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The Republic of South Sudan Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission

Republic of South Sudan Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission (RSSD-DRC) is leading the DDR programme, a national initiative that has been implemented over the past few years in both northern and southern Sudan. Under the CPA DDR, supported by various United Nations agencies such as UNMISS, UNDP, UNICEF as well as by other funding partners, disarmament and demobilisation ceased in April 2011 and provision of reintegration support formally closes on December 31st, 2011. However, the actual downsizing of the SPLA through the CPA DDR programme has been limited owing to programmatic challenges, the uncertainty of referendum and security considerations.

The new DDR programme comes into effect in early 2012 under the auspices of the National Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Council to provide guidance on all the policies and strategic directions related to the expedition of the process of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants and other specific needs groups associated with the national regular forces. RSSDDRC is constitutionally mandated to spearhead DDR process for 150,000, ex-combatants: 80, 000 from the SPLA and 70, 000 from other uniformed forces, starting with the DDR pilot project for 4, 500 ex-combatants in April, 2012.

The SPLA and other organized national forces: The Police, the Prisons, Fire Brigades, and Wildlife Services, are currently transforming from a liberation army to modern, competent and professional forces that are disciplined, non-partisan and subordinated to civilian authority. For instance, based on the 2008 SPLA White Paper on Defence, the SPLA is examining and developing a new Military Strategy, which will look at the force five years ahead. The SPLA Objective Force 2017 is under development with the premise that the total force strength shall not exceed 119,000. DDR is therefore a key component for the implementation of a broader Security Sector Reform (SSR) process.

DDR is one of the key priorities of the South Sudan Development Plan (2011-2013). It is foreseen to contribute to the more productive allocation of financial and human resources as well as to assist in the broader peace-building process in the country. A well-resourced and implemented DDR programme shall support large numbers of ex-combatants to find appropriate livelihoods and thus reduce the risk of crime and recurring political violence.

Vision: Strengthened human security and conflict prevention as well as sustainable peace and socio-economic development in South Sudan.

Mission: To disarm, demobilise and sustainably reintegrate DDR target beneficiaries in their communities of return.

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Christmas and New Year's Message from RSSDDRC Chairman, Mr. William Deng Deng



Dear Staff,

It gives me great pleasure to send you the message for the Christmas season and New Year 2012. The past year has been a successful one in the short history of DDR programme in the Republic of South Sudan. We have managed to demobilize 12, 525 uniformed personnel and get DDR Policy Paper approved. I am sure the new DDR Policy will enable us to improve on our operations, continue our pursuit of excellence and deliver the targets

Looking forward, I am confident that we will deliver on the ambitious targets we set forth in the new phase and stand once again in the light of achievement. It is not enough, however, to express confidence in achieving our targets. The measure of our achievement is based on your expertise, the commitment and the dedication

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The end of the year is the best time to reflect on your dedication and commitment. Some of you are the first in and last out at the offices. Some of you go to your workplace on the weekends to ensure that you can deliver on time and on target. Some of you do more than is required and go much further than is expected. I would like to let you know that such efforts do not go unnoticed. Without such dedication, DDR Commission would not be where it is today. I appreciate and praise your commitment. And in this season of Christmas, send you and your family my heartfelt gratitude and best wishes!

As you with your friends and family exchange presents, as you gather to celebrate, please accept my best wishes to you all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Strategic Direction of the South Sudan DDR Programme and introduction to Information Counseling and Referral Systems (ICRS) Workshop



Official opening of the Central Equatoria State DDR offices in Juba



The Special Representative of the Secretary General and Head of United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS), Hilde Johnson visit to the Republic of South Sudan DDR commission (RSSDDRC) where she was received by its Chairperson, Mr. William Deng Deng



DDR Team on a mission to assess transitional facility at Pariak, Jonglei State



PI Consultative Visit to Greater Bhar El Ghazal to incorporate views on PI national strategy; share annual work plan and conduct states profiling



Chairperson briefing the staff on his recent official visit overseas, and officially unveils the DDR monthly magazine and the calendar



PI sensitization campaigns in Torit, Eastern Equatoria

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Ex-combatants' Pride in DDR Training

Down at the new UNMISS site under construction at Jebel, 35-year old Joseph Kudo is always busy at work. The ex-combatant who served for over two decades takes pride in welding skills he acquired from the DDR training. "Now I can work," Joseph proudly tells Inside DDR Magazine when he was approached.

