

Peace process in South Sudan

This month's newsletter brings you information on the state of the peace process in Southern Sudan after the death of John Garang, leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement and Army (SPLM/A), on 30 July 2005. Many experts fear this event could endanger the peace process that was established in the 2004 Naivasha agreements (Garang's death bodes ill for Sudan, by ISN SecurityWatch).

The peace agreement ended the Sudanese north-south civil war that had lasted over 20 years. The question is whether John Garang's successor, Salva Kiir Mayardit, will be able to hold together the SPLM/A while at the same time continuing to implement the peace process. So far, Mayardit has been successful, and has exercised his power in a more collegial style than his predecessor - a predictable transition for those that had studied the minutes of the 2003 SPLM/A leadership meeting in Rumbek (see below). By adopting this style of leadership, Mayardit seems to have effectively laid the basis for holding together the various factions in the south (Sudan parties may declare new government by Sept 7, by the Reuters Foundation Alert Net).

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1.1 Government / official documents

Confidential Report on the Joint Meeting of the SPLM/A Leadership Council and the General Military Command in Rumbek 2004

This website, by South Sudan Nation provides the minutes of the 2004 SPLM/A leadership meeting in Rumbek, South Sudan. In this meeting, Salva Kiir Mayardit reveals much about the personality and leadership style of his predecessor, John Garang.

Sudan: Government

This website provides news, reports, documents, and case studies on the use of open source software in EU member countries.

SPLM/A Today

The official website of the SPLM/A is temporarily offline.

Sudan, by the US Department of State

This official US government website offers press statements and reports on US policy regarding Sudan.

Sudan Country Analysis Brief, by the US Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC, US
This website provides a regularly updated analysis on the status of oil production in Sudan.

1.2 International organizations

Sudan Information Gateway: Unites Nations System in the Sudan, by the UN, New York, US
This website provides regular reports and statistical data on the situation in Sudan, as well as information on the UN's programs.

Sudan, by Human Rights Watch, New York, US
This website by Human Rights Watch offers press releases and reports on the human rights situation in Sudan

Sudan, by the World Bank Group, Washington, DC, US
This website by the World Bank Group provides information on the economic situation in Sudan and the country's relations with the World Bank. The site offers reports, statistical data, and press releases.

Sudan-Platform-Austria
Sudan-Platform-Austria is a cooperation between different Austrian human rights and development aid groups working in Southern Sudan. This website provides information on their activities as well as reports, press releases, and official documents on the peace process, including the Naivasha peace agreement documents of 2004.

1.3 Research / academic reports

Garang's Death: Implications for Peace in Sudan
This report by the International Crisis Group in Brussels, Belgium, was published on 9 August 2005. It considers the possible consequences of John Garang's death for the peace process in Sudan.

Feeding the Peace: Challenges Facing Human Security in Post-Garang South Sudan
This report by the South African Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria was published on 23 August 2005. The report concludes that there are two key issues facing Sudan: immediate security concerns, and longer-term livelihood protection and social rehabilitation.

The Death of Dr John Garang: The Implications for Peace in the Sudan
This short slideshow from a seminar at the South African Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria on 2 August 2005 lays out best- and worst-case scenarios for the peace process in Sudan after Garang's death.

Sudan: Political and Security Information, by the ISS, Pretoria, South Africa
This website by the South African Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in Pretoria offers information on Sudan's history, current developments, and statistical data.

Sudan, Oil, and Human Rights

This 2003 report by Human Rights Watch in New York, US, considers the oil issue the main obstacle to peace in Sudan.

Designing an Integrated Strategy for Peace, Security, and Development in Post-Agreement Sudan

This report by the Clingendael, Netherlands Institute of International Relations in The Hague was published in April 2005. The report outlines possible policy interventions to build a comprehensive and sustainable peace in Sudan.

Sudan, by the ISS, Pretoria, South Africa

This website by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) collects all of the center's reports and press releases on Sudan.

1.4 Media

Obituary: John Garang, by the BBC

Profile: Salva Kiir Mayardit, by Aljazeera.net

News article of 11 August 2005 on Salva Kiir Mayardit, the successor of former SPLM/A leader John Garang.

South Sudan Nation

This website provides daily news collected from the internet as well as opinion articles and a chronology of events in Southern Sudan. The archive section provides the minutes of SPLM/A Leadership Council meetings as well as meetings between the SPLM/A leadership and the government of the Republic of the Sudan. The website, managed from Canada, is dedicated to the cause of a free Southern Sudan.

Sudan Newsdesk, by the Reuters Foundation Alert Net

This website by the Reuters Foundation Alert Net collects news articles on the situation in Sudan.

Sudan Tribune

This website collects news articles on the situation in Sudan. Sudan Tribune is based in Paris, France.

Sudan Top News, by AllAfrica Global Media, Mauritius

This website collects news articles on Sudan.