Timeline of International Response
to the Conflict in South Sudan

This timeline provides a chronological list of important responses and actions from international actors to the conflict in South Sudan since violence began on 15 December 2013.

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**Acronyms**

AU - African Union  
AU-PSC - African Union Peace and Security Council  
EU - European Union  
FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization  
ICC - International Criminal Court  
ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross  
IGAD - Inter-Governmental Authority on Development  
OCHA - Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs  
OHCHR - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights  
OSAPG/R2P - Office of the Special Advisers for the Prevention of Genocide and R2P  
PRST - Presidential Statement  
SPLM - Sudan's People' Liberation Movement  
UN - United Nations  
UNDP - United Nations Development Programme  
UNHCHR - United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund  
UNMISS - United Nations Mission in South Sudan  
UNSC - United Nations Security Council  
USAID - United States Agency for International Development  
WFP - World Food Programme
December 2013

16 December

- **UNMISS** Ms. Hilde Johnson Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for South Sudan and Head of UNMISS Press Statement: Expresses deep concern over the new wave of fighting. Ms. Johnson reports having been in touch regularly with key leaders in the conflict. (Press Release)

- **UN Secretary-General** Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on the deterioration of the security situation in Juba (South Sudan): Expresses deep concern about reports of fighting between members of the SPLA in Juba and about the risk of targeted violence against certain communities. Urges all parties in the fighting to cease hostilities immediately. (Statement)

17 December

- **UN Secretary-General** Daily Press Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General: Reports that UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and South Sudan President Salva Kiir have spoken. Ban urged all parties to cease hostilities immediately, and called on the Government to exercise restraint. He also urged the President to resume dialogue with the political opposition. (Press Briefing)

- **African Union** Press Release: Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, is following, with deep concern, the situation in South Sudan, and urges restraint from all parties to conflict. (Press Release)

- **UN Security Council** Press Statement on South Sudan: Urges all parties to immediately cease hostilities. (Press Statement)

- **UK Foreign Office** Press Release: Minister for Africa calls for an end to hostilities in South Sudan and for leaders to resolve differences through political means.

- **France Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes** Fighting in South Sudan: France is extremely concerned at the fighting that has broken out in Juba, in South Sudan, causing dozens of casualties. (Press Statement)

19 December

- **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights** Pillay warns against rapidly deteriorating security situation and risk of ethnic clashes: Calls on the Government to send a clear message on command responsibility within the SPLA to prevent retaliatory attacks based on ethnicity and tribal affiliation and to hold the alleged perpetrators accountable. (Source)

- **UNMISS**. Two UN peacekeepers from the Indian Battalion and at least 20 civilians died during an attack on a Mission’s base in Akobo by 2,000 armed youth. (Source)

- **UN Secretary-General** Appalled by Growing Violence in South Sudan, Secretary-General calls on National Leaders to Prevent Descent into Chaos: Expresses concern about continued reports of growing violence in many parts of South Sudan. Supports the initiative of the ministers of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to support dialogue among political opponents. Calls on the Government and political opposition to make good use of this opportunity to restore security and the democratic process in South Sudan. (Statement)

20 December

- **UN Security Council** Press Statement on Situation in South Sudan: Expresses grave alarm and concern regarding the rapidly deteriorating security and humanitarian crisis. Strongly condemns the fighting and targeted violence against civilians and specific ethnic and other communities. (Press Statement)
UN Secretary-General Offering Condolences to Slain Peacekeepers’ Families, Secretary-General Strongly Condemns Attack on United Nations Mission in South Sudan: Ban Ki-moon released a statement to condemn the attack on the UNMISS base, reiterating his call for all parties to exercise restraint and to cease hostilities. (Source)

Government of Uganda: Reports of Ugandan soldiers having been deployed in South Sudan's capital Juba following a request by the country's government to help secure the city. (Source)

21 December

African Union Press Release: Urges the parties to the conflict in South Sudan to engage in inclusive dialogue. Expresses deep concern the escalation of the political conflict in South Sudan into a violent confrontation that threatens to degenerate into an all-out civil war. (Press Release)

22 December


UNICEF Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake on protection of children in South Sudan: Calls for warring parties to protect children and end the fighting. (Statement)

US Government Remarks by Ambassador Donald Booth, Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan: Reports having held a discussion with President Salva Kiir of South Sudan as well as with 11 senior SPLM figures detained in Juba. (Remarks)

UK Foreign Office Press Release: Foreign Secretary William Hague urges all parties to engage in political dialogue. (Press Release)

24 December

UN Security Council Resolution 2132 (2013): Unanimously adopts Resolution. Nearly doubles size of UNMISS, allowing for up to 12,500 soldiers and 1,300 police, after the violence sparked on December 15 and raged out of control. (Source) (Resolution)

UN Secretary-General Opening remarks at press encounter following the Security Council's adoption of resolution on crisis in South Sudan: Condemns grave violations and commends the Council for the adoption of the resolution. (Remarks)

UNMISS Remarks from Hilde F. Johnson Special Representative of UN Secretary-General and Head of United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS): Reaffirms UN's presence and role in the country and confirms that UNMISS is providing shelter to approximately 45,000 civilians. (remarks)

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Pillay urges South Sudan leadership to curb alarming violence against civilians: Expresses grave concern over the serious and growing human rights violations, and calls on the leadership on both sides to protect civilians and refrain from instigating violence based on ethnic grounds. (Source)

African Union Peace and Security Council Press Statement: Reiterates grave concern at the escalating crisis in South Sudan. (Statement)

OCHA Appeal: Aid agencies in South Sudan urgently require $166 million to address the immediate needs of people resulting from the crisis. (Appeal)

US Government Press Statement: Calls for Immediate Mediated Political Talks in South Sudan. (Press Statement)

26 December
• **UNMISS Press Conference on the situation in South Sudan**: Secretary-General Special Representative and UNMISS Chief Hilde Johnson calls on the political leaders of South Sudan to order their forces to lay down their arms, and welcomes UNSC Resolution 2132. ([Statement](#))

27 December

• **IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government Communiqué**: Welcomes the parties to conflict’s commitments to dialogue. ([Communique](#))

28 December

• **UN Secretary-General Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on the outcome of IGAD Summit**: Welcomes the outcome of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Summit held on 27 December, appointing a mediation team to work with the Government of South Sudan and opposition in reaching a ceasefire, the release of the detainees and building toward a process of peaceful dialogue. ([Statement](#))

29 December

• **UK Foreign Affairs Press release**: Foreign Secretary William Hague speaks to leaders in South Sudan and urges them to negotiate towards peace. ([Press Release](#))

30 December

• **UN Secretary-General Daily Press Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General**: Reports on conversation between UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President Salva Kiir. The Secretary-General welcomed the President’s commitment to a cessation of hostilities and readiness to engage opposition leaders in dialogue and encouraged him to consider the early release of political prisoners. The Secretary-General reiterated the full support of the United Nations for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) mediation process and called for the full cooperation of all parties in finding a peaceful solution to the current crisis. ([Source](#))

• **UN Security Council Press Statement on the Situation in South Sudan**: Supports the Intergovernmental Authority on Development’s (IGAD) efforts to bring about peace. ([Press Statement](#))

• **African Union Peace and Security Council Communiqué**: Expresses concern over the situation in South Sudan and urges all parties to resolve the crisis. ([Communique](#))

31 December

• **UNMISS Press Release**: Expresses grave concerned about mounting evidence of gross violations of international human rights law that have occurred in South Sudan during the previous 15 days. Reminds all parties of their obligation to protect civilians and act in accordance with human rights and humanitarian law. Calls on key leaders in South Sudan to send strong public messages to their respective communities, insisting that the violence must stop. And there is more in a press release from the Mission. ([Press Release](#))

• **UN South Sudan Humanitarian Country Team South Sudan Crisis Response Team**: Launches appeal requesting $209 million immediately. ([Response Plan](#))

• **UNHCR Press Release**: Expresses grave concern for the people caught in the conflict, and calls for greater security in South Sudan as it aids people displaced by fighting. ([Press Release](#))
• **UK Foreign Office Press Release**: Department for International Development announces it will provide emergency healthcare, shelter and other vital supplies to assist those displaced by the conflict in South Sudan. ([Press Release](#))

### January 2014

#### 1 January

- **UNMISS Remarks** from Hilde F. Johnson, Special Representative of UN Secretary-General and Head of United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) Press Conference on South Sudan: Calls for immediate cessation of hostilities on behalf of leaders of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the United Nations. ([Remarks](#))
- **IGAD Press Release**: IGAD mediators condemn renewed violence in South Sudan’s Unity and Upper Nile States; call on all forces to immediately cease hostilities. ([Source](#))