"I used reintegration money I got from DDR and some personal savings to buy a welding machine," This father of nine children and husband to two wives reveals. When asked why he chose to make this investment, the Yei resident says: "You see, I never went to school, so I don't want my children to be like me. They must study, get good jobs in the future and build me a good house." Today, four of

his children are in school and he employs other people to work for him using his welding machine. Joseph is also working hard to save at least 250 SSP to buy a generator for his welding machine so that he can stop giving away 10 percent of his earning to the owner of the generator he is currently renting.

Standing right behind Joseph is Peter Mawa, a twenty eight year old father of two. "We suffered during the war but now life is better and the future is promising" He quickly interjected during the interview with Joseph .

Peter got training in welding from DDR but chose to invest the money he was given in buying two timber sawing machines. "I use the money from the machines to look after my two wives and seven

brothers. My children and brothers must all study and get good jobs in the future" Says the man who spent eight years at the war fronts fighting along side other SPLA comrades.

Peter and Joseph are some of the approximately 6000 ex-combatants who have been successfully trained and reintegrated under the South Sudan Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegrated program.

DDR continues to rehabilitate the men and women who dedicated a better part of their lives to justified wars of liberation.



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Mary Achomo (3rd from left) talking to ex-combatants working at the UNMISS jebel site.

DDR ELSE WHERE

Giving up arms, rebuilding lives

UN conference to promote reintegration of ex-fighters in Africa



By Ernest Harsch

As recently as February, fighting raged between rebel militia fighters and government soldiers in the Ituri forests of the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). But on 8 May, following the agreement of the militia commanders to finally disarm, more than 200 members of the group handed in their weapons to United Nations peacekeepers in Doi, northeast of Bunia, the regional capital.

Several hundred more fighters still remain in the forests. But thousands of their comrades have already demobilized, as the trend towards peace picks up momentum. Some of these former combatants are being retrained for service in the new national army. Others are taking part

in the many reintegration projects under way in Ituri and elsewhere in the DRC. They are learning skills to help them return to civilian life, from manufacturing bricks, milling grain and rearing goats to building bridges and primary schools.

More than 3,000 kilometres away, in Côte d'Ivoire, another disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) operation is about to begin, following the signature in March of a peace agreement between the government and rebel forces that have held the northern half of that West African nation for more than four years. Under the programme, up to 50,000 fighters on both sides of the conflict will disarm and return to civilian life.

In yet another country, Chad, the government signed an agreement with the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in May to immediately disarm all child soldiers in the ranks of its army. Beyond simply freeing children from military service, explained UNICEF Representative Stephen Adkisson, an effort will also be needed to help them "rejoin the communities from which they came and rebuild their lives." Whether they are children or adults, many of those caught up in Africa's various wars now want nothing more than to set aside their weapons and earn a living. As Haja Sheriff, a former militia woman in Liberia, told Africa Renewal, all she hopes to do is get some land to grow rice and vegetables and maybe raise a few animals.

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DDR Programmes in Number

12, 525 Ex-combatants demobilized so far

8,542 DDR participants who have received reintegration support in 2011

1,281 Target DDR participants with disability to be provided with special needs support

100 DDR participants whom economic opportunities have been created through strategic partnerships in 2011

219 Children Associated with Armed Forces released mainly from renegaded militia and successfully returned to their families and communities in the year 2010-2011

1,816 Women Associated with Armed forces (WAAF) who have been DDR participants

80,000 Individuals from the SPLA/SSAF who will go through DDR process

70,000 Individuals from the Police, the Prisons, Wildlife Service and Fire Brigades who will go through DDR process

4, 500 DDR candidates who will be selected for a pilot project in April, 2012

600 low-cost houses to be constructed for ex-combatants

3 Transitional facilities being set up Greater Regions: Equatoria, Bhar El Ghazal and Upper Nile

1, 500 Ex-combatants to be accommodated at transitional facilities at a time

TRANSITIONAL FACILITY



The layout of a transitional facility

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Post independence-DDR commences with the pilot project for 4,500 ex-combatants in April 1st, 2012. However, there are many pre-DDR activities that need to be undertaken by different partners and stakeholders in order for the pilot project to start on time subsequently leading to overall success of the new DDR programme.

