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Article 12 on South Sudan

Developments in South Sudan Conflict: A Changing Landscape and Who Supports Who Factoring in the Opportunist Egypt.

Our Articles 1 to 3 and 5 to 11 were situation analysis of the conflict in South Sudan. Our article 4 (A) and 4 (B) were the first of our series on “Who is Who”. This short article (12) is dedicated to what the UNSC says and the opportunist Egypt. We will also touch on the changing military landscape.

UNSC Resolution 2132 dated December 24th, 2013 states

1. Expressing grave alarm and concern regarding the rapidly deteriorating security and humanitarian crisis in South Sudan *resulting from the political dispute* and subsequent violence caused by the country’s political leaders,
2. Further condemning reported *human rights violations and abuses by all parties, including armed groups and national security forces*, and emphasizing that those responsible for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law must be held accountable,
3. Determining that the situation in South Sudan continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,
4. ***Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.***, *appropriate transfer of troops, force enablers, and multipliers from other missions, in particular MONUSCO (United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC), UNAMID (African Union/United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur), UNISFA (United Nations Interim Security Force in Abyei), UNOCI (United Nations Operation in Cote d’Ivoire) and UNMIL (United Nations Mission in Liberia).*

That resolution has not changed; hence for the UNSC:

1. The conflict is a political one and not a coup d’état.
2. Human rights violations were committed by all parties including the incumbent government of Salva Kiir
3. What the UN is doing is under chapter VII which gives the UN the right to use force to implement its resolutions
4. For urgency, the UNSC has availed resources from 5 different exiting missions in Africa. No IGAD and no AU messing.

We add that to what Linda Thomas-Greenfield (US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs) said January 9th “We have not seen any evidence of a coup attempt”. Uganda is bullying and does not count as they are now a biased party.

We expect the State of Forces Agreement (SOFA) of August 2011 to change in mandate to the possible displeasure of Kiir.

But the Egyptians!!

In their internal mess, no one remembers the Egyptians. But they are there and wherever there is Nile Waters, they are there. They want to drain the waters of Bahr El Ghazal Basin (That work has already started). They want to drain Machar Marches. The Machar Marshes are a large area of wetlands in the Greater Upper Nile, South Sudan. The area of permanent swamp is 8,700 km². The marshes are fed by waters from the Khor Machar (a tributary of the Baro River), the Yabus River and the Daga River. At times of high water they are also fed by spill from the Pibor River. The marshes are drained by the Adar River, a tributary of the White Nile.

They also eye the Central Sudd where their Jonglei Canal project was aborted by the second civil war and Garang *Personally*.

As the Southern Sudanese do not really have a clue on hydro-polices and politics and the intricacies of the Nile Waters, it seems that “God” is always on their side! The civil war stopped Jonglei Canal. This war stopped the Egyptians! Talk of “Unintended Positive Outcomes”!

What did they say and who said it?

The odd voice came from the “Deputy Head of Mission in the Egyptian Embassy-(*Our designation*)” in Juba who describes himself as the “Ambassador of the Arab League in Juba”, Ambassador Mohamed Monsef. He is the only regional figure (Uganda is a party) who described what happened in Juba as a coup. He was driven by his business interests in South Sudan.

A trusted witness told us about the suspicious role played by this “Ambassador” who is working as a broker for an Egyptian oil field services company. The company made an offer to service the over used oil pipeline that extends from Unity oil fields to Sudan’s main pipeline. His offer was an exaggerated amount of \$200 million US dollars. He is often seen walking with the well known extremely corrupt, Major General Gregory Fasilee, the brother in law of President Kiir.

Emerging and worrying news

Please refer to our article # 8, page 4.

The Nuers Generals,

1. Major General Gabriel Tanginye (Fangak)
2. Major General Simon Gatwec Duel (Uror)
3. Major General Thomas Mabor Dhol(Nyirol)
4. Brig. General James Otang Lia (Akobo)
5. Brig. General William Kuol (Uror-a military judge)
6. Brig General Lony Thichiot Ngundeng (Nyirol) [this is the grandson of the Lou Nuer prophet Ngundeng (means the Gift of God)].

We are advised by an informed source that they have crossed with their forces to the village of Tayiir, a small village on the East Side of the White Nile South of Leer. Leer is the town of Machar which has now been raised to the ground by Kiir's forces and Bul Nuers. Crossing the river was their biggest hurdle as we said in article 8.

We are also advised by another informed source that they have not crossed the Nile and that they are hibernating in Nyuong Nuer area still in the west bank.

(No one in his right mind can talk about a cease fire agreement on the ground).

Did they really Cross to the East Bank?

Their forces are estimated at 1500 by the account of the first source. They are estimates at 5000 by the account of the second source. Why there are two figures? They seem to have joined up with the force of Gen Gordon Koang Chuol after he withdrew from Bentiu. Although they are short in artillery and tanks, they are a formidable force in man-to-man combat.

It seems that Kiir and Company do not want to attack them. We also believe that they (The rebels) will refrain for confrontation and fighting, if they can, until the start of the raining season in three months whence government forces cannot chase them and heavy weapons are useless.

There were also rumors that they abducted a lot of Dinkas from Yirol County in Lakes State. It is claimed that these were civilians. The numbers were claimed to be in the hundreds and that they threatened that if they are followed and attacked by the Bul Nuers of the SSLA and the SPLA Dinkas, they will die but will kill the hostages. This account is now in great doubt as we are informed that this was propaganda intentionally circulated by Kiir's Government to smear them.

And we talk of cessation of hostilities and agreements! This is a different world.

The 6 generals and their forces need to cross the Nile to the East bank and need to get further North to Fangak to pose a real danger to Kiir. Our guess is that, at the end of the day, they will make it.

What about the Twic East Dinkas and vicinity (or Dinka Bor)?

This is Garang's homeland. It is also the homeland of Gen. Majak Agoot (Jailed by Kiir), Abel Alier, Kuol Manyang, Arok Thon Arok among others. The Nuers/Machar are still occupying that land outside/North of Bor. There was news that they started to kidnap and take Dinka women. That is taboo. If the Nuers with Machar further intimidate the Twic East Dinkas they will have another enemy to deal with. But we also got information that the abuse was only in the home land of General Kuol Manyang of Bor Goak.

Are Machar and Kiir talking?

We have unconfirmed news that Machar called President Kiir on the phone yesterday Monday Feb 3rd to tell him that he (Kiir) needs to resign to avoid a blood bath. We are also informed that

this tough line, which is going to reflect negatively in Addis Ababa talks, is dictated by the powerful generals who want to have a fight to the end with both Kiir and Dinkas. Information on that is still trickling in. We have considerable analysis compiled that you will read in article 13 including what Machar tools the Luo Nuer Chiefs and what may become of Addis/IGAD talks.

In the meantime, we wish to leave you with the clips of the BBC's Mark Lowen

Backgrounder:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YUpZP7GVhY>

Main clip: Please open BBC News Africa first. It may take some time. Then go to the video after the photos.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-25872951>

Or go to Google and type "Mark Lowen in Lankien" and follow.

This is 2.36 minutes run. Bear the advertisement.

Then go to minutes 2:20 on the tape.

Do you know what they are singing? "Mark calls it a "Battle Cry". It is much more:

"Between us and the Dinka is only death!!"

We have not seen the beginning of the end yet.

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