#### 3 January

- **US Government Press Release**: US Department of State, US Agency for International Development announce $49.8 million of additional humanitarian assistance to help victims of South Sudan conflict. ([Press Release](#))
- **UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan Toby Lanzer Statement**: Safety of civilians and aid workers crucial in South Sudan. ([Statement](#))
- **IGAD Press Release**: Executive Secretary welcomes the commencement of proxy talks between South Sudanese parties in Addis Ababa. ([Source](#))

#### 4 January

- **US Government Press Statement**: Welcomes the beginning of direct talks in Addis Ababa between the parties to the conflict of South Sudan. ([Press Statement](#))

#### 6 January

- **IGAD Press Release**: Announces the commencement of formal negotiations among South Sudanese parties. ([Press Release](#))
- **African Union Press Release**: Welcomes the opening of the talks. ([Press Release](#))

#### 9 January

- **OCHA Central Emergency Response Fund Releases US$15 Million to Support Critical Aid Operations in South Sudan**: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos announces allocation of $15 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for critical relief efforts in South Sudan. Over 231,000 people are estimated to have been displaced since 15 December, and 42,000 have fled to neighbouring countries. ([Source](#))
- **UNDP Joint statement by South Sudan’s peace and reconciliation bodies**: The Peace and Reconciliation Commission, The Specialised Committee of Parliament on Peace and Reconciliation, The Committee for National Healing, Peace and Reconciliation issue joint statement expressing their concern over the escalation of violence and in support of the dialogue process. ([Source](#))
• **US Government Senate Committee on Foreign Relations:** Holds hearing on the situation in South Sudan. (Testimony)

• **UN Security Council Press Statement:** Reiterates strong support for the mediation efforts led by the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) (Statement)

10 January

• **UN Security Council Press Statement on South Sudan:** Follows briefing by Department of Peacekeeping Operations Under-Secretary-General Hervé Ladsous, United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) Special Representative of the Secretary-General Hilde Johnson and Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sudan and South Sudan Haile Menkerios on the situation in Sudan and South Sudan. The members of the Security Council reiterate their strong support for the mediation efforts led by the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD). (Press Statement)

• **UN Secretary-General Opening remarks at first press conference of the year 2014:** UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon welcomes the beginning of talks in Addis Ababa on the crisis in South Sudan, in a process led by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). (Remarks)

12 January

• **African Union Press Statement:** Reiterates earlier calls for a speedy and peaceful resolution of the violent conflict in South Sudan, and urges all parties to cease hostilities. (Statement)

13 January

• **WFP Report:** Has launched a new emergency operation to expand assistance and condemns looting of its facilities. (Report)

14 January

• **UN Secretary-General Statement:** Expressed alarm at the rising number of fatalities and calls on all parties to cease hostilities. Urges them to engage constructively with the negotiation process being led by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). (Statement)

15 January

• **UN Secretary-General Daily Press Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General:** UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ivan Šimonović begins visit to South Sudan to assess the human rights situation in the country and the impact of the fighting. (Press Briefing)

• **UNMISS Remarks:** Spokesperson Ariane Quentier tells UN Radio Miraya that UNMISS will use all resources available to protect civilians taking refuge in UN compounds from continuing conflict in South Sudan. (Source)

16 January

• **Human Rights Watch Press Release:** Denounces ethnic killings in South Sudan. (Press Release)

17 January

• **OHCHR Press Release:** Ivan Šimonović, wrapping up a four-day visit to South Sudan, says that fighting in the country has turned into a horrifying humanitarian and human rights disaster, with mass atrocities committed by both sides. (Press Release)
• **UNHCR Press Release**: Announces the establishments of new camps and the expansion of existing ones to help cope with the influx of refugees from South Sudan. ([Press Release](#))

18 January

• **African Union Press Statement**: Takes steps towards establishing a Commission of Inquiry into human rights violations in South Sudan, and reiterates call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and support to the IGAD-led mediation. ([Press Statement](#))
• **ICRC Press Release**: Urges respect for medical and humanitarian work. ([Press Release](#))
• **USAID Press Release**: Calls for immediate and unconditional humanitarian access throughout South Sudan. ([Press Release](#))

19 January

• **France Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes**: Attack against a UN base. ([Press Statement](#))

20 January

• **African Union Press Release**: Commission of the African Union Chairperson Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma concludes visit to Juba as part of AU efforts to find a lasting solution to the ongoing crisis in South Sudan and its underlying causes. ([Press Release](#))
• **UN Secretary-General Press Release**: Urges parties to conflict to respect UN protection sites. ([Press Release](#))
• **EU Council conclusions on South Sudan**: Condenms the ongoing hostilities and expresses support for IGAD’s efforts. ([Conclusions](#))

23 January

• **IGAD Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities between the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army (In Opposition)**: Signed in Addis Ababa ([Agreement](#))
• **UN Secretary-General Statement**: Welcomes cessation of hostilities agreement signed in Addis Ababa by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) in opposition. Calls on the parties to immediately implement this agreement. ([Press Statement](#))
• **UN Security Council Press Statement on Cessation of Hostilities Agreement in South Sudan**: Welcomes the agreement ([Press Statement](#))
• **African Union Press Release**: Welcomes the agreement ([Press Release](#))
• **US Government Statement by the President on South Sudan**: Welcomes the agreement and urges both parties to implement it as soon as possible. ([Statement](#))
• **France Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes**: Signing of a ceasefire agreement. ([Press Statement](#))

25 January

• **UNMISS Press Release**: Welcomes ceasefire agreement. ([Press Release](#))

27 January
• **OCHA Situation report**: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos arrived in South Sudan to assess the humanitarian situation. ([Situation Report](#))

• **Government of Norway Press Release**: Provides an additional NOK 50 million in emergency relief to South Sudan. ([Press Release](#))

29 January

• **Development Initiatives Report**: Donor response to the crisis: US$183 million have been committed by donors with US$17 million more pledged. The European Commission (EC), the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US) are the main donors, committing US$54 million, US$52 million and US$52 million respectively. ([report](#))

30 January

• **OCHA Situation Report**: An estimated 740,000 people are displaced inside South Sudan, with the largest increase in Unity State. Another 123,400 people have fled to neighbouring countries. ([Situation Report](#))

• **UK Department for International Development Press Release**: Announces that the UK is providing airlift support to the UN Mission in South Sudan ([Press Release](#))

31 January

• **AU Peace and Security Council Communiqué**: Reasserts the AU’s deep concern over the situation, condemns attacks on civilians and reiterates its appreciation to IGAD and others for their role in searching for a solution. ([Communiqué](#))

• **IGAD Communiqué**: Welcomes the cessation of hostilities and implores parties to uphold it and their human rights obligations. ([Communiqué](#))

• **UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons** “We must not fail on protection for South Sudan’s IDPs” – UN expert warns amid ongoing crisis: the UN system and the international community to give total priority to the safety and security of South Sudan’s displaced populations. ([source](#))

February 2014

2 February

• **African Union Joint Communiqué of the Eighth United Nations - African Union Joint Task Force Meeting on Peace and Security in Africa**: Expresses continuing support for the IGAD-led mediation process and efforts to establish a mechanism for the monitoring and verification of the cessation of hostilities agreement. ([communiqué](#))

• **IGAD Press Release**: Announces that an advance team of the IGAD Joint Technical Committee left for Juba this morning to start the process of establishing the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism for the implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement. ([press release](#))

3 February

• **UNMISS Peacekeeping chief calls for political solution to crisis**: UN peacekeeping operations chief Hervé Ladsous ends his two-day visit to South Sudan. ([source](#))

• **UNHCR Joint statement attributable to the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, and the Representative a.i. for the Office of the UNHCR in Sudan, on the arrival of people who have fled the conflict in South Sudan**: Welcomes the response of the Government of Soth Sudan to the situation of
those displaced by the conflict. Expresses concern about reports of deteriorating humanitarian conditions in certain sites. (statement)

4 February

- **OCHA Appeal**: Aid agencies in South Sudan urgently require $1.27 billion to assist 3.2 million people suffering the humanitarian consequences of the crisis. (source) (source)

5 February

- **FAO Appeal**: calls for $77 million for urgent food security and livelihood support. (appeal)
- **UNMISS Press Release**: Announces arrival of a contingent of 266 additional peacekeepers to be deployed in Juba at the UNMISS protection sites. (press release)

