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Developments in South Sudan Conflict: SSLM/A, the \$300 million, the Private Army, the 35000 IDPs in Nimule and the *lock on* Was it a Coup?

Our Articles 1 to 3 and 5 to 17 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 article (18) is dedicated to throwing some light on the SSLM/A, the infamous \$300 million and more on the IDPs of Nimule and their original hosts.

The Paradox of the SSLM/A

With 8000 fighters (or close to) they are a power to reckon with. Well trained and armed by Khartoum. They now see themselves as part of the government of Kiir. Their top generals and politicians have been integrated but the forces have not.

Some of those are:

1. Lt General Bapiny Manytuil Wicjang-Nuer
2. Gen Johnson Olang-Shuluk
3. Gen Karlo Kuol Ruach0Nuer

And the political leaders are:

1. Gordon Buay-Nuer
2. Tut Gatlwak-Nuer
3. Governor Dr. Joseph Nguen

Among others

Will Kiir honour his full agreement with them as brokered by Lt. General Thomas Cirilo Swaka, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training and Political Orientation” and Gen Johnson Olony from the SSLM/A? This will mean integrating further 8000 soldiers into the SPLA who are not Dinka Bahr El Ghazal.

“He has no choice” says one of the SSLM/A leaders. “If he does not honour the agreement he is finished” he continues.

The forces of the SSLA are the major firepower guarding both the Upper Nile (UN) and Western Upper Nile (WUN)-Ex Unity- oil fields and both are (Mainly) under their control. SSLA is made up of WUN Nuers and UN Nuers as well as Jonglei Nuers.

We are awaiting solid news on where they stand now with the massive onslaught on Malakal.

They are predominantly Nuers and (Bul Nuers) who are the majority tribe in WUN and the fiercest fighters west of the Nile. Their claims for political dominance in WUN seem to have

been satisfied and the Governor is now from them (Dr. Joseph Nguen Monytuel-Elder brother of Gen Bapiny). They have military control of WUN. They have their share of State Government positions

The question is: How long can they sustain that alliance with Kiir and co while the Nuers are fighting him? How much of tribal and ethnic powerbase will they maintain with time?

The Million Dollar Question about the \$300 Million.

So that we do not get lost, let us go one step at a time. We will be taking you through a labyrinth!

1. The \$300 million were intended to pay part of the SPLA soldiers but mainly the Private Army of 15,000 Dinkas from Warrap and other Greater Bahr El Ghazal States. These were based and trained in Kiir's Private Farm.
2. The hatching of the \$300 million was done by Kiir's close circle of Gen Paul Maloung, Gen Salva Mathok Gengdit and Alieu Ayieny.
3. They advised Kiir that the SPLA's morale was very low due to unpaid salaries and reduction of their other benefits.
4. Now that most of the remaining soldiers together with the Private Army are Dinkas, they will be ready to protect Kiir.
5. It was not a secret that the Dinka soldiers were saying "let those who stole the money go and fight"
6. By that time \$300 million (equivalent) were deposited in a "Block Account" in Kampala
7. Kiir broke the good news that payments were going to be *tripled* for those soldiers who remained and protected the government.
8. Happily he sends off John Dor Majok (Deputy Governor of Bank of South Sudan) to go to Kampala and get the \$300 million.
9. Poor Dor finds no money! Museveni was at the bank first.

Please wait! That is not the end of the story:

1. On Monday 17th February, The South Sudan Legislative Assembly convened to assess the situation.
2. But we are now only interested to trace the \$300!
3. The chief whip Tulio Odongi declares that 70% of the SPLA have defected. (Is this the 70% Nuers in the SPLA? Hence there are now no Nuers in the SPLA?)
4. Odongi further asked Kiir to urgently acquire air, land and river defences to "face the looming threat posed by the rebels"
5. He asks the Ugandans to stay until the "weakness" is addressed.
6. The wailing is not over! Minister of Interior Aleu Ayieny shares the concerns of Odongi and adds: That police have defected as well
7. Then: The parliament approved \$300 million "to deal with security threats". Yes: The very same figure that went missing and was earmarked for the private army!!

