



Weekly Report

South Sudan

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- 1** Peace talks suspended again
- 2** UN warns refugees' status acute
- 3** Regional ties strengthen

Peace talks between rebels and government representatives stalls again

- Peace talks stalled at the request of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development to create time to consult with the organization's heads. Talks are scheduled to reconvene on April 30.

- Source: Voice of America

<http://www.voanews.com/content/south-sudan-peace-talks-suspended-until-end-of-april/1883292.html>

UN reports this week have elevated the status of South Sudanese refugees to acute

- In what they are calling a spiralling humanitarian crisis, the UN estimates more than a million displaced persons as well as the disruption of critical trade routes and markets.
- Source: UN in South Africa

<http://www.un.org.za/amid-fears-south-sudan-is-imploding-un-agencies-launch-urgent-operation-to-reach-remote-areas/>

The regional ties of the crisis strengthen as Juba receives confirmation from neighbouring countries

- Juba's international partners in the East Africa region assure they will not allow an undemocratic military change in government.
- Zimbabwe continues to emerge as the most sought out ally
- 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/>