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The Political Challenges of the New Southern Sudan State

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Abstract

The issues surrounding the division of North and South Sudan and the independence of the South have a long and complex history. This history is taken into account in the present study, with the focus on the political challenges facing the New Southern Sudan State. The challenges explored and analysed include aspects such as the problem of Abeyi and oil, the issue of the oil pipeline and associated revenue distribution, the disparity of workforce, ethnicity and integration between the different tribes, as well as the relations between the Republic of South Sudan and the Blue Nile and Nuba Mountains. Central to thesis of this study is the understanding that this complex situation necessitates a holistic and integrative theoretical approach; which emphasizes the interrelationships between the different variables, including social, cultural and ethnic factors. This study strongly suggests that consolidated political stability will not in all likelihood be achieved unless the conjunctions and interrelationships between the various issues and problems are firstly understood in depth. And these issues are as explicated in the literature review. The study takes the approach of a qualitative design through a comprehensive archival method of collecting and analysing the data to reach a conclusion and recommendation pertaining to challenges faced by Sudan. Findings highlight that opportunities are lacking and therefore sustainable solutions regarding peace and stability are limited. For progress to be seen, avenues for dialogue between all agencies, both at micro and macro levels must be kept open and effective in order to ensure long term and sustainable peaceful transition