



Sudan Law Reform Update

March-May 2011

Welcome to the thirteenth issue of the Sudan law reform update. The Project for Criminal Law Reform in Sudan (PCLRS) provides 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 comment on recent developments as well as a summary of the news (largely based on English language media sources) on law reform and other developments. It 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 17 May 2011.

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I. BOOK LAUNCH

REDRESS is pleased to announce the publication of a new book

العدالة الانتقالية واصلاح القانون الجنائي:

آفاق حقوق الانسان في السودان

(Transitional Justice and Criminal Law Reform: Human Rights Perspectives for Sudan) available online at

http://www.pclrs.org/Transitional_Justice_and_Criminal_Law_Reform_Human_Rights_Perspectives_for_Sudan_Arabic.pdf or in hard copy upon request), which is dedicated to the memory of our colleague and friend Abdelsalam Hassan Abdelsalam.

(The English version will be published later this year by Ashgate Publishing

http://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=637&calcTitle=1&forthcoming=1&title_id=11289&edition_id=14535)

The book is the outcome of a concerted effort to reflect on key areas of human rights and criminal law reform in Sudan from national, comparative and international perspectives. It benefits from in-depth discussions during an expert seminar held in Kampala, March 2010, and includes contributions by a number of experts and practitioners from Sudan, the region and beyond. We hope that the book will inspire reflection, contribute to debates, and serve as a useful resource and reference point in the ongoing struggle for human rights and law reform, including in the current campaigns on article 149 of the Criminal Act (rape) and the Public Order laws.

II. LAW REFORM

15th May 2011

South Sudan women want input in the transitional constitution

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-women-want-input-in,38909>

13th May 2011

Limit president's emergency powers, S. Sudan opposition demands

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Limit-president-s-emergency-powers,38880>

SPLM maintains inclusion of Abyei in South Sudan's draft constitution

<http://www.sudantribune.com/SPLM-maintains-inclusion-of-Abyei,38891>

8th May 2011

South Sudan parliament convenes extraordinary sitting to discuss transitional constitution

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-parliament-convenes,38816>

6th May 2011

South Sudan cabinet passes transitional constitution

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-cabinet-passes,38796>

SPLM rejects constitutional power sharing with opposition parties

<http://www.sudantribune.com/SPLM-rejects-constitutional,38797>

4th May 2011

South Sudan: Draft constitution sees light after boycotts by other parties

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-Draft-constitution,38775>

29th April 2011

Tempers flare as SPLM opposition discuss S. Sudan draft constitution

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Tempers-flare-as-SPLM-opposition,38726>

27th April 2011

Southern political opposition parties reject constitution

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2027%20April%2011.pdf>

26th April 2011

Constitutional review: S. Sudan civil society activists decry lack of participation

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Constitutional-review-S-Sudan,38688>

24th April 2011

Draft constitution of the Republic of South Sudan released

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Draft-constitution-of-the-Republic,38679>

21st April 2011

South Sudan political parties' leadership to endorse the draft constitution in Juba

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-political-parties,38637>

13th April 2011

Southern Sudan constitution review committee concludes work

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2013%20Apr%2011.pdf>

6th April 2011

S. Sudan's draft constitution finalized - minister

<http://www.sudantribune.com/S-Sudan-s-draft-constitution,38496>

5th April 2011

South Sudan minister allays fears over constitutional review

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-minister-allays-fears,38484>

24th March 2011

GoSS drafts new constitution with no major changes

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2024%20Mar%2011.pdf>

III. OTHER NEWS

Human Rights Situation

16th May 2011

Sudanese journalists arrested over poll coverage, rights groups say

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudanese-journalists-arrested-over,38929>

13th May 2011

Rights abuses in Sudan unabated, report shows

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Rights-abuses-in-Sudan-unabated,38898>

11th May 2011

Hundreds of farmers stage demonstrations in Central Sudan

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2011%20May%202011.pdf>

7th May 2011

Over 83 protesters are still detained without charge in South Darfur

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Over-83-protesters-are-still,38804>

3rd May 2011

Sudanese government releases opposition leader Hassan Al-Turabi

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudanese-government-releases,38766>

NCP supporters beaten up, barred from voting in Southern Kordofan gubernatorial elections

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%203%20May%202011.pdf>

26th April 2011

Justice forms committee to safeguard public funds

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2026%20April%2011.pdf>

21st April 2011

Human Rights Watch accuses SPLA, rebels of Upper Nile killings

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Rights-body-accuses-SPLA-rebels-of,38642>

17th April 2011

Lakes state governor: Rumbek High Court judge to lose seat over pregnancy sentencing