8 February

- **US Government Press Statement**: Expresses deep concern over violations of Cessation of Hostilities Agreement by both the Government of South Sudan and anti-government forces. (press statement)

12 February

- **OCHA Security Council Briefing on Protection of Civilians**: Under-Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos briefed the UN Security Council to warn them of the precarious humanitarian and human rights situation in several countries including South Sudan. (remarks)
- **UN Security Council Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2014/3)**: Reaffirms commitment to protection of civilians in armed conflict, following briefings by Under-Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, International Committee of the Red Cross Director-General Yves Daccord and Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Hervé Ladsous, and several statements by member states highlighting, among others, the situation in South Sudan. (Presidential Statement) (Press Release)
- **UK Foreign Office Press Release**: Minister for Africa Mark Simmonds meets with South Sudan Foreign Minister Barnaba Marial Benjamin during his visit to the United Kingdom, urges rapid progress on political talks and investigation into human rights abuses. (press release)

13 February

- **UN Security Council Press Release**: Welcomes the start of the latest round of talks between South Sudan’s sparring factions aimed at resolving the crisis and condemned violations of the ceasefire agreement by all parties. (source)

14 February

- **UNHCR Press Briefing**: Issues a non-return advisory for South Sudan (source)

17 February

- **OCHA Situation Report**: An estimated 716,100 people are displaced inside South Sudan. Another 156,800 people have fled to nearby countries. The Crisis Response Plan is 18.5 per cent funded, leaving a shortfall of $1.04 billion. (Report)

19 February
• **IGAD Press Statement:** Expresses serious concerns over reports of continued fighting in the Republic of South Sudan and urges the parties to adhere to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement. ([Press Statement](#))

• **France Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes** *Fighting in Upper Nile state:* France condemns the resumption of fighting on February 18 in the city of Malakal, capital of Upper Nile state in South Sudan. It urges the parties to the conflict in South Sudan to implement without delay and in their entirety the ceasefire agreement and the agreement on the status of detainees of January 23. The political talks initiated on February 11 in Addis Ababa, under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, must continue in order to achieve a lasting solution to this conflict. ([Press Statement](#))

21 February

• **UNMISS** *Interim Report on Human Rights - Crisis in South Sudan, Report Coverage 15 December 2013 - 31 January 2014:* Provides the Security Council with an initial account of human rights violations and atrocities perpetrated since 15 December 2013. Notes that large numbers of civilians were deliberately targeted and killed along ethnic lines and many more were displaced for similar reasons, and that civilians continue to be targeted and killed. Welcomes the African Union’s decision to establish a commission of inquiry. ([Report](#))

22 February

• **ICRC News Release:** Calls for an immediate end to all violence against civilians. ([News Release](#))

25 February

• **US Senate** *Press Release: Cardin Leads Bipartisan Letter On Accountability For Human Rights Violations In South Sudan:* A group of Senators wrote a letter to US President Obama, calling for accountability for human rights violations in South Sudan and stressing the importance of American leadership in ending the crisis. ([Press Release](#))

26 February

• **UNMISS Update:** As of 26 February, a total of estimated 75,643 civilians are seeking protection in 8 bases. 122 surge troops from the Ghana battalion (GHANBATT), arrived today in Juba from the UN mission in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI). A further battalion of 128 soldiers is scheduled to arrive on February 28. ([Update](#))

• **US House of Representatives** *Subcommittee Hearing: U.S. Policy Toward Sudan and South Sudan:* The Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations of the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs. The US Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan, Donald Booth, the Co-founder of Enough project John Prendergast, the Co-secretary General of the Transatlantic Legislative Group on Counter Terrorism and the Managing Director for Government Relations of Amnesty International USA gave statements at the hearing. ([Hearing](#))

27 February

• **OCHA Emergency Relief Coordinator and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Valerie Amos statement on South Sudan:** Expresses deep concern about the humanitarian situation in the country and the persistence of the threat to the safety of civilians. ([Statement](#))

• **Human Rights Watch** *News Release:* Condemns the abuses committed by both sides of the conflict, calls on African Union to begin inquiry into what could amount to war crimes. ([News Release](#))
March 2014

3 March

- **UN Secretary General Remarks to the Human Rights Council in Geneva:** Commends the Council’s work to ensuring accountability in several situations, including in South Sudan. ([Remarks](#))
- **UNMISS Update:** As of 28 February the estimated total of civilians seeking protection in 8 bases is 75,715. Approximate figures of IDPs as of 28 February in PoC areas are as follows; 43,324 in Juba (Tomping and UN House), 21,568 in Malakal, 4,891 in Bor, 4,523 in Bentiu, 1,249 in Melut, 101 in Rumbek and 59 in Pariang. ([Update](#))
- **OCHA Report:** In response to the urgent needs of the South Sudanese refugees, the Emergency Relief Coordinator approved a US$4.6 million CERF Rapid Response grant on 3 March 2014. The funds will help aid agencies provide child protection services, clean water, food, sanitation and shelter at Kakuma camp in Kenya, which is expected to host 20,000 South Sudanese by the end of March. ([Report](#))
- **UNICEF Press Release:** Condemns the renewal of fighting and its impact on efforts to help vulnerable children. ([Press Release](#))

4 March

- **IGAD Press Release from IGAD Special Envoys to South Sudan Peace Dialogue:** Announced adjournment of the peace negotiations until 20 March. Announced progress on the implementation of the monitoring mechanism planned for in the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement as well as discussions on the deployment of an East African protection and stabilization force. ([Press Release](#))
- **UNHCR News Release:** Urges stepped up help for CAR and South Sudan refugees. The crises in South Sudan and the Central African Republic (CAR) have together caused one of the biggest refugee and IDP (internally displaced person) situations Africa has seen in recent years, forcibly displacing some 1.8 million people across a region with very sparse support capacities. Within South Sudan, there are almost 740,000 people who are internally displaced and a further 196,000 sheltering in neighbouring countries. The UN estimates that by June as many as 3.2 million people could be in need of humanitarian help. Already food security is a problem. ([News Release](#))

5 March

- **United Nations Interview:** UN humanitarian official urges action to help South Sudan avoid collapse: Humanitarian Coordinator Toby Lanzer sounds alarm about the situation in the country warning that the world’s youngest nation could collapse by year’s end if urgent action is not taken to help see its people through the current crisis. ([Interview](#))

6 March

- **UN Security Council Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2014/158):** Deplores the deterioration of the situation in South Sudan since 15 December, the destruction of major towns, the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people. Urges the violence to stop and the Government to assume responsibility for the protection of all its citizens. Calls on all relevant stakeholders to take the opportunity presented to them by IGAD to dialogue in good faith and engage towards national reconciliation and an open democratic system of governance. ([Report](#))
- **British Red Cross Appeal:** Launches appeal for donations to help people affected by the conflict in South Sudan, whose plight is exacerbated by the approach of the rainy season. ([Appeal](#))
UNMISS Press Release: Concerned by gunfire near its compound in Juba, the United Nations peacekeeping mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) calls on all parties to respect the work and inviolability of UN premises, which are protecting some 43,000 civilians in its sites in the capital. (Press Release)

7 March

African Union Press Release: the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, announces that a Commission of Inquiry has been appointed to investigate human rights violations and other abuses committed during the armed conflict that broke out in South Sudan in mid-December 2013. The Commission was established in implementation of a decision of the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) made by Heads of State and Government and will be headed by former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo. (Press Release)

OCHA Press Release: the Emergency Relief Coordinator approves a US$6 million rapid response grant from CERF for urgent humanitarian aid for South Sudanese refugees and host communities in Ethiopia. (Press Release)

8 March

US Government U.S. Concern About Violations of Cessation of Hostilities in South Sudan: We are deeply concerned by reports of violations by both the Government of South Sudan and anti-government forces of the Cessation of Hostilities agreement that was signed in Addis Ababa on January 23. We urge the redeployment or phased withdrawal of foreign forces invited by either side, and warn of the serious consequences which could result from any regionalization of this conflict. (Press Statement)

12 March

Government of Finland Press Release: Finland grants EUR 44 million in aid for the world’s humanitarian crises, including Syria and neighbouring areas, South Sudan and the Central African Republic.