The preparations for the kick-off of the next phase are under way. The Republic of South Sudan Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission (RSSDDRC) held two days workshop to sensitize staff about the strategic direction of the South Sudan's DDR programme; to discuss management arrangements on operational level (state level); to improve communication with line ministries as they are responsible for implementation of DDR process; and to inform the participants about the Information Counseling and Referral System (ICRS) that will be put in place to provide the 'architecture' for the reintegration programme.

The workshop drew representatives from DDR Commission (both from the headquarters and state offices), technical line ministries, UNDP, UNMISS, Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC) and DDR experts from the World Bank and African Union.

During the workshop, the Deputy Chairperson expressed his gratitude for active participations. He

also informed the audience that state line ministries and the DDR state offices will play a key role in the next DDR programme and therefore it is very vital that they are fully involved, and understand the whole programme.

“Although the line ministries are crucial stakeholders of the DDR programme, their inputs to the planning process has been limited. In the near future their input will be necessary in order to set up training curricula for the activities in the transitional facilities, work on the ICRS system and to work out reintegration opportunities and implement their reintegration activities,” added RSSDDRC Deputy Chairperson Mr. Major Mayor Machar.

The World Bank's Senior Conflict and Development Specialist AKi stavrou advised that making peace is harder than waging war, urging all those involved in the programme to work hard and ensure that the intended results are achieved. He further pledged that the World Bank through Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Program (TDRP) will provide full support for DDR activities in the Republic of South Sudan.

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Eastern Equatoria State Gears Up for Sensitization Campaigns



In an effort to sensitise community members, stakeholders and partners about the DDR programme and also call on demobilised ex-combatants to register with the International organisation for immigration (IOM), the Republic of South Sudan Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission conducted a one-day workshop at Torit Hotel.

The workshop, which was aimed at passing DDR messages and ratifying misconceptions about the programme was attended by state ministers, state members of parliament, Payam and Boma administrators, traditional leaders including community chiefs as well as representatives of the various UN agencies.

The head of UNMISS in Eastern Equatoria, Miss Winnie, called upon the government to support the DDR programme by encouraging ex-combatants to register and participate in the reintegration training so that they can acquire new livelihood skills. She said sharing DDR-related information is a responsibility of all partners. However, the Government of South Sudan being the owner and lead partner in the DDR programme

should also take a leading role in disseminating information to ex-combatants at the grass root level. She appreciated the efforts made by the traditional leaders who travelled long distances to come and attend the workshop, advising them to convey the information to their respective localities.

Apart from this, DDR team comprising of staff from Eastern Equatoria and Public Information Office in Juba shared DDR achievements and the way forward. Also discussed was an over view of the new programme and the current DDR situation in Eastern Equatoria. The State coordinator Madam Mary Achomo reiterated on the team work of different stakeholders, that DDR activities cannot move anywhere without the cooperation of these different groups. She further urged all to help in disseminating the information about new DDR programme to the communities and barracks.

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One on One with the Deputy Chairperson of RSSDDRC, Mr. Majur Mayor Machar

The newly-appointed RSSDDRC's Deputy Chairperson, Mr. Majur Mayor Machar, has been working with South Sudan Reconstruction and Development Funds (SSRDF) since 2006. During his tenure as Deputy Chairperson, SSRDF established itself as a vibrant institution that helps the Government and people of South Sudan in economic development across the country through the Small Grant Programme. Through his participation in donor consultative meetings of the South Sudan Recovery Fund Steering Committee (SC) and the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) Oversight Committee, Mr. Machar along with the Sudan Recovery Fund Technical Secretariat established the State Stabilization Package, which provides services that help to minimize insecurity in four States - Jonglei, Lakes, Eastern Equatoria and Warrap.

Mr. Machar also helped SSRDF to develop its own acts and terms of reference that were presented to the Ministry of Justice and to the National Legislative Assembly for final approval as well as developed many documents including a blue print book entitled "Taking Towns to People" that echoes the vision of Late leader Dr. John Garang De Mabior, which he elucidated that "in order for us to develop our country we must take towns to the people and not people to towns". "In actual sense, we must take services to the people in rural areas to avoid influx of rural-based population to towns," ascertains the Deputy Chairperson.



