



Weekly Report

South Sudan

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- The violent situation in South Sudan has taken a turn for the positive with the signing of a peace agreement on January 23 to potentially end the month-long fighting in the world's youngest nation. The question of detainees continues to be an issue.
- However, accusations are already emerging concerning ceasefire violations.
- Source: Sudan Tribune

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article49693>

"There have been killings and brutality, grave human rights violations and atrocities committed. We have seen evidence of apparent targeting of South Sudanese citizens on ethnic grounds." –
Hilde F. Johnson Special Representative of UN Secretary-General and Head of UNMISS

Human Rights Watch releases report on violence in South Sudan

- The ongoing crisis in South Sudan became perilous when a political struggle between current president Salva Kiir and former vice president Riek Machar spilled over into the communities.
- Amongst violence between the different fractions there are more worrying instances of ethnic targeting appearing as the situation escalates. With dispersed occurrences, the major event has so far been the massacre of between 200-300 Nuer men on Dec. 16th, 2013.
- Source: Human Rights Watch

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/01/16/south-sudan-ethnic-targeting-widespread-killings>

UN holds press conference on South Sudan

- Hilde F. Johnson, Special Representative of UN Secretary-General and Head of UNMISS held a press conference on January 1, 2014.
- She told the press that the country is at a crossroads and called for all parties to take a decisive step for peace.
- Source: UN

<http://www.un.org/sg/offthecuff/index.asp?nid=3232>