13 March

IGAD Communique of the 25th Extra-Ordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the Situation in South Sudan: Implores the Parties to urgently address the humanitarian crisis, Authorizes the prompt deployment of a Protection and Deterrent Force (PDF) from the region with a clear mandate and operational guidelines as part of the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism in South Sudan. (Communique)

17 March

European Union Summary: Council of the European Union Foreign Affairs Council meeting conclusions on South Sudan: Expresses concern over the failure of both parties in South Sudan to adhere to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement. Warn that individuals who do not comply with the Agreement face the risk of sanctions. (Meeting Summary)

18 March

UNMISS Press Release: Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations Hervé Ladsous says in a briefing to the UN Security Council that amid extreme violence and a national political crisis now entering its fourth month, UNMISS will suspend its current activities and re-focus on new priority areas: protecting civilians, facilitating humanitarian assistance, monitoring and reporting on
human rights, preventing further inter-communal violence and supporting the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) mediation process. (Press Release)

25 March

- **US Government** Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the People of South Sudan: The United States is providing nearly $83 million in additional humanitarian assistance to the people of South Sudan affected by the recent violence. With this new funding, the United States humanitarian assistance is nearly $411 million dollars for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 to aid victims of the conflict in South Sudan, including internally displaced persons and refugees in South Sudan, as well as those South Sudanese who have fled to neighboring countries. (Press Statement)

28 March

- **Troika** The following press statement was issued today by US, United Kingdom, Norway, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada missions, and European Union delegation in South Sudan:

  Strongly condemn the continued obstruction of UNMISS operations by Government and opposition forces and any threats to UNMISS personnel. We call on all parties to publicly denounce any actions against the mission, SRSG Johnson, and any UNMISS personnel. (Press Statement)

**April 2014**

3 April

- **US Government** Statement by the White House Press Secretary on South Sudan: The United States will not stand by as those entrusted with South Sudan’s future put their own interests above those of their people. The Executive Order signed by President Obama today sends a clear message: those who threaten the peace, security, or stability of South Sudan, obstruct the peace process, target U.N. peacekeepers, or are responsible for human rights abuses and atrocities will not have a friend in the United States and run the risk of sanctions. Both the Government of South Sudan and Riek Machar’s rebels must immediately engage in and follow through on the inclusive peace process led by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and resolve this conflict. They must end military actions and hold accountable those responsible for violence against civilians. The people of South Sudan are calling for peace. There is no room for excuses or delay. (Press Release) (Executive Order)

9 April

- **UNMISS** UNMISS remains committed to the protection of civilians in its sites: Since 15 December 2014, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has protected on its bases an average of 75,000 civilians escaping violence. (Press Release)
- **IGAD** IGAD Monitoring and Verification Teams commence operations in South Sudan: Monitoring and Verification Teams (MVTs) set up under the auspices of the IGAD-led Mediation Process, to monitor the implementation of Cessation of Hostilities (COH) Agreement that was signed by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the SPLM/A-in Opposition, on 23 January 2014, have officially commenced operations. (Press Release)

11 April
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12 April

European Union South Sudan: EU steps up efforts to prevent a humanitarian tragedy: Due to the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation in South Sudan, the European Commission is ready to boost its life-saving assistance by €45 million to prevent an appalling tragedy in the country which is affecting the whole region. (Press Statement)

17 April

UNMISS UNMISS condemns attack on its camp in Bor: The UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) strongly condemns today’s deadly and unprovoked attack on its base in Bor, the capital of Jonglei State, by a mob of armed civilians. (Press Release)

UNMISS UNMISS condemns fighting in Unity State: The United Nations Mission in South Sudan is gravely concerned about the fighting that erupted in parts of Unity State on Monday, 14 April 2014. (Press Release)

France Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes Attacks on the United Nations Mission base in Bor and on the town of Bentiu: France condemns the attacks by armed groups on the United Nations Mission base in Bor, South Sudan, and on the town of Bentiu. Deliberately targeting civilians and peacekeepers is unacceptable. The perpetrators of these war crimes and serious human rights violations must be held accountable for their actions. (Press Statement)

US Government U.S. Condemns Attacks in South Sudan: The United States strongly condemns the attack on the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) compound in Bor today by armed individuals that resulted in dozens of civilian casualties. We reiterate our call upon the Government of South Sudan to end the violence and to fulfill its primary responsibility to maintain law and order and provide full support for the UNMISS mission to protect civilians. (Press Statement)

18 April

European Union and Troika Troika and EU Missions Condemn Attacks on Civilians and UN Personnel: Ambassadors of the Troika (U.S., UK, and Norway), Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the EU Delegation are profoundly concerned by the reports of the killing and injuring of civilians in Bentiu, Bor, and elsewhere, and condemn these atrocities in the strongest terms. (Press Statement)

UN Security Council Press Statement on South Sudan: Urges all parties to immediately cease hostilities. (Press Statement)

Norway Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway condemns attacks on civilians and UN personnel in South Sudan: “Norway condemns the killing and injuring of civilians in South Sudan in recent days. These attacks are clear violations of the Cessation of Hostilities agreement, which both parties to the conflict have signed. Leaders on both sides of South Sudan’s conflict are responsible for bringing an end to the violence and unrest immediately,” said Minister of Foreign Affairs Børge Brende. (Press Release)

21 April

UNMISS UNMISS condemns targeted killings of hundreds of foreign and South Sudanese civilians in Bentiu: UNMISS strongly condemns the targeted killings of civilians based on their ethnic origins and nationality in Bentiu. UNMISS also strongly condemns the use of Radio Bentiu FM by some individuals associated with the opposition to broadcast hate speech. While some SPLA in Opposition commanders did broadcast messages calling for unity and an end to tribalism, others broadcast hate messages declaring...
that certain ethnic groups should not stay in Bentiu and even calling on men from one community to commit vengeful sexual violence against women from another community. (Press Release)

22 April

- **African Union** *The AU strongly condemns attacks against civilians:* The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, is deeply concerned at the continued deterioration of the security and humanitarian situation in South Sudan. In this respect, she strongly condemns the deliberate and criminal attack on civilians in Bentiu, Unity State, on 15 April 2014, where over 200 civilians were reportedly killed and more than 400 wounded while sheltering in a Mosque. (Press Release)

- **US Government** *Statement by the White House Press Secretary on South Sudan:* We are horrified by reports out of South Sudan that fighters aligned with rebel leader Riek Machar massacred hundreds of innocent civilians last week in Bentiu. Images and accounts of the attacks shock the conscience: stacks of bodies found dead inside a mosque, patients murdered at a hospital, and dozens more shot and killed in the streets and at a church -- apparently due to their ethnicity and nationality -- while hate speech was broadcast on local radio. Bulldozers have buried the dead in mass graves, and the number of people seeking protection at the United Nations camp in Bentiu has grown from 8,000 to more than 22,000 in only two weeks. We are equally appalled by the armed attack last week at the UN Mission in South Sudan site in Bor that killed at least 48 civilians and injured dozens more. (Press Release)

23 April

- **France Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes** *Massacre of civilian populations in the city of Bentiu:* The investigations carried out by the United Nations Mission in South Sudan have made it possible to confirm that the capture of Bentiu by armed groups on April 15 and 16 resulted in the massacre of civilian populations. France condemns these murders, which were committed on the basis of ethnic background, as well as the use of the local radio station to spread incitement to hatred and sexual violence. (Press Statement)

- **UNMISS** *UNMISS condemns targeted killings of hundreds of foreign and South Sudanese civilians in Bentiu:* UNMISS strongly condemns the targeted killings of civilians based on their ethnic origins and nationality in Bentiu. UNMISS also strongly condemns the use of Radio Bentiu FM by some individuals associated with the opposition to broadcast hate speech. While some SPLA in Opposition commanders did broadcast messages calling for unity and an end to tribalism, others broadcast hate messages declaring that certain ethnic groups should not stay in Bentiu and even calling on men from one community to commit vengeful sexual violence against women from another community. (Press Release)

24 April

- **UN Security Council** *Press Statement on South Sudan:* Urges all parties to immediately cease hostilities. (Press Statement)

- **UNMISS** *UNMISS condemns unprovoked attack on barge convoy in Upper Nile State:* The UN Mission in South Sudan condemns in the strongest possible terms this morning's unprovoked attack on a convoy of barges hired by the Mission to deliver urgently needed food and fuel supplies to the UNMISS Upper Nile Base in Malakal. (Press Release)

28 April

- **IGAD** *Phase II of IGAD-led South Sudan talks resume in Addis Ababa:* The third session of Phase II of the South Sudan Peace talks that focus on a political dialogue for National Reconciliation and Healing
resumed in Addis Ababa today following the arrival of all Parties. The talks were adjourned from 7 April 2014 for consultations. (Press Release)