Mr. Machar was sworn in on November 15th, 2011 as Deputy Chairperson of RSSDDRC, an institution tasked with the massive job of leading, designing and implementing the DDR programme in the country. Here, Mr. Machar talks to the Commission's monthly magazine, Inside DDR.

Inside DDR: Mr. Machar, congratulations on your appointment as Deputy Chairperson of RSSDDRC. It is well deserved considering many things you have achieved with the SSRDF Commission. Are there things you would like to get done in your first year at the DDR Commission?

Mr. Machar: Thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to express my views through this interview. First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank H. E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit, the President of the Republic of South Sudan and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces for the confidence restored in me and appointed me Deputy Chairperson of RSSDDRC after my first appointment at SSRDF as Deputy Chairperson. I hereby promise our great Nation and the leadership of H. E. the President that I will deliver with the best of my knowledge and ability. Secondly, I will provide assistance to the Chairperson in managing the administration of the DDR Commission. A strong leadership will enable the Commission through its staff to deliver the services required of them and also fulfill the mandate of the RSSDDRC Commission. Finally, as we are to start the new DDR Programme in April 2012, I would like us to double our efforts and expedite the development of two important documents - the National DDR Strategic Plan and the National Programme Document. These two documents 'operationalise' the DDR programme especially the reintegration component.

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Inside DDR: The Councils of Ministries approved the DDR Policy paper, which will guide DDR activities in the newly independent Republic of South Sudan. And the two documents you have just mentioned above, are there more DDR programmes-related documents coming up?

Mr. Machar: Yes, there are more documents. In the near future, we are hoping to develop crucial documents, such as economic reintegration of Children Associated with Armed Forces/Group (CAAFG) & Women Associated with Armed Groups (WAAFAG), and on Information Counseling and Referral System (ICRS). The Commission staff in collaboration with staff from UNDP, UNMISS and the international partners are working tirelessly to have these documents ready.

Inside DDR: What are the opportunities and challenges of the DDR programme in the Republic of South Sudan?

Mr. Machar: I am very optimistic about the success of DDR in our country. The ex-combatants start a decent new life of civilians after they are trained and well-equipped with new livelihood skills that will help them reintegrate back into their communities. Livelihoods skills also help ex-combatants to become active players in local communities by contributing to wealth creation and hence, economic development. The construction of transitional facilities provides an opportunity for both ex-combatant and communities hosting the facility for socio-economic progress. I believe the major challenge right now is the lack of resources for the programme. The lack of adequate financial and human resources constitutes a major threat to the programme. The other problem is the deadline considering the number of pre-DDR activities that need to be accomplished before the commencement date of April 1st, 2012. However, I believe this is within our means to overcome.

Inside DDR: RSSDDRC is now mandated to disarm, demobilize and reintegrate 150, 000 individuals from the SPLA/SSAF, the Police, the Prisons, Wildlife Services, and Fire Brigades, do you have any messages for these candidates who will go through DDR programme?

Mr. Machar: Yes. I would like to tell all ex-combatants not to ignore the DDR process and also they should not get discouraged if selected to go for this exercise. This programme is ‘tailored’ to meet their expectations and economic realities in the country. Our economy is feeble and hence there is strong need to design appropriate trainings so that ex-combatants are self-sufficient after their reintegration into communities of return.

Inside DDR: Many thanks sir for take time out of your busy schedule to talk to us. All the best with your new assignment!

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Invitation for Tenders to Bid to Supply Toyota Landcruisers

The Republic of South Sudan Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission (RSSD-DRC) invite bids from competent and reputable auto dealers engaged in supplying brand new cars. The winning bidder will supply RSSDDRC HQs Juba, South Sudan with ten (10) Toyota LandCruiser Hardtops with the following specifications.

- Transmission 5-speed Manual
- Model Year: 2012
- Fuel Tank Capacity: 90L
- 5 Doors and 10 Seats
- Wheelbase: 2730 mm
- Gross Vehicle Weight: At least 3000 kg
- Engine Diesel
- Colour: White

Terms and Conditions

The tender documents can be collected from SSDDRC Office in Juba from 04th February, 2012. Interested Parties should submit the following information, along with the Quotation, prescribed in the tender documents.

