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Developments in South Sudan Conflict: Community Consultations in North America, Ambassadors Recalled or beaten up? How Machar met with Gadet in Gatdiang, Conference at the University of Ottawa.

Our Articles 1 to 3 and 5 to 19 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 (20) is dedicated to the growing diaspora consultations and why they are important; is it the job of the ambassadors to “convince” hosting states with the alleged coup? An ambassador punched up in Juba, How Machar met Gadet and how Nhial Bol was made to walk bare-naked in the streets of Juba.

Community Consultations in Diaspora in USA and Canada: Hats Off!

1. Over 300 in teleconference in the first consultations
2. Over 170 in the second consultations
3. Brig Gen Malak Ayuen talks to South Sudan’s Diaspora in the US and Canada for 190 minutes last week
4. Gen Taban Deng talks to them for 165 minutes Saturday Feb 22nd. Both were very patient and elaborate and apologetic.

But why is diaspora important for them? (Other than being concerned citizens of South Sudan)?

1. There are so many of them in the US and Australia (less in Canada)
2. BUT they are the ones who are keeping their families alive in South Sudan through Western Union transfers when the sharks are embezzling the oil money.
3. **So what?**
4. They can influence their folks in remote areas of South Sudan where to throw their support.
5. They are enlightened and connected in spite of the different positions
6. They have also cabled financial support to the Opposition when they arrived destitute from Juba into Gatdiang and Gambella.
7. They can create political leverage in their new home countries. The Diaspora in and around Kitchener Ontario are now (Today) in Ottawa meeting with MPs and Ministers asking for stronger engagement of Canada

May be most of the participants in the forum are Nuers?!

Not in the too distant future, Diaspora shall assert their entity as a force to be reckoned with and possibly be listened to in Addis Ababa. Getting a seat in the hall is far-fetched

**Were the Ambassadors given jobs beyond their capacity?
Are they Ambassadors of Saliva Kiir or the people of South Sudan?**

South Sudan Ambassador to Kenya Mjok Guandong Thiep is a Luo Nuer. It is rumored that he was recalled to Juba after the violence (or is it Coup?). In a meeting attended by the Minister of Interior Aleu Ayieny, Ambassador Majok was not only reprimanded, but he was punched up in the government premises (beaten up). His alleged crime: He supported Taban Deng from his own money to buy clothes. We are working on further verification although the incident is all over the place.

Dr. Akec Khoc Aciew is a veteran SPLM loyal with education in medicine from the University of Khartoum, France and the US. A very refined and capable man but he has his limitations as an ambassador of a new, fragile and internationally insignificant country.

We have confirmed news that he has been recalled to Juba “For failing to convince the Americans that the events of December 15th were a coup”. He is Dinka Bor. That is unfortunate.

Dr. Barnaba Marial has failed to convince the Brits that it was a coup. In his face in the International Institute id Strategic Studies he was it told it was a “rebellion”. We do not know what he did in Eritrea yet!

Ambassador Arop Deng Kuol, Dinka Ngok Abyei and Head of Mission to Ethiopia. He is a very controversial personality. His position before posting to Addis was Chief Administrator of Abyei and here is why:

The Black Ethiopians having roots in South Sudan and in the Gambella Region as well South Sudanese who did not go back home after 2005 did not want him. They are mostly Nuers and Anyuaks. But there are Nyangatoms and a few Dinkas as well.

When Ex-Vice-president Riek Machar visited Addis Ababa on September, 10, 2011, the South Sudan community organized a meeting to express the position of the community. All the 40,000 people who attended the meeting (Yes the zeros are correct) called for the removal of Arop Deng Kuol and Dr. Riek Machar was shocked with the overwhelming rejection of Arop Deng Kuol to continue as GOSS Head Mission to Ethiopia. He is an Ethiopian citizen who holds Ethiopian Passport. He acquired Ethiopian citizenship after marrying from the ethnic group of late Prime Minister Meles Zenawi in 1997.