30 April

- **OHCHR** Opening remarks by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay at a press conference in South Sudan (Press Statement)
- **OHCHR and OSAPG** Near Verbatim Transcript Press Conference with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pillay, and UN Secretary-General’s Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Mr. Adama Dieng (Transcript)

May 2014

2 May

- **OHCHR** Statement to the Security Council by Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights (Statement)
- **OSAPG/R2P** Statement to the Security Council by Adama Dieng, Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide (Press Statement)

5 May

- **Norway Ministry of Foreign Affairs** Humanitarian Pledging Conference for South Sudan in Oslo on 20 May: Norway is to host a pledging conference for South Sudan in Oslo on Tuesday 20 May. The conference is being organised in cooperation with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. (Press Release)

8 May

- **UNMISS** UNMISS releases comprehensive public human rights report on South Sudan Crisis: The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has today released a public report on the gross violations of human rights and serious violations of international humanitarian law that have occurred since the conflict in the world’s newest nation began on 15 December 2013. The report, entitled “Conflict in South Sudan: A Human Rights Report”, follows and substantiates the interim report issued by UNMISS on 21 February. (Press Release) (Human Rights Report)

10 May

- **IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government** Communiqué: Welcomes the parties to conflict’s commitments to dialogue and that both leaders recommitted to ending the conflict and creating a transitional government of national unity within 60 days. (Communiqué)
- **UK Foreign Office** Foreign Office Minister welcomes South Sudan peace agreement: Minister for Africa welcomes agreement but expresses grave concerns over human rights violations and continued fighting. (Press Release)

23 May

- **UNMISS** UNMISS meets with David Yau Yau to discuss peace: The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) and Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Ms.
Hilde F. Johnson, received yesterday David Yau Yau, the leader of the South Sudan Democratic Movement/Army (SSDM/A). (Press Release)

27 May

- **UN Security Council Resolution 2155 (2014):** The Security Council today extended the operation of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) until 30 November under a restructured mandate intended to quell the violence, especially against civilians, and support implementation of the recent Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, increasing troop and police strength in order to fulfil its terms. (Resolution)

June 2014

8 June

- **IGAD Press Release:** On the beginning of an inclusive Peace Process for South Sudan. (Press Release)

9 June

- **UNMISS SRSG Johnson inaugurates new protection-of-civilians site in Malakal:** The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) for South Sudan, Hilde F. Johnson, today inaugurated a new protection-of-civilians (PoC) site under UNMISS’ protection and adjacent to the Mission’s Base in the state capital Malakal. (Press Release)

11 June

- **UK Foreign Office Update on the situation in South Sudan:** Minister Mark Simmonds updates the House on the situation in South Sudan and UK efforts to help resolve the conflict. (Press Release)

20 June

- **IGAD Press Release:** Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable Negotiations for South Sudan Launched. (Press Release)

23 June

- **IGAD Press Release:** Multi-stakeholder Roundtable Talks for South Sudan adjourned for Consultations. (Press Release)

25 June

- **UNMISS Ms. Hilde Johnson Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for South Sudan and Head of UNMISS visits Bentiu:** During her visit, she went to UNMISS protection of civilians’ sites where she met some of the displaced persons. UNMISS protection sites in Bentiu are currently hosting close to 45,000 civilians with a steady stream of individuals still arriving on a daily basis. Bentiu repeatedly changed hands during the past months, leading to severe insecurity for the population. (Press Release)

July 2014

8 July
• **UN Secretary-General** Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on the third Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of South Sudan: On the occasion of the third anniversary of South Sudan's independence, the Secretary-General recalls the hopes and expectations of the people of South Sudan when their country was established on 9 July 2011. Those hopes were dashed by the conflict that broke out in December 2013. Thousands of South Sudanese have been killed, and atrocities have been committed against civilians. (Statement)

10 July

• **European Union** EU imposes sanctions on South Sudanese military leaders: The Council today imposed sanctions against individuals obstructing the South Sudanese peace process and responsible for atrocities, as part of wider EU efforts to stop violence and avoid further instability in the region. (Press Release)

20 July

• **UN Secretary-General** Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on the outbreak of hostilities in Nassir, South Sudan: The Secretary-General is deeply concerned by today's attack by SPLA In Opposition forces under the command of Riek Machar on Nassir, Upper Nile State, South Sudan. This is the first major attack since the Government and Mr. Machar recommitted to the Cessation of Hostilities agreement on 10 June 2014. It undermines ongoing intense regional and international political engagement toward a resumption of political negotiations and a peaceful resolution of the South Sudan conflict. (Statement)

• **IGAD Press Release**: The Chairperson of the IGAD Special Envoys to the South Sudan Peace Process and his delegation currently in Juba to consult with the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and other stakeholders on how to reconvene the process in Addis in the coming days, regrets to announce the unfortunate attack by the SPLM/A–In Opposition in Nasir on GRSS positions on 20th July 2014. According to the IGAD Joint Technical Committee in Juba and based on the report of the Monitoring and Verification Team in Nasir, the SPLM/A–In Opposition forces crossed the Sobat River from the East. It is regrettable that this incident has come at a time when the mediation team just concluded consultations with the leadership of the SPLM/A–In Opposition in Addis Ababa, on how to operationalize the signed Agreements and move the peace process forward. (Press Release)

21 July

• **US State Department** South Sudanese Rebels Attack the Northern Town of Nasir: The United States condemns the South Sudanese opposition forces’ ground attack on the positions of the South Sudanese army (SPLA) in Nasir, Upper Nile State, on July 20. We call on both parties to immediately end all such attacks and fully adhere to their May 9 and June 10 commitments to cease hostilities and begin the disengagement of forces to be monitored and verified by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Monitoring and Verification Mechanism. (Press Release)

23 July

• **IGAD** Igad-Led South Sudan Peace Talks To Resume On 30 July: Following the adjournment of the Fourth Session of IGAD-led South Sudan Peace Process in Addis Ababa on 23rd June 2014, the IGAD Special Envoys have carried out broad consultations with various actors and stakeholders in the South Sudan peace Process. (Press Release)

25 July
**US State Department** *Threat of Famine Looms in South Sudan:* South Sudan now faces the worst food security crisis in the world. Violence has forced over 1.5 million people from their homes since mid-December, while more than 50,000 children under the age of five are at risk of dying from malnutrition this year. This is not a crisis caused by drought or flood: it is a calamity created by conflict. Unless the fighting ends and a peace agreement is concluded, the number of those at risk of starvation – now as many as 3.9 million people, fully one-third of the population – will reach even more catastrophic levels. ([Press Release](#))

31 August

**IGAD** *IGAD Regrets the Famine Threatening the People of South Sudan:* The United Nations has stated that about 200,000 children are at risk of severe famine in South Sudan at this point in time. Out of these 50,000 would face eminent death if food aid does not arrive where it is needed urgently. There are 1.5 million people who are already displaced out of which 100,000 are crammed in various UN camps in the vast country. The funds needed to tackle this calamity are estimated at about 1.6 billion USD. ([Press Release](#))

**UK Foreign Office** *Minister for Africa calls for leadership in South Sudan talks:* Mark Simmonds calls for immediate ceasefire and lasting peace as South Sudan faces risk of famine. ([press release](#))

### August 2014

6 August

**UN Secretary-General** *Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on South Sudan:* The Secretary-General expresses his deep concern at the dire humanitarian situation across South Sudan. He condemns in the strongest terms the recent killing of five South Sudanese employees of humanitarian non-governmental organizations in Maban County, Upper Nile State. The Secretary-General extends his deepest condolences to their bereaved families. ([Statement](#))

**UN Security Council** *Press Statement on South Sudan:* The members of the Security Council expressed their outrage at the recent attacks by armed groups in South Sudan that have purposefully targeted civilians and humanitarian personnel, in particular following clashes between a community-based self-defence militia calling itself the Mabanese Defence Forces and deserting Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) soldiers, which commenced on 3 August in Maban County in Upper Nile State, and resulted in the death of at least six humanitarian aid workers and reported systematic targeting of civilians based on their ethnicity. ([Press Statement](#))

**US State Department** *Attack Against Aid Workers in Maban County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan:* The United States strongly condemns the recent reports of targeted and deliberate killings of six humanitarian aid workers in Maban County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan. The people of South Sudan are paying a horrific price for the failure of their leaders to resolve this senseless conflict. We call on all parties to immediately refrain from intimidation of humanitarian workers and the deliberate and ethnically-based targeting of civilians. ([Press Release](#))

