

# SUDAN CIVIL SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM

## Annexes

Cartoon, June 2000

### 1 INTRODUCTION

The civil war in Sudan continues with little sign of any imminent peaceful settlement. A state of emergency was recently declared as political tensions run high in the Sudanese Government.

- ▲ Sudan Civil Society Symposium background document
- ▲ CIDA Statement
- ▲ Liliir People-to-People Peace Conference documents
- ▲ NSCC People-to-People Peace Process, *Stephen Ter Nyoun Yier*
- ▲ Oil extraction in Sudan, *Bonar Malwal*
- ▲ Sudan - an overview
- ▲ SIARG - Sudan Inter-Agency Reference Group

Sudan government officials, opposition leaders and faction heads have all been given opportunity to express their visions for peace. But for some of these, peace is less of a priority than ensuring that their own power and influence is maintained. Thus the current 'peace process' is muddled with voices which are not necessarily aligned in a just and comprehensive peace. The voices of the victims - the women, the children, and the internally displaced - have no voice in any peace forum.

The recent conference on civil society in Sudan, held in Khartoum, and which was sponsored by a group of international NGOs, demonstrated clearly the variety of hearing the voice of Sudanese civil society groups on issues of justice, peace, human rights and development. The latter conference was notable in two ways:

Firstly to the public attention the independent, articulate and reasonable voices of Sudanese from a wide variety of social, ethnic and regional backgrounds on issues of peace and human rights in Sudan.

It was able to separate protagonists from facts in a credible manner.