1955 - )

**Stage** Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict nature** Inter-group

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| <b>Peace process</b> | South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements   |
| <b>Parties</b>       | <p>Defunct Tonj State Representatives:<br/> Chikom Ayei Chikom, Paramount Chief, Tonj South - Yar;<br/> Aguek Anyoun Pal, Women Representative, Tonj South - Tonj center;<br/> Peter Mading Akec, Youth Representative, Tonj South - Tonj center;</p> <p>Defunct Wau state Representatives:<br/> Kon Aleu Yak, Paramount Chief, Jur River - Kuajiena;<br/> Akella Akot Ngor, Women Representative, Jur River - Alur;<br/> Elario Deng Aken, Youth Representative, Jur River - Kuajiena.</p>  |
| <b>Third parties</b> | <p>Defunct Wau State:<br/> Remijo Hassan Severio, Secretary General - Acting Governor, General Secretariat; Edward Wade Ubul, Director General - Acting Minister, Ministry of Local Government.</p> <p>Defunct Tonj State:<br/> Acting Secretary General, General Secretariat;<br/> Augustino Akoch Agoth, Director General - Acting Minister, Ministry of Local Government.</p> <p>UNMISS Civil Affairs Division, Human Rights and Partners of Peace Building and Reconciliation Working Group - PRWG (IOM, CEPO, CARDO, HARD and AYADA).</p> |
| <b>Description</b>   | Community representatives from Tonj South and Alur and Kuajiena met to resolve the conflict between their communities and discuss measures to bring about peace.   |

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### Groups

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| <b>Children/youth</b>               | No specific mention. |
| <b>Disabled persons</b>             | No specific mention. |
| <b>Elderly/age</b>                  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Migrant workers</b>              | No specific mention. |
| <b>Racial/ethnic/national group</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Religious groups</b>             | No specific mention. |
| <b>Indigenous people</b>            | No specific mention. |

**Other groups** No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** No specific mention.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** The Community Leaders (Chiefs, Women, Youths and MPs) of Tonj South in Warrap State and Alur and Kuajiena in Western Bahr el Ghazal state on the 18th June 2020 converge in Kuajiena Payam head quarter, under the auspices of the two secretary generals of Wau and Tonj to deliberate on the status of ongoing hostilities between the communities of Tonj South and Alur and Kuajiena.  
After listening to statements by the paramount chiefs, women, youths and comments by the members of parliament from both Tonj and Alur and Kuajiena, the dialogue Meeting have unanimously agreed in presence of Secretary Generals –Tonj and Wau as here under:  
2. Aguek Anyoun Pal | Women Representative | Tonj South – Tonj center  
2. Akella Akot Ngor | Women Representative | Jur River -Alur

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**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** No specific mention.

**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.

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## **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.

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**Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions  
7. Alarmed by the continued carry of guns by an authorized person which is in violation of the provisions of Marial-Bai agreement and tri-state peace conference resolutions that is breeding mistrust and mutual suspicion among the communities, urges the authorities from both states to find an alternative mechanisms of removing guns out in the hands of civilians.

**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** 8. Called on governments in Tonj and Wau to facilitate the formation of the special mobile court as contained in article 11 of the tri-state peace conference resolutions of July 2019 to trial all the crimes committed during the previous and recent conflicts to avoid further revenge.

**Drugs** No specific mention.

**Terrorism** No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

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| <b>Transitional justice general</b> | <p>5. Noted with concern all the atrocities committed on both sides including loss of many lives, properties and livestock and call for the immediate formation of the fact finding committee by the governments of Wau (WBeG) and Tonj (Warrap) states to facilitate effective and meaningful compensation of loses.</p> <p>8. Called on governments in Tonj and Wau to facilitate the formation of the special mobile court as contained in article 11 of the tri-state peace conference resolutions of July 2019 to trial all the crimes committed during the previous and recent conflicts to avoid further revenge.</p> |
| <b>Amnesty/pardon</b>               | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Courts</b>                       | 8. Called on governments in Tonj and Wau to facilitate the formation of the special mobile court as contained in article 11 of the tri-state peace conference resolutions of July 2019 to trial all the crimes committed during the previous and recent conflicts to avoid further revenge.  |
| <b>Mechanism</b>                    | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Prisoner release</b>             | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Vetting</b>                      | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Victims</b>                      | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Missing persons</b>              | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Reparations</b>                  | 5. Noted with concern all the atrocities committed on both sides including loss of many lives, properties and livestock and call for the immediate formation of the fact finding committee by the governments of Wau (WBeG) and Tonj (Warrap) states to facilitate effective and meaningful compensation of loses.   |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>               | 10. Call upon the government of the defunct Tonj and Wau states and the organizations to facilitate youth conference from greater Warrap and Western Bahr el Ghazal for trust and confidence building.   |

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## **Implementation**

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| <b>UN signatory</b>                  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Other international signatory</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Referendum for agreement</b>      | No specific mention. |

**International mission/force/similar**

No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism**

No specific mention.

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