8 August

**UN Security Council** *Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2014/16):* The Security Council expresses grave alarm and concern regarding the substantial deterioration of the political and security situation and developing humanitarian catastrophe in South Sudan resulting from the internal Sudan People’s
Liberation Movement (SPLM) political dispute and unrelenting violence, including against civilians, caused by the country’s political and military leaders since December 15, 2013. (Presidential Statement)

10 August

- **Government of Norway** Norway concerned by failure to meet South Sudan peace deadline: The failure to meet the deadline for establishing a transitional government in South Sudan is unacceptable and puts millions of people’s lives at risk. (Press Release)

11 August

- **UK Foreign Office** FCO deeply concerned by failure to meet South Sudan peace deadline: Foreign Secretary concerned by South Sudan leaders failure to meet deadline to secure peace and form transitional government. (Press Release)

15 August

- **UNMISS** UNMISS condemns clashes in Bentiu, Unity State South Sudan: During the violence, approximately 340 civilians fled from Bentiu and took shelter with UNMISS troops stationed at the airport. UNMISS protected the civilians and then escorted them from the airport to the Protection of Civilians (POC) area in the UNMISS compound outside Bentiu. (Press Release)
- **IGAD** IGAD Special Envoys condemn continued fighting in South Sudan: The IGAD Special Envoys for South Sudan received reports from the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MVM) on heavy fighting that ensued this morning in Bentiu from 6.20 a.m to 10 am. The Envoys condemn in the strongest terms the continued flagrant violation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement that was signed on 23 January 2014 by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and SPLM/A – In Opposition. (Press Release)

19 August

- **UNMISS** UNMISS condemns live fire exercise in the vicinity of Bentiu camp, Unity State: UNMISS calls on national, state, local authorities and forces to protect all civilians, and to ensure that the inviolability of United Nations premises is protected, and to take effective measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidences. (Press Release)

26 August

- **UNMISS** Three crew dead, one injured in UNMISS helicopter crash in Unity State: The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) confirms that three crew members of a UN-contracted MI-8 helicopter have died in this afternoon’s crash near Bentiu in Unity State. One surviving crew member has received treatment from the Médecins Sans Frontières team in Bentiu. (Source)

28 August

- **European Union** Statement by the Spokesperson on South Sudan: We warmly welcome the continued commitment of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to find a solution to the South Sudan crisis, as demonstrated by the IGAD Summit earlier this week. We are encouraged by the signing of an agreement on security arrangements, which must be implemented immediately. We also urge the parties to follow up promptly on the protocol for a transitional government of national unity. They must now show their political commitment to implement these agreements for the benefit of all South Sudanese citizens. Failure by the parties to act on these issues will accelerate and intensify the humanitarian disaster looming in the country. (Press Statement)
30 August

- **IGAD Press Release**: IGAD mediation calls on South Sudan parties to respect cessation of hostilities agreement (Source)

September 2014

9 September

- **UNMISS Press Release**: For the past two weeks, UNMISS has been conducting preliminary investigations into the circumstances surrounding the crash of a United Nations Mi-8 helicopter Bentiu, the capital of South Sudan’s Unity State, on 26 August, which killed three Russian crewmen and injured a fourth. In addition to the Mission’s own probe, which began in the immediate aftermath of the crash, a technical investigation has also commenced with the participation of United Nations, South Sudanese and Russian experts. (Source)

17 September

- **UK Foreign Office**: UK urges commitment to peace as South Sudan crisis talks resume: Minister for Africa urges commitment from all to ending the crisis in South Sudan. (press release)

20 September

- **IGAD**: South Sudan peace talks make progress, adjourn for consultations: IGAD-led multi-stakeholder peace negotiations adjourned today, 5 October 2014. Talks are expected to resume on 16 October 2014 in Addis Ababa. (Source)

25 September

- **European Union**: South Sudan: EU increases humanitarian assistance by €20 million: The European Commission is responding to the continuing major crisis in South Sudan by increasing its life-saving assistance by a further €20 million to help its most vulnerable people. (Press Statement)

29 September

- **US Government**: U.S. Pledges $83 million Additional Emergency Assistance for the People of South Sudan: Assistant Secretary Anne C. Richard announced nearly $83 million in additional emergency assistance for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in South Sudan and South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda. The additional funding was announced at the annual meeting of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees’ governing Executive Committee in Geneva. With this announcement, the total U.S. emergency assistance for the South Sudan crisis in fiscal year 2014 is more than $720 million. (Press Statement)

October 2014

3 October

- **US Government**: Legislation Under Consideration by the Government of South Sudan: The United States government urges the Government of South Sudan to engage in an inclusive consultation process on draft legislation aimed at regulating Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) operations and the National Security Services (NSS). (Press Statement)
5 October

- **IGAD Press Release**: IGAD mediators condemn the renewed fighting in Upper Nile State of South Sudan. ([Source](#))

17 October

- **UNMISS Press Release**: On 10 October, three Individual Contractors employed by UNMISS, who were working at the airfield in Malakal, were seized by an unidentified armed group of 15 to 20 men in uniformed and civilian clothes and driven away in a pick-up truck. The following day, in the morning, one of the three workers was released and a second was also released later in the afternoon. The third worker is still missing. ([Source](#))

22 October

- **IGAD Communiqué**: A Mini-Summit consultation between H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly, H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Rapporteur of the IGAD Assembly, H.E. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda, and H.E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit was held in Juba on 22 October 2014 to consult on the outcomes of the Bahir Dar session of the South Sudan Peace Process. ([Communiqué](#))

30 October

- **UN Secretary-General Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on South Sudan**: The Secretary-General strongly condemns the resumption of hostilities between the Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) and Opposition forces in Bentiu and Rubkona in Unity State, South Sudan. This resumption of hostilities is yet again a serious violation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement and undermines the ongoing IGAD efforts to find a political solution to the conflict in South Sudan. ([Statement](#))

31 October

- **European Union Statement by the Spokesperson on the resumption of fighting in Bentiu, in South Sudan**: We strongly condemn the resumption of hostilities in and around Bentiu, in South Sudan. We note the statement by IGAD attributing responsibility for hostilities to the SPLM-in-Opposition and look forward to a more detailed assessment from the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Mechanism. ([Press Statement](#))

November 2014

26 November

- **UN Security Council Resolution 2187 (2014)**: The Security Council today extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) until 30 May 2015, authorizing it to use “all necessary means” to carry out its civilian protection, human rights and humanitarian assistance duties, and to support the 2014 Cessation of Hostilities Agreement between the new Government and Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM). ([Resolution](#))

December 2014

15 December
UN Security Council Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2014/3): Marking the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of conflict in South Sudan, which has killed tens of thousands, the Security Council today demanded that the clashing leaders in the young country fully implement agreements to end the hostilities, and reiterated its intention to consider measures against those impeding the peace process. (Presidential Statement)

UNMISS UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon calls for power-sharing agreement in South Sudan: 'Today marks one year since conflict broke out in the world’s youngest nation, South Sudan. I am dismayed and saddened that the parties have yet to reach a comprehensive peace agreement. The leaders of South Sudan have allowed their personal ambitions to jeopardize the future of an entire nation. Tens of thousands of South Sudanese have died, 1.9 million people have been displaced by the conflict, and millions more have become vulnerable to food insecurity. This is tragic and unacceptable. The killing must stop now. (Press Release)

IGAD Press Release: Statement on first anniversary of the South Sudan Crisis from IGAD Special Envoys, 15 December 2015. (Source)

US Government South Sudan's Leaders Need To Set Aside Their Dispute: In 2011, the world’s newest nation was born amid joyous celebrations. The international community welcomed South Sudan not just with cheers but also with promises of help. The hope and promise of that day are now at grave risk of being squandered if the nation’s leaders don’t at long last provide leadership. (Press Release)

UK Foreign Office Press Release: Minister for Africa calls for an end to the conflict in South Sudan. (Press Release)

European Union The EU and South Sudan: The events of 15 December 2013 and beyond, which pushed South Sudan into armed conflict only two and a half years after independence, have drastically changed the prospects for the world’s newest country. While we are marking the one-year anniversary of this disastrous conflict, there is little reason for optimism. Despite a year of negotiations under IGAD, the warring parties have failed to conclude any meaningful political agreement while civilians continue to live in a situation of extreme insecurity, which threatens to worsen in the coming weeks. (Press Statement)