The community alleges that Arop Deng Kuol could not have been appointed as Ambassador to Ethiopia prior to relinquishing his Ethiopian citizenship. They sighted conflict of interest between South Sudan national interest and the private business interest of Arop Deng Kuol. They claim that he has four clothes factories, three cafeterias, ten mini buses, two hotels in Addis Ababa, one hotel in Keren, two super Markets in Addis Ababa. In the field of public relations, the government of South Sudan could not have appointed somebody who has bad relationship with South Sudan communities in Ethiopia. He has been in this position for 7 years now.

He is alleged to have failed to convince the Ethiopians of the Coup version and is being recalled.

But that is history! Let us come to *now*

VP visits Kajo-Keji after attack on police station

Vice President James Wani Igga arrived in Kajo-Keji, Central Equatoria State last week, for an official visit, just after an attack on a police station in the county.

Igga was accompanied by national agriculture deputy minister Lily Albino Akol and Central Equatoria State Deputy Governor Manasseh Lomole Waya, who said the county was lucky to have a son of the state (meaning Central Equatoria) as Vice President of the Republic.

During his visit to Kajo-Keji, which is near the Ugandan border, Vice President James Wani Igga addressed a crowd at Freedom Square. According to the Catholic Radio Network, the vice president said that he was like “John the Baptist”, preparing the way for the “Messiah” to come!

Did the Messiah have blood on his hands?

Igga’s visit comes after a police station in Wudu town of Kajo-Keji County was set on fire on the night before by a gang of angry Kuku youth. The attack destroyed 11 motorbikes, 3 bicycles, and files within the station. Kajo-Keji has been undergoing an army recruitment drive led by mobilization delegate Brigadier-General Abraham Wani. The citizens of the area were urged to mobilize their “sons” for the national army.

But why would the Kuku need “urging” to send their sons to the “Holocaust”?

The Kuku border Uganda and there are three border towns: Jolimo, Pomojo and Kerepi. Museveni claimed a chunk of the Kuku land as part of Uganda. Kiir gave away the land without any argument!

The Kuku Youth is of particular concern as the Kuku (tribe around Kajo Keji) are peaceful, religious, educated and refined communities. The current minister of finance Mr. Saboni is a Kuku. For their youth to resist conscription, and burn the police station there must be something grossly wrong.

The same “drive” was applied in East Equatoria. The gap in the SPLA of an estimated 100,000 “deserters” must now be filled with Non-Nuers.

Was this part of the “Grand Design?”

An expert from Addis wrote in a report questioning the importance of Gatdiang in Jonglei State. You will find Gatdiang in only one or two maps other than the 1937-1973 old maps in our archives. We visited Gatdaing several times between 2008-20012. It is a post on the road, a deserted village and was a camp for Eyat Road Construction Company, one of the largest crooks operating in South Sudan. You send someone with a rifle on foot from Gatdiang Post and you get an Oryx (large gazelle) in 20 minutes.

The near deserted “Village” is traditionally Dinka Land. Dinkas were pushed west by the Murle.

Why is such a Godforsaken place be of any importance to Peter Gadet?

1. If you look at the map that features Gatdiang (Let us know if you need a copy. We have it in e-form), it lies on the road with the shortest distance to Akobo-heartland of the Luo. The road from Bor to Akobo takes a slight 30 degrees bend to the South at Gatdiang. There is no other way to Akobo than going through Pibor East the North or North to Duk Fadiat-Ayod and then east through Watt and South East to Akobo.
2. In the East Road through Pibor there are the Murle
3. In the North Road through Duk-Fadiat is Twic Dinka Land
4. Large numbers of the SPLA (Kiir) are North of Bor!
5. That is not all: Gatdiang is the location where Gadet met with Machar and his fleeing party from Juba. It was Gadet in Gatdiang who “Commanded” Machar to fight and kill Dinkas as they killed Nuers in Juba. If Machar had refused, Gadet would have killed him!
6. A minor reason is that the strip of road between Bor and Gatdiang is either raised (Base and sun-base compacted) or graded. Hence has better access to Bor from the East. It lies right on the border of Twic East County and just North of the corner joining Bor South, Uror and Twic East Counties.

