

6. The impact of peace process on the Nuer and the Dinka relations:

The two communities of the Dinka and the Nuer have clearly confessed and understood that they have nothing to fight for. For them the war of property, poverty and power is over through these conferences, they have committed themselves to live together, a good example and that when the Nuer of Western Upper were displaced for few months in the oil fields by Sudan government, using gunships and aerial bombardments on the villages, they fled to Bahr el Ghazal areas and lived peaceful with their neighbours, the Dinka communities.

7. The Nuer community

The Nuer community at large accepted and appreciated the peace process under the auspices of NSCC. The Dinka and the Nuer are cousins and many of them are related. During the current war the Nuer and the Dinka have inter married, hence a good family tied relationship. One time a Dinka man came back after 5 years being away from his family because of current inter-tribal fight. Then he asked his Nuer brother in-law to give him his wife and children and he could go back to the Dinka areas. But strange indeed, the Nuer man asked "do you think it's right to claim both your wife and children while the dowry you paid to us and the lady are all from here". But both have a big laughter and the Dinka took his family peacefully. At the movement my uncle's son gave his daughter to a Dinka boy and a dowry will be paid in the future. A good relation between the Dinka and the Nuer was established at Wunlit in 1999.

8. The Response of the Rebel Movements as a result of people to people peace process:

The "success" of the New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC) People to People Peace Process is that it is an indigenous church organization which has led the ongoing process. Although there are short-term fruits, its real impact will be long-term. The political and military leaders, many are positive about the progress- the Former governor of Bahr el-Ghazal has explained clearly that what "is important in the struggle is not the unity of movements and organisations but the unity of objectives and ideas". He added that the struggle is essentially about power not religion nor culture neither ethnicity because all these things flow from power. For sure, if you are a single individual and you have the power, all people can become what you are because you have the power.

One of Senior Commander was quoted as saying that if two leaders of the movements are removed and the people of the South are asked this question, do you have any reason to fight among yourselves. He believes that they all will say no but in such case the people may need another leader. Each group