19 December

UNMISS UNMISS condemns the continued targeting of civilians in Bentiu: The Human Rights Division of the UN Mission in South Sudan has issued a report concerning allegations that opposition forces killed at least 11 civilians and committed other serious human rights abuses during an attack in the Unity State capital of Bentiu last October. UNMISS human rights officers also received testimony from multiple sources alleging that opposition forces abducted and raped female residents of Bentiu after government troops withdrew from some parts of the city during the afternoon of 29 October 2014. (Press Release)

22 December

Government of Norway Press Release: South Sudan is in a critical phase, with reports of fighting in several parts of the country. The coming hours and days will be decisive. If efforts to initiate political dialogue do not succeed, there is a danger of all-out civil war along ethnic lines. (Press Release)

January 2015

1 January

IGAD Press Release: IGAD mediators condemn renewed violence in South Sudan’s Unity and Upper Nile States; call on all forces to immediately cease hostilities. (Source)
9 January

- **European Union** *Local Joint Statement On Violence In Nassir, South Sudan:* The European Union Delegation, the Heads of Mission of Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, The United Kingdom and the Heads of Mission of Japan, Norway and Switzerland strongly condemn renewed fighting between government and opposition forces in Nassir, Upper Nile State. ([Press Statement](#))

- **UNMISS** *UNMISS documents killings of civilians in Bentiu and Bor in April 2014:* The UNMISS Human Rights Division today issued a 33-page report concerning allegations that armed opposition forces killed hundreds of civilians on 15 April 2014 after they retook control of the Unity State capital of Bentiu from government troops. The report also documents the killing of dozens of people by a mob of armed men who attacked the peacekeeping mission’s protection-of-civilians site outside the Jonglei state capital of Bor two days later. ([Press Release](#))

23 January

- **European Union** *Statement by the Spokesperson on the South Sudan peace process:* After more than a year of conflict and protracted negotiations, it is high time for the leaders on both sides to start putting the interest of their people first and work genuinely towards peace and prosperity. ([Press Release](#))

February 2015

3 February

- **UN Secretary-General** *Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on South Sudan:* The Secretary-General takes note of the outcome of the last round of negotiations between President Salva Kiir and former Vice-President Dr. Riek Machar, as reflected in the agreement they signed in Addis-Ababa on 2 February 2015. He regrets that neither of them compromised on a mutually acceptable power-sharing formula. He emphasises that no sustainable peace will be found in South Sudan unless its leaders place the interests of the civilian population above their own. He underscores the urgent need for them to agree on a comprehensive and inclusive peace agreement that addresses key institutional reforms, economic governance, reconciliation, and accountability for the crimes committed since the beginning of the conflict in a manner consistent with international standards. ([Statement](#))

17 February

- **UNMISS** *UNMISS SRSG Ellen Margrethe Løj Visits Bor:* The Special Representative of the UN Secretary General (SRSG) and Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj, visited Bor today. The visit was part of an effort to obtain firsthand knowledge of the situation on the ground concerning the implementation of the Mission mandate. ([Press Release](#))

March 2015

2 March

- **US Government** *Secretary Kerry on South Sudan Negotiations:* The warring parties in South Sudan must seize the current and final round of negotiations to deliver a sustainable peace. We are well past
the point where enough is enough. Leaders must put the interests of their people above their own. The violence must end. A negotiated conclusion to this conflict is required now. (Press Statement)

3 March

- **UN Security Council** Resolution 2206: The Security Council created a system to impose sanctions on those blocking peace in South Sudan, with some members cautioning that such moves could derail Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) negotiations aimed at securing a deal by 5 March, and others expressing hope they would pressure rival leaders into ending the bloodshed that had plunged the United Nations’ newest country into civil war for more than a year. (Resolution)

- **UN Secretary-General** Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on the South Sudan Peace Process: As the 5 March deadline set by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) mediation for the conclusion of the South Sudan negotiations approaches, the Secretary-General strongly urges President Salva Kiir and former Vice President Riek Machar to show leadership, put the well being of South Sudanese ahead of all other interests, and make the necessary compromises to conclude a power sharing agreement that paves the way for a comprehensive settlement of the conflict in South Sudan. (Statement)

6 March

- **UN Secretary-General** Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on South Sudan: The Secretary-General expresses his profound disappointment following the unsuccessful conclusion of the IGAD-led peace talks and the failure of President Salva Kiir and former Vice President Riek Machar to display statesmanship and reach an agreement on power-sharing arrangements. (Statement)

- **European Union** Statement of the Spokesperson on the failure of the parties of South Sudan conflict to reach a peace agreement: Despite yet another deadline, the two principal protagonists in South Sudan’s tragic civil war have once again refused to accept the mutual compromises required to reach an agreement that paves the way for a comprehensive settlement of the conflict. This demonstrates lack of leadership and a careless disregard of the well-being of the South Sudanese peoples. (Press Release)

7 March

- **UK Foreign Office** FCO regrets failure of South Sudan leaders to reach a peace agreement: South Sudan’s leaders have again failed the people of South Sudan by refusing to make the compromises necessary for peace. I strongly regret the lack of political leadership by President Salva Kiir, Opposition leader Riek Machar, and their respective sides to resolve this conflict. Along with the many friends and partners of South Sudan, the UK continues to fully support the Intergovernmental Authority on Development’s efforts to bring a negotiated end to this senseless crisis. (Press Release)

April 2015

17 April

- **UN** Statement by the United Nations Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative: Peace and security are central requirements for South Sudan and its people to prosper; while these conditions are not yet in place in the world’s youngest country we must continue to invest in the long-term development of the nation and its citizens. (Press Release)
29 April

- **UN Security Council Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2015/296)**: The present report is submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 2187 (2014), by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) until 30 May 2015 and requested that I report on the implementation of the Mission’s mandate by no later than 30 April 2015. This report provides an update to my previous report (S/2015/118) dated 17 February 2015, and covers developments from 11 February to 13 April 2015. ([Report](#))

May 2015

5 May

- **US State Department United States Provides Support for Justice and Accountability**: Secretary Kerry announced yesterday that the United States plans to provide $5 million to promote justice and accountability in South Sudan, pending Congressional approval. Many South Sudanese have long urged that those responsible for the crimes that have been committed in South Sudan during the current, tragic conflict must be held accountable in order to break the cycle of violence and revenge and build a stable, lasting peace. ([Press Release](#))

11 May

- **UNMISS UNMISS statement on the ongoing violence in Unity State**: Since intensified military activities began in Unity State on 20 April, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has grown increasingly concerned about continuing and consistent reports coming from Guit and Koch counties of towns and villages being burned, killings, abductions of males as young as 10 years of age, rape and abduction of girls and women, and the forced displacement of civilians. ([Press Release](#))
- **UN Statement by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan, Mr. Toby Lanzer**: Ongoing hostilities in Unity state have now obliged all non-governmental organisations and UN agencies to evacuate staff from Leer and other locations. The humanitarian response south of Bentiu in Unity state has, as such, come to a stop. ([Press Release](#))

12 May

- **African Union Press Release**: The situation in South Sudan remains extremely fragile and volatile. In the last three weeks, sustained fighting between the Government of South Sudan and the SPLM (in opposition) has been taking place in the greater Upper Nile region. According to the South Sudan Humanitarian Coordinator, since the beginning of May 2015 alone, military activities south of Bentiu, in Unity State, have forced up to 100,000 people to flee their homes. This is in addition to over the 1.5 million people who have already been uprooted. More than 2.5 million others are at risk of hunger and disease as a result of the conflict, and massive violations of human rights and destruction of property continue to take place. ([Press Release](#))
- **US State Department New Reports of Fighting in Northern State of Unity**: The United States is deeply concerned by new reports of heavy fighting in northern state of Unity following a Government offensive
against Opposition forces. We remind all parties that renewed fighting is in direct contravention of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement signed in 2014. (Press Release)

- **UNMISS** **UNMISS condemns violence in protection sites in Juba:** The UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) strongly condemns the fighting that erupted among internally displaced persons (IDPs) last weekend at its protection-of-civilians (PoC) sites in Juba. One person was killed during the violence on Sunday and about 60 more were injured in the disturbances, which triggered the departure of an estimated 3,500 IDPs from the protection sites. (Press Release)

13 May

- **UK Foreign Office** UK deeply concerned by escalation of fighting in South Sudan: Minister for Africa deeply concerned by increase in fighting in South Sudan and calls on leaders to end all hostilities. (press release)

