

Communications, in Sudan

We have reported a situation where the GOS forces use airstrip facilities built by oil, for oil, facilities denied to the NGOs. **These should be allowed to use the airstrips at Bentiu and Rubkona**, where IPC/ Lundin, the other oil company, is establishing its base camp.

Also the ICRC, which helps all sides in the conflict, is being seriously impeded. Early in 1999, it lost one of its teams. It is rightly unwilling to risk its personnel unless they can use reliable communications systems, as they do elsewhere. **Talisman** enjoys the use of communications systems, and it **should use its influence with the GOS to see that the ICRC can do the same.**

A Final Recommendation

Mayom is an isolated village west of Bentiu, where it is in the front line of the conflict between Matip, who has a garrison there, and the Nuer factions opposed to him. Fighting has left many casualties in Mayom, and now there are others: news from Sudan is that early in January, a medical team from CARE attempted to reach Mayom from Bentiu. Two of the team were killed, and two others are missing. We express our unreserved condemnation for the killers, and to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, we **express the profound hope that he will take this matter to the Security Council of the United Nations as he moves urgently, as we hope he will do, to seek a cease-fire in this afflicted region.**