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Article 24 on South Sudan

Developments in South Sudan Conflict: Abyei, Missieriya and Ngok

Our Articles 1 to 3 and 5 to 23 were situation analysis of the conflict in South Sudan. Our articles 4 (A), 4 (B) and 4 (C) were the first of our series on “Who is Who”. This article (24) is dedicated to chronic conflict between the Ngok Dinka and the Missieriya Tribe around Abyei

The recent battles

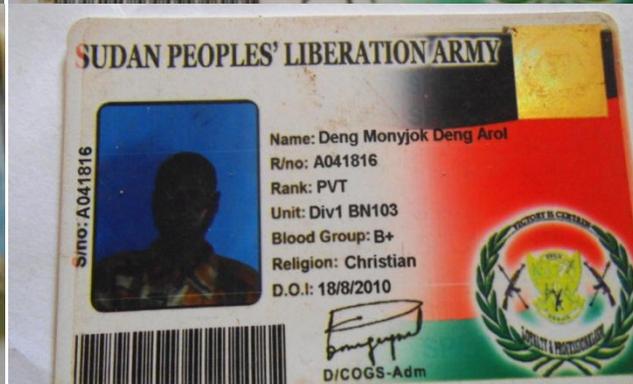
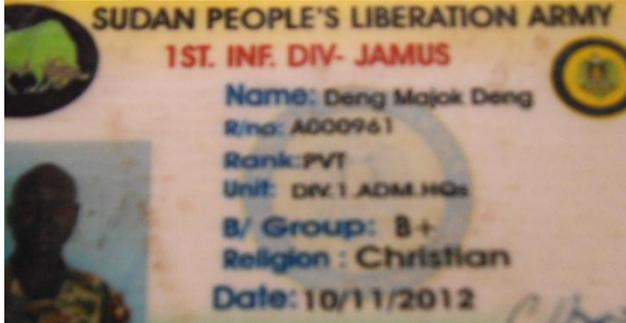
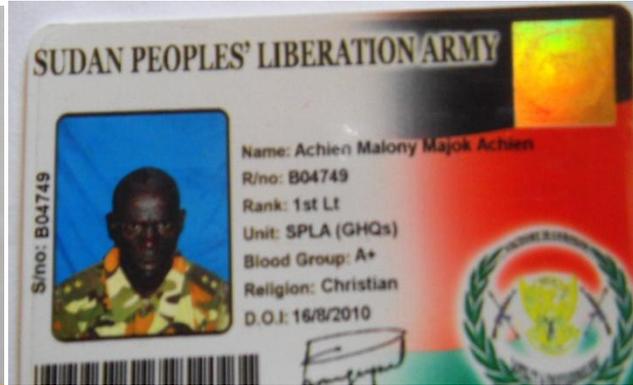
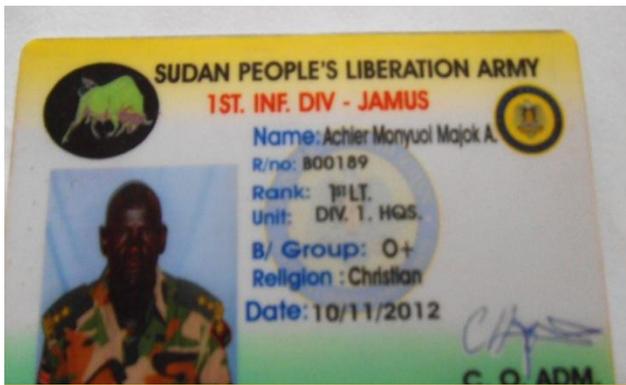
Attacks and counter attacks are frequent between the two tribes. The same goes for the Reziegat and Malual. Cattle know no borders and the exasperation of the tug of war after 2005 has magnified the conflict. After 2005 it is the two governments of South Sudan and Sudan that took over the file. Both the Ngok and the Missieriya were left, at many times, out in the cold.

The UNISFA seems to be the biggest joke of the UN/AU peacekeeping forces. The blunders of the Ethiopians as peacekeepers in Abyei need proper documentation. Their resort to silence is limited in capacity as the Missieriya seem to be bent on defending themselves. In the recent battles in early March in Dabbat Makeer, Dakara and Tiyook, worrying events are coming to light.

The information we have so far is:

1. 13 Missieriya killed and 30 others injured. Some sources give slightly lower figures.
2. Missieriya claim to have killed 350 Dinka Ngok. This is a large number of people dead. If we half it, we are talking of 175 killed. How could the Missieriya have done that? South Sudan Government claimed 77 killed and by SAF. The Missieriya are claiming they are regular SPLA soldiers. Attached to this article are the clear photos of 2 officers and 4 privates killed in Keer Battle. We trust the source that supplied the photos.
3. An honest account that we got from one of the Missieriya elders is that those who attacked were hungry people! But we are still working on confirmations.
4. But while that is worrying, more worrying is the claimed cache of weapons that the Missieriya captured from the attackers: DShK, Grinov, Mortars and RBG. These are not small arms. These are light weapons and are lethal! Our contacts and sources are helping us with detailed identification of the weapons captured.
5. We were wondering how the Missieriya managed to capture such arms until an informed person told us “The Missieriya, compared to their earlier 1980s wars with SS militias have changed their tactics substantially (retired army soldier sect..). No horses, no nonsense”. No one seems to be paying attention.
6. Our sources inform us that there are 15,000 fighters (and not on horseback!) that can move in and protect the tribe. If that happens, UNISFA will eat coal!

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IDs of officers and soldiers killed by the Misseriya in Makeer March 1st 2014.

First Lt Achier Manyuol First Inf Div Jamous

First Lt Achien Malony SPLA HQ

Priv Deng Majok Deng 1st Inf Div Jamous

Priv Deng Majok Pol Ist Div HQ

Priv Deng Majok, 3rd Plt, 1st Inf Div

Priv Deng Manujok First Div

May the Almighty rest their souls and all those who lost their lives from both sides.

We are still working on further identification including that of SA and LW

Sourced from origin in Makeer, Abyei, by Subsahara Centre. Our thanks go to the Sources on the ground for sharing.