



Sudan Law Reform Update

January 2010

Welcome to the fifth issue of the Sudan law reform update. The Project for Criminal Law Reform in Sudan (PCLRS), a joint initiative of SORD and REDRESS, provide this regular service with a view to informing those working on, and interested in, law reform and human rights of relevant developments. The update includes a summary of the news (largely based on English language media sources) on law reform, jurisprudence and other developments. It also aims to serve as a platform for sharing of information, comments and opinions on any issues related to law reform and human rights in Sudan.

This issue covers developments up to 25 January 2010. It features further news concerning developments on the National Security law and the referendum law.

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I. PCLRS NEWS

Lutz Oette, REDRESS, gave oral evidence at the UK Parliamentary Hearing on Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement on 11 January 2010

The written evidence is available at

<http://www.redress.org/documents/REDRESS%20Submission%20CPA%2015%20October%202009.pdf>

II. LAW REFORM

9th January 2010

US criticises Sudan's national security law

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33718>

7th January 2010

NCP official denies reaching an agreement with the SPLM on amending the national election laws

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33703>

6th January 2010

SPLM considering US proposals to delay referendum

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%206%20Jan%202010.pdf>

5th January 2010

NCP official describes the referendum law as a 'recipe for war'

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33679>

30th December 2009

The Sudanese national assembly adopts the referendum law

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33630>

29th December 2009

Federal parliament endorses the referendum bill

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33619>

29th December 2009

South Sudan reject 'inclusive' referendum bill

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33612>

28th December 2009

NCP favours Sudan's unity in 2011 referendum

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33606>

26th December 2009

NCP and SPLM agree to adopt the referendum bill without alteration

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33588>

24th December 2009

NCP sends referendum bill back to parliament for reconsideration

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33567>

24th December 2009

Juba leader calls for cancellation of the adopted referendum bill

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33568>

23rd December 2009

Parliament endorses referendum bill, SPLM protests amendments

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33553>

22nd December 2009

Leader of the SPLM objects to the national security act

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33541>

III. JURISPRUDENCE

17th January 2010

UN condemns latest death sentences carried out by the Sudanese authorities

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2017%20Jan%2010.pdf>

IV. DOCUMENTS

2009 Child Bill (enacted as Child Act on 29 December 2009)

http://www.pclrs.org/Miscellaneous/Child_Bill_2009_2009-12-%20English.pdf