16 May

- **IGAD** IGAD Mediation extremely dismayed, yet again, at the heavy fighting continuing in Malakal, Upper Nile State of South Sudan: According to preliminary reports filed by the IGAD Monitoring and Verification Team-MVT on ground, fighting has been going on in Malakal since yesterday evening. Shilluk militia forces of General Johnson Olony joined by forces from the SPLM/ SPLA –IO, attacked areas held by Government forces in and around Malakal. The IGAD Mediation is deeply frustrated by the spread of violence to Upper Nile and strongly condemns this serious violation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) by SPLM/SPLA-IO and its allied forces and urges the warring Parties to immediately end the killings and all hostilities ravaging the country. (Source)

20 May

- **US State Department** Condemning Escalating Violence in South Sudan: The United States condemns the intensified fighting and violence in Unity, Upper Nile, and Jonglei states in South Sudan by the Sudan People’s Liberation Army, the armed opposition, and forces led by General Johnson Olony that have led to massive new displacements and had a devastating effect on civilians. We call on all armed groups to immediately halt offensive actions taken in contravention of the January 2014 Cessation of Hostilities Agreement. (Press Release)

June 2015

2 June

- **US State Department** Condemning Expulsion From South Sudan of UN Deputy Special Representative: The United States condemns the Government of South Sudan’s decision to expel the United Nations Deputy Special Representative in South Sudan and Humanitarian Coordinator of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Toby Lanzer. The expulsion of Mr. Lanzer is an affront to the international community working to bring peace and stability to South Sudan, and demonstrates a callous disregard for the suffering of the South Sudanese people. The government’s priority should be bringing an end to the violence that has already displaced more than 2 million of its citizens – half a million of whom are now refugees in neighbouring countries – and left 4.6 million facing extreme, life-threatening hunger. (Press Release)

- **UK Foreign Office** Minister for Africa condemns South Sudan’s decision to expel UN humanitarian official: I condemn the deeply regrettable decision taken by the government of South Sudan to expel the UN Deputy Special Representative in South Sudan, Toby Lanzer. Such a move is particularly concerning
given the desperate humanitarian situation facing the country. 1.5 million people are internally displaced and 4.6 million face severe food insecurity - people Mr Lanzer has worked tirelessly to support on a daily basis. (press release)

12 June

• **African Union** *Appointment Of Former President Alpha Oumar Konaré As AU High Representative For South Sudan:* The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, has, today, appointed former President Alpha Oumar Konaré, of Mali, as the AU High Representative for South Sudan. She expresses her deep appreciation to him for accepting to undertake this important assignment. (Press Release)

22 June

• **African Union** *Communiqué of the 515th Meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union at the Level of Heads of State and Government on South Sudan:* Recalls its previous pronouncements on the need to take the necessary measures, in coordination with IGAD, against any party that fails to honour its commitments and continues to undermine the search for a negotiated solution to the conflict, in line with UN Security Council resolution 2206 (2015) of 3 March 2015. In this regard, Council calls for urgent steps by the Sanctions Committee, established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015), to designate individuals and entities subject to the measures provided for therein, and reaffirms all the other steps agreed upon in press statement PSC/PR/BR.(DX). (Press Release)

July 2015

1 July

• **UN Secretary-General** *Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on South Sudan:* The Secretary-General condemns the attack today on a UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) protection of civilians site in Malakal by opposition forces. He deplores the killing of one Internally Displaced Person (IDP) and the injury of six others as a result of this attack. (Statement)

8 July

• **UN Secretary-General** *Statement on South Sudan:* “I reaffirm the commitment of the United Nations to support a political solution in South Sudan while continuing to make every effort to provide vulnerable populations with protection and humanitarian assistance. I commend the efforts by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and the African Union to prevail upon the parties to forge a political solution. It is important that we show the parties a single way forward, with the full support of the region and the international community.” (Statement)

9 July

• **UN Security Council** *Press Statement on South Sudan:* The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the human rights violations and abuses and violations of international humanitarian law in South Sudan, including those reported by UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund) and the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in Unity and Upper Nile States in April and May 2015, which included those involving castration, mass rape and the burning of women and children in their homes. They
expressed their determination to support all efforts to hold those responsible to account for these crimes.  
(Press Statement)

- **US Government Statement by National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice on South Sudan Independence Day:** Massive and widespread violence has returned. Human rights abuses are rampant. The Government and rebels are committing appalling crimes against innocent women, children, and the elderly. President Kiir and Riek Machar and their cronies are personally responsible for this new war and self-inflicted disaster. And only leaders on both sides can end this violence. (Press Release)

- **US State Department Statement on the South Sudan Conflict on the 4th Anniversary of its Independence:** Today should be a time for celebration in South Sudan, but it is overshadowed by the tragic costs of conflict. Since December 2013 thousands have been killed, more than 2.2 million displaced, and 4.6 million people remain at risk of life-threatening hunger. Both the government and the armed opposition are responsible for ongoing military actions, violations of international humanitarian law, and widespread human rights abuses against civilians, including horrific crimes against women and children. The country’s economy is also deteriorating as its leaders squander its oil wealth on a senseless war. (Press Release)

10 July

- **IGAD Press Statement on South Sudan Independence Day:** 8 July 2015, Addis Ababa: The IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan would like to wish the people of South Sudan a happy anniversary on the 4th Independence Day of their beloved country, the Republic of South Sudan. This day, 9th July, means a lot for the people of South Sudan since it is the day that their country was born and joined the community of nations. For every nation, independence anniversary is a time to celebrate freedom, take stock of the present, and project the hope and aspiration of the people for the future. (Source)

13 July

- **UN Secretary-General Secretary-General’s press encounter following joint meeting on South Sudan:** “Today, I repeat my call to President Kiir and former Vice-President Dr. Riek Machar to give up war - for the sake of the people and future of South Sudan. I urge them to compromise, forge a political deal and make true on their promises to protect the people of South Sudan.” (Statement)

August 2015

18 August

- **UN Secretary-General Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on South Sudan:** The Secretary-General welcomes the signing yesterday by Riek Machar and the Former Detainees of the compromise peace agreement put forth by the IGAD mediation. He takes note that President Salva Kiir initialled a copy of the agreement with some reservations. The Secretary-General expresses his strong hope that President Kiir will sign the agreement by the end of the 15-day deadline. (Statement)

26 August

- **UN Secretary-General Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on South Sudan:** The Secretary-General welcomes the signature today by President Salva Kiir of the Agreement on
the resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan. This is a critical and necessary step towards ending the 20 month-long conflict that has devastated South Sudan and subjected its people to unspeakable suffering. (Statement)

- **IGAD Press Release**: The IGAD Special Envoys for the Republic of South Sudan congratulate H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan; Dr. Riek Machar Teny, Chairman of SPLM/A-IO, the SPLM Leaders (FDs) and other Stakeholders including the Adherents for signing the Agreement for Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic South Sudan. (Statement)

- **AU Press Release**: The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, welcomes the signing of the Compromise Peace Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan by President Salva Kiir Mayardit, today, 26 August 2015, during a ceremony held in Juba, South Sudan. This followed the initialing of the Agreement by the Government and its signing by the Sudan People's Liberation Movement In Opposition (SPLM/IO), the Former Political Detainees and other parties, in Addis Ababa, on 17 August 2015. (Statement)

**28 August**

- **UN Security Council Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2015/16)**: The Security Council welcomes the 26 August 2015 signature by President Salva Kiir Mayardit on the “Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan” as well as the signatures by SPLM/SPLA-IO Chairman Dr. Riek Machar Teny, Former Detainees representative Mr. Pagan Amum Okiech on 17 August 2015, and joined by other stakeholders, and recognizes these signatures as a commitment by the parties to implement the Agreement, as contained in the annex to S/2015/654. (Presidential Statement)

- **EU Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini**: The EU will continue to stand by the South Sudanese people during the transitional process and appeals to the political leaders of South Sudan to rise to their responsibilities, end the suffering of the South Sudanese people, account for the atrocities targeted at civilians and children and prevent an even greater humanitarian tragedy from unfolding. (Statement)

**September 2015**

**1 September**

- **US State Department United States Calls for Adherence to the Cease-fire**: The United States condemns the recent fighting in Jonglei State and Upper Nile State in South Sudan. We call on all parties to immediately cease provocative action and hostile engagement, and to further develop security arrangements at the planned security workshop starting September 5. The recent cease-fire declarations by the Government of South Sudan and the opposition, ordering all forces to cease military operations on August 29, were welcomed as a step toward implementation of the agreement that now binds the parties. However, recent fighting by forces on both sides runs contrary to those orders and the terms of the peace agreement. (Press Release)