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Lakes-state-governor-Rumbek-High,38585>

14th April 2011

Turabi's family accuse Sudan security of intimidation

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Turabi-s-family-accuse-Sudan,38565>

12 Sudanese workers released after 2-day reprisal hostage-taking in South Darfur camp

<http://www.sudantribune.com/12-Sudanese-workers-released-after,38564>

SPLA forcefully recruit civilians into army in Unity state

<http://www.sudantribune.com/SPLA-forcefully-recruit-civilians,38559>

Officials deny forced recruitment in southern Sudan

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2014%20Apr%2011.pdf>

12th April 2011

Darfur crimes prosecutor resigns

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR12%20April%2011.pdf>

10th April 2011

South Sudan pledges free press environment

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-pledges-free-press,38527>

7th April 2011

Sudan confiscates copies of pro-opposition daily

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudan-confiscates-copies-of-pro,38511>

3rd April 2011

South Sudan confiscates newspaper for report on rebel group

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-confiscates-newspaper,38470>

31st March 2011

Lakes state government criticized over customary law

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Lakes-state-government-criticized,38436>

29th March 2011

Sudanese lawyers predict regression in freedoms after 9 July

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2029%20Mar%2011.pdf>

28th March 2011

Lawyers' Association complains of UNMIS, UNAMID failure to uphold rights

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2028%20Mar%2011.pdf>

23rd March 2011

UNSC condemns SPLA refusal for UNMIS support for civilian protection

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2023%20Mar%2011.pdf>

20th March 2011

Sudan charges journalists with defamation over rape case

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudan-charges-journalists-with,38341>

17th March 2011

Student dies at protest in Sudan's Darfur – report

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2017%20March%2011.pdf>

15th March 2011

UN rights expert to Sudan warns against fallout of Abyei tension, raises multiple concerns

<http://www.sudantribune.com/UN-human-rights-envoy-to-Sudan,38288>

North Sudan violating basic rights, says UN envoy

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2015%20March%2011.pdf>

14 March 2011

SPLM: Khartoum's NCP planning genocide in South Sudan

<http://www.sudantribune.com/SPLM-Khartoum-s-NCP-planning,38272>

Post-referendum

16th May 2011

Sudan asks UNMIS to prepare for departure

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudan-asks-UNMIS-to-prepare-for,38928>

10th May 2011

Haroun beats Al-Hilu in southern Kordofan elections

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2010%20May%2011.pdf>

North and South Sudan resolved to withdrawal of forces in Abyei

<http://www.sudantribune.com/North-and-South-Sudan-resolved-to,38839>

2nd May 2011

SPLM rebuffs demand power sharing in the South

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%202%20May%202011.pdf>

Sudan rejects any extension of UNMIS mandate without its approval - FM

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudan-rejects-any-extension-of,38721>

20th April 2011

North Sudan rejects extension of CPA deadline, official

<http://www.sudantribune.com/North-Sudan-rejects-extension-of,38633>

15th April 2011

North & south Sudan agree to withdraw "all unauthorized forces" from Abyei

<http://www.sudantribune.com/North-south-Sudan-agree-to,38581>

12th April 2011

Assembly terminates membership of 99 southern MPs

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR12%20April%2011.pdf>

8th April 2011

Bashir meets Kiir in Juba, refuses to allow southern MP's back in parliament

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Bashir-meets-Kiir-in-Juba-refuses,38520>

6th April 2011

Kiir to meet Bashir on Thursday over crisis in national parliament

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Kiir-to-meet-Bashir-on-Thursday,38501>

GoSS renews amnesty for militia groups

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%206%20April%2011.pdf>

5th April 2011

Sudan's NCP says "no compromise" over Abyei

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudan-s-NCP-says-no-compromise,38481>

4th April 2011

Sudanese parliament speaker rejects presidency directive to allow Southern MPs

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudanese-parliament-speaker,38479>

1st April 2011

Any new conflict over Abyei will end in Kordofan – South Sudanese official

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Any-new-conflict-over-Abyei-will,38449>

Sudan's north-south halves to resume post-split talks in Addis Ababa on Saturday

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudan-s-north-south-halves-to,38452>

31st March 2011

Sudan's Bashir says no Abyei vote without Misseriya

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2031%20March%2011.pdf>

20th March 2011

UNSC holds special session on Abyei and southern Sudan

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2020%20March%2011.pdf>

Southern Sudanese to vacate 4640 Federal jobs in the North after July 9

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2020%20March%2011.pdf>

16th March 2011

We will bar southern MPs from Parliament – Deputy Speaker

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2016%20March%2011.pdf>

Conflict**11th May 2011**

SPLA 'kill 84' in attacks on Gatdet's militia in Unity state

<http://www.sudantribune.com/SPLA-kill-84-in-attacks-on-Gatdet,38854>

Clashes claims over 80 lives in Warrap state

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Clashes-claims-over-80-lives-in,38850>