Gadet cannot allow himself to be without access to attack Bor.

Sad news that Major General Simon Gatwec Duel (Uror) has been killed in Gatdiang. We are awaiting further confirmation.

Gambella

Land of Nuer Majority

Anyuak

Nyangatoms

And other smaller tribes

The Governor of Gambella in Ethiopia is Nuer: Gatluak Tut Koat. *Sounds familiar?*

A senior security officer from the Ethiopian security (National Intelligence and Security Service – Ethiopia) goes to Gambella and allows in and escorts Taban Deng; the story goes.

The South Sudan Ambassador takes Gen Taban to Ghion Hotel. Later on the Government delegation to the talks arrives in Addis and puts up in Ghion.

No one was happy with the “coincidence”. That was taken against Ambassador Arop and is one of the reasons for his recall to Juba.

One of the biggest victims of the current violence is *humanity*.

Look at a map of Jonglei and take a look to the east. Nuers have the longest and most porous borders with Ethiopia. That factor alone could be the real lifeline for the rebels for mobility and military logistics. We doubt very much if the Ethiopians will close or even restrict the borders.

We must give credit for the Ethiopian Authorities in Gambella for stopping the slaughter of 250 Dinkas who sought refuge in Gambella.

Juba scandals of the Tiger Brigade are not only killing Nuers

Nhial Bol Aken of the Citizen

They (Kiir-GRSS) were unhappy with his writing. Examples:

The senior journalist, who has been detained by South Sudan's security services on various occasions for his paper's criticism of the government, said that top members of the SPLM were planning "to use oil money to buy weapons so that they can kill themselves during [the] 2015 elections". Well, they did it before 2015!

Another example "*The international partners are becoming members of SPLM. They are not neutral. They are supporting their friends.*" How very true!

"*The prisons are ever full and they do not care. They just pass by the prisons as if they are passing by zoo*", Bol added talking about the diplomats in Juba. How very true!

"*They are keeping quiet here and make noise for Zimbabwe. We are actually the worse than the failed state. The security situation is more alarming. Our prisons are full*", he said.

Was anybody listening? Is anyone listening NOW?

"*I have been arrested and detained 38 times since 2000. As regards summons by the security agents, I have lost count of them. Sometimes they would summon me four times a day to their offices for questioning, before releasing me. It's part of the game — they are trying to frustrate us.*" Bol says

On July 11th 2013: (Note the date)

Yien Mathew Chol, an SPLM spokesperson, warned that the country might "*slide into state of anarchy*" because the party had been hijacked by opportunists.

"*I agree with Nhial Bol, the country might anytime slide into war. Some may die.*" Says Yien.

It turned out to be tens of thousands die and not "Some"

Was the international community in South Sudan Deaf? Stupid? Or not caring? Or all of them?

After December 15th rampage, the agents of Kiir grabbed Bol, stripped him of ALL his clothes and made him walk the streets of Juba bare naked. He is a relative of Kiir.

Talk of rule of law or humanity again!

Conference at the University of Ottawa:

Crisis in South Sudan: Issues, Actors and Options for Canada is the title.

Wednesday February 26, at the University of Ottawa, Organised by the CIPS Fragile States Research Network in partnership with Subsahara Centre

This is a Canadian event aimed at awareness and generating options for Canada to do what they can for the PEOPLE of South Sudan. 8 professional speakers and over 80 participants from all walks of life have been confirmed.

We will tell you about it towards the end of the week.

Thos of us who worked for and loved the people of South Sudan cannot abandon them at the time of need.

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