



Weekly Report

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South Sudan

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As officials from Juba reach out, neighbouring countries play increasing roles

- The defense minister from Juba recently strengthened ties with Egyptian counterparts to open up for the possibility of an Egyptian presence in South Sudan with the aim of ending the rebellion.
- Similar reports are emerging with regards to other countries, with Zimbabwe in particular. These reports indicate a desire by Juba to protect the country's oilfields.
- Sources: Voice of America, Newsday

<http://www.voanews.com/content/south-sudan-receives-backing-from-international-partners/1879186.html>

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2014/03/28/south-sudan-courts-zimbabwes-military-help/>

The presence of South Sudanese troops in contested areas of Sudan triggers statements by Khartoum officials

- Unrelated military movements in the contested area of Abyei by South Sudanese troops have caused military threats to be issued by Khartoum.
- Whilst relaying this warning, the statement was optimistic as well as sensitive to the internal crisis in South Sudan.
- Source: Ahram online

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/97743/World/Region/South-Sudan-troops-in-disputed-Abyei-threaten-peac.aspx>