Are we finished yet? By George Not

1. The same Monday February 17th
2. Kiir admits “in public” that he has a Private Army
3. This serious revelation was made in a Dinka dominated youth political function.
4. The crude justification by Kiir was that he was aiming at creating “Reserve”! Well he did and they are ALL Dinka. They are ALL Dinka Bahr El Ghazal.
5. “It was on this basis that “somebody” mobilized and recruited “some” youth [The youth are 15,000]....any country which does not have a reserve always get into difficulties”
Quote-Unquote. Unbelievable Eh!
6. Whom are you kidding Mr. President?
7. He goes on: He accused “some officials” of having denied the new recruits their salaries and weapons while undergoing training as “they” were opposed to the idea. He did not say “James Hoth Mai” but did he need to do that?
8. “When these people were in training they were denied everything”. He went on. A private army was expecting public money!

Now do you know where the \$300 million (for the second time after Museveni got his) went?

Do you hear the voice or see the photo of James Hoth Mai these days? The man is Nuer! With a large farm in Madi Land.

Can we now talk about the “Dinka-nization” of the SPLA? Police? Security?

More on the 35,000 IDPs in Malijo

1. There are “Old IDPs” and “New IDPs”. Those terms are not ours.
2. This is Madi land. But most of the Madi fled to Uganda and stayed there back in 1991. There is no border.
3. The “Old IDPs” are mostly Dinkas who fled the 1991 Massacre in Bor.
4. The “New IDPs” are also Dinkas, YES! But they came in force with 85,000 cattle heads (and the zeros are correct)
5. How did they make it with all this fighting? Old Nangala Road away from the river and the raised road! They escaped the fighting.
6. The Madi who are still there do not want them; but months back one of their chiefs was murdered by the Dinkas. Eastern Equatoria Government must now do something about it.
7. The “Old IDPs” are now claiming they did not “commandeer land” but purchased the land from Madis. Those were the Madis who did not want to come back from Uganda. Hence they are now “indigenes” as well! A good argument they are using is: How can you be an IDP in your own country after 22 years? A Good one
8. The Military Academy was built in a huge plot in Madi Land
9. So was the Customs Compound
10. The argument now is: Do they move only the new IDPs and solve half the problem? Or all the IDPs and create a bigger problem with the settled Dinkas?

Was it a Coup? Or was it not a Coup?

Right now and 2 months later, what on earth would the difference be?

Why would someone spend all this energy, money, lives to prove what is now a futile point?

Dr. Barnaba Marial is back in Juba from London with very little success of convincing anyone that it was indeed a coup.

Those who care about South Sudan want to know the way out of the mess and not who was mean enough to start it all.

Unless this is part of the “Grand Design” of Dinka-nizing the Institution in South Sudan

May be the Nuers, in frustration or in strength, ask for self-determination or sort of autonomy in Jonglei, part of UN and WUN! Far-fetched? Wait and see if Kiir continues to shut them off:

1. ALL the oil of South Sudan (Explored and unexplored) is in those 3 states.
2. Jonglei Plains are the most suited for mechanised farming
3. Baro (Sobat) River can be Dammed to hold back 12 billion Cubic Meters of water and generate over 700 MW of electricity. But in cooperation with Ethiopia in the high grounds. They can cultivate up to 2.5 million acres in Jonglei plains.
4. They have water they can sell to Egypt if they can keep the greedy Egyptians off for a while
5. Land locked? So what? So is Switzerland, Chad, Niger, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and South Sudan
6. 65% of the SPLA is 65% of 210,000 or 136,000 soldiers of Nuer origin and counting!
7. The Anuak, Shulluk and Murle will join in: have you heard what Yau Yau did? They sent him a plane with escort to come to Juba after “an “agreement was signed and raised up in the air by church people in Addis. He refused to board the plane. H “literary” ran away from the plane and its passengers and asked his people to slaughter a bull for them and ask them to leave back without him. The guests refused to eat the meat and took off.
8. The Dinka Bor are closer to the Nuers than to Bahr El Ghazal Dinkas.
9. Abyei 9 chieftains wish Kiir goes into oblivion.
10. Just go into the internet to see the depth and extent of hate messaging. Kiir has opened a box of Pandora.

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