

<b>Country/entity</b>	South Sudan
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities between the Youth of Dinka Bor and Murle Communities
<b>Date</b>	23 May 2017
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	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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**Stage** Ceasefire/related

**Conflict nature** Inter-group

<b>Peace process</b>	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
<b>Parties</b>	Hon. Sultan Ismail Konyi, Governor of Boma Hon. Philip AguerPangyan, State Governor of Jonglei State
<b>Third parties</b>	Hon. Chuol Rambang, Chairperson of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission Hon. Michael Chiangjiek, Minister of Interior Hon Tuk Gatluak, Presidential Adviser on Security Affairs H.E David Shearer, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations
<b>Description</b>	This agreement commits the Dinka Bor and Murle communities to cease hostilities and create a committee to ensure compliance.

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### Local agreement properties

<b>Process type</b>	Formal structured process
<b>Rationale</b>	The South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission, the National High-Level Committee, and the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) facilitated the talks. High-level representatives (including the South Sudanese Vice-President and the Head of UNMISS) were in attendance. Other peace processes and local-level peace accords preceded this agreement in Jonglei.
<b>Is there a documented link to a national peace process?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to national process: articulated rationale</b>	While not explicitly mentioning the national peace process, the talks leading up to this agreement were facilitated by the national-level South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission. The agreement further notes that the 'National High-Level Committee shall establish a Monitoring and Verification Mechanism' (page 2), and specifies that the 'peace process between Dinka Bor and Murle communities shall be facilitated and supported by the Transitional Government of National unity (TGoNU), Government of the two states (Jonglei and Boma), UN and Partners'
<b>Name of Locale</b>	Boma and Jonglei states
<b>Nature of Locale</b>	Region
<b>GPS Lat/Long (DD)</b>	6.211721, 31.565180

**Participant type** Central state actor  
International or transnational actor  
Regional state actor

**Mediator, facilitator or similar** Mediator or similar referred to

**Mediator (references)** Facilitators: South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission; United Nations Mission in South Sudan

**Type of mediator/facilitator/similar** Central state actor International or transnational actor

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### Local issues

**Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)** No specific mention.

**Grievance List** Page 2, Article IV Peace Conference, The two fighting communities have agreed to convene, within a month from the date of signing this agreement, a peace conference to resolve the issues of cattle rustling, child abduction, killing of innocent people and any other matters pertaining to peaceful co-existence.

**Cattle rustling/ banditry** Pages 1-2, Article III Composition and Mandate of the Committee, 2. The Committee shall ensure:

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d. Immediate stopping of child and women abduction, killing of innocent people and cattle rustling;

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f. Collection and return of raided cattle within one month.

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Page 2, Article V The Return of Abducted Women, Children and Cattle, The warring communities have agreed to collect the abducted, women, children and cattle and hand them over to the National High-Level Commission which shall, in turn, handover the same to their original community of belonging.

The TGoNU shall for an investigation committee to investigate into the conflict between Dinka Bor and Murie communities.

**Social cover** No specific mention.

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