- I. Company profile, indicating key personnel, their qualifications and experience
 - II. Certificate of alliance with Toyota Company
 - III. Full address, postal and physical address, contact numbers, e-mail addresses and the website information, if any
 - IV. Names and addresses of Directors of the company
 - V. Copy of income tax certificate
 - VI. Copies of Certificates of Registration
 - VII. Certificates of Incorporation
 - VIII. Copies of current trading licenses or relevant applicable documents
 - IX. Bankers
 - X. Referees
 - XI. Any illustrations to show proof of capabilities and credibility
- Total time required to complete the delivery, clearly stated.

The bids must be sent in sealed envelope and clearly marked, “**BID FOR LANDCRUISERS-JUBA**” latest by 1700 on the February 20th 2012 addressed to:

Obwaha Claude Akasha

Director General for operations, RSSDDRC

HQs Juba, Republic of South Sudan

Email: claud.akasha@ssddrc.com/Phone: 0919062487/0955012679

The documents should be handed to the Reception/Security office at DDR Commission HQs, Juba. Note that late bids shall be rejected and no liability will be accepted for loss, late delivery or non-delivery whatsoever. Bids shall be opened by the Procurement Committee at a later date when only the shortlisted companies/firms would be contacted.

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Profile: Human Resources Department at the DDR Commission



HR Dream Team (from Left): Mr. Joseph Duol Chuol, Mr. Jacinto Lee and Mr. Yugu Lumayat

The Department of Human Resources (HR) or Establishment at DDR Commission was established in 2006. The department comprises of three staff: Mr. Joseph Duol Chuol, Mr. Yugu Lumayat, Mr. Mamuor Maketh, as well as one HR consultant, Mr. Jacinto Lee.

The four-member HR team oversees the welfare of two hundred and twenty five (225) Commission's employees at DDR Headquarters, ten states offices and Abyei Administrative area. DDRC HR Department also undertakes the recruitment of new employees in collaboration with Ministry of Public Services and Labour.

With the DDR Commission newly-mandated with arduous task of starting the DDR process for 150, 000 ex-combatants, the Commission propose a new structure to create 379 positions adding to 225, which will be bring the total number of employees to 604 personnel.

All qualified candidates will be invited for these vacancies especially skilled South Sudanese in Diaspora. Other Government institutions and NGOs should also prioritize devising robust strategy that engages the Diaspora - courting their skills that are in line with South Sudan's current development needs.

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RSSDDRC Upcoming Events

I. Public Information(PI) sensitization campaigns currently going on across the country



Elia Kamilo Dimo, DDR Communications, explaining DDR new Policy to uniformed forces and state ministers in Aweil, NBEG

II. Demobilised ex-combatants undertaking reintegration skills training in Eastern Equatoria and lakes states

III. The Chairperson's and Deputy Chairperson's Visits to DDR States Offices in January & February



The Heads of DDR Visit is usually a celebratory affair!

V. Post Independence DDR Pilot Project for 4,500 ex-combatants starts in April, 2012

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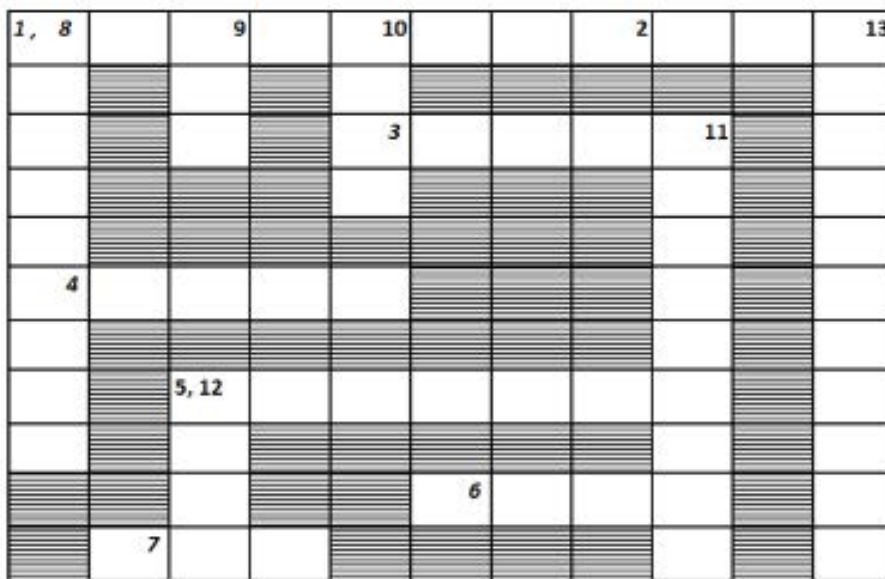
Know Your History Through DDR Words Puzzle