2nd May 2011

JEM rebels reject the proposed peace deal saying it remains far from Darfur's aspirations

<http://www.sudantribune.com/JEM-rebels-reject-the-proposed,38760>

1st May 2011

LJM rebels support Doha draft agreement for peace in Darfur

<http://www.sudantribune.com/LJM-rebels-support-Doha-draft,38750>

28th April 2011

Darfur mediators hand draft peace agreement, urge Sudan and JEM to make progress

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Darfur-mediators-hand-draft-peace,38715>

Rebel leader Gadet threatens to shoot down UNMIS aircraft

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2028%20April%2011.pdf>

26th April 2011

South Sudan Army says contained fighting in greater Upper Nile, 165 killed

<http://www.sudantribune.com/South-Sudan-Army-says-contained,38693>

25th April 2011

Gabriel Tanginya reports himself to South Sudan army

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Gabriel-Tanginya-reports-himself,38686>

24th April 2011

Clashes with Tanginya's forces leave 57 dead among them three Major Generals - SPLA

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Clashes-with-Tanginya-s-forces,38669>

21st April 2011

SPLA opens peace dialogue with renegade David Yau Yau in Jonglei

<http://www.sudantribune.com/SPLA-opens-peace-dialogue-with,38644>

20th April 2011

Darfur mediators to submit final draft peace agreement on 27 April

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Darfur-mediators-to-submit-final,38634>

LJM dissidents say seeking to be part of Doha peace talks

<http://www.sudantribune.com/LJM-dissidents-say-seeking-to-be,38632>

S. Sudan army criticizes Peter Gadet over 'Mayom' defection declaration

http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?iframe&page=imprimable&id_article=38624

19th April 2011

Sudan rules out peace agreement with JEM in April

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Sudan-slams-JEM-position-in-Doha,38619>

14th April 2011

New rebel group calls to overthrow South Sudan government

<http://www.sudantribune.com/New-rebel-group-calls-to-overthrow,38566>

5th April 2011

Darfur Referendum Row: JEM stops talks as LJM says peace process must go on

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Darfur-Referendum-Row-JEM-stops,38488>

29th March 2011

South Sudan: Will Freedom Just Lead to Civil War?

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2061927,00.html#ixzz1HzLDu9vQ>

23rd March 2011

Rebel movements agree to coordinate positions for peace in Darfur

<http://www.sudantribune.com/Rebel-movements-agree-to,38371>

18th March 2011

SPLA clashes with militias claims death of 30 and seriously injured 28 people in South Sudan

<http://www.sudantribune.com/SPLA-clashes-with-militias-claims,38316>

IV. DOCUMENTS

The Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan

2011

http://www.sudantribune.com/IMG/pdf/The_Draft_Transitional_Constitution_of_the_ROSS2-2.pdf

Universal Periodic Review: Sudan – 10 May 2011

Available documents can be found at:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/PAGES/SDSession11.aspx>

UN Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan

18 March 2011

Sudan: situation in Abyei could derail the entire peace process, UN expert warns

<http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=10861&LangID=E>

Statement of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

13 March 2011

<http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=10858&LangID=E>

Amnesty International and AMDISS (Association for Media Development in South Sudan)

13 April 2011

South Sudan: Submission for consideration by the Constitutional Review Commission on the Review of Provisions on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the 2011 Interim Constitution of South Sudan

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/AFR54/009/2011/en/32089790-dc51-46be-bb29-a599d992299c/afr540092011en.pdf>

International Crisis Group

Divisions in Sudan's Ruling Party and the Threat to the Country's Future Stability

4 May 2011

[http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/africa/horn-of-africa/sudan/174%20Divisions%20in%20Sudans%20Ruling%20Party%20and%20the%20Threat%20to%20the%20Country%20Future%20Stability%202.ashx](http://www.crisisgroup.org/~/media/Files/africa/horn-of-africa/sudan/174%20Divisions%20in%20Sudans%20Ruling%20Party%20and%20the%20Threat%20to%20the%20Country%20Future%20Stability%202.ashx)

Politics and Transition in the New South Sudan

4 April 2011

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/africa/horn-of-africa/sudan/172%20-%20Politics%20and%20Transition%20in%20the%20New%20South%20Sudan.ashx>