Across

1. The first President of the new Republic of South Sudan (8)
2. The county north of Gogrial town but South of Abyei (4)
3. The largest ethnic community in South Sudan (5)
4. The first female governor in the Government of Southern Sudan (5)
5. The Community that is ruled by a well-known king (6)
6. The Second largest ethnic community in the Republic of South Sudan (4)
7. The capital of Greater Bhar El Ghazal during the colonial era (3)

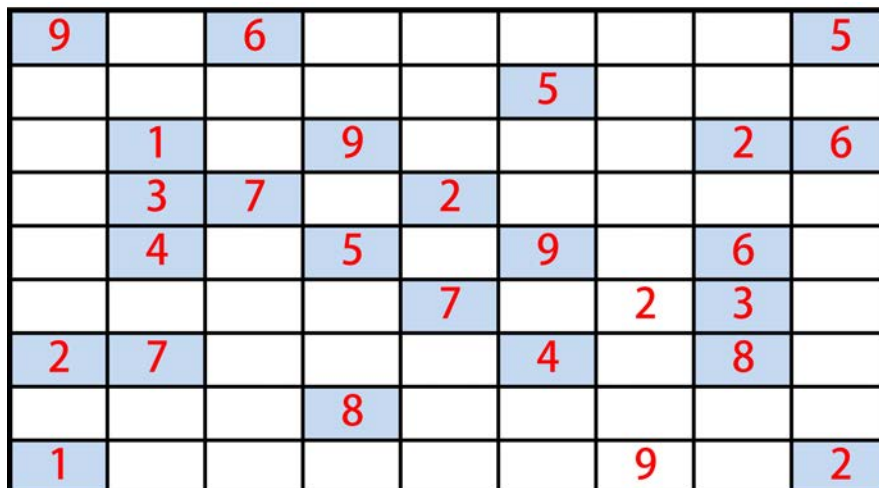
Down

8. Juba Arabic which mean Arab (9)
9. The town South-West of Juba and North-West of Nimule (3)
10. The capital of fruit eaters (4)
11. The historical name for the capital of South Sudan (9)
12. The abbreviation for the group that fought the Khartoum's Government for 21 years (4)
13. The famous rule applied by the British and the Egyptian to rule Sudan (11)



SUDOKU

Sudoku: a puzzle on a square grid of nine large squares each subdivided into nine smaller squares, the object of which is to fill in each of the 81 squares so that each column, row, and large square contains every number from 1 to 9. Have fun with Sudoku!





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Photos from DDR events also available on Google Picasa:
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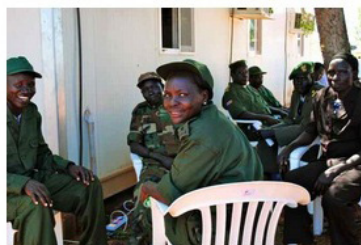
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Under the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), signed in 2005 and ending a 21-year war between northern and southern Sudan, both signatories agreed to downsize and streamline their forces through Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR).



In line with the 'one country, two systems' approach, it was agreed that Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Sudan Peoples' Liberation Army (SPLA) are each independently responsible for identifying 90,000 personnel for DDR within their respective ranks. This means that 180,000 will be removed from the military payrolls nationally.

These personnel include: both male and female fighters; members of Special Needs Groups (SNGs) from within the ranks, which include: child soldiers; elderly personnel; the war wounded and disabled; and women associated with armed forces (WAAF). In South Sudan, DDR will be carried out in phases; the first group to undergo DDR consists of a total of 35,000 special needs group candidates.

Highlights

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PI Activities - Torit



- **Commissioner of the RSSDDRC re-appointed and receives the new appointed Deputy Commissioner**