

# 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 committed in a just and comprehensive way to peace. The voices of the victims - the women, the children, and the innocent civilians caught in the civil war - have no voice in any peace forum.

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

It brought to the public attention the independent, articulate and reasonable voices of people from a wide variety of racial, ethnic and regional backgrounds on issues of peace and human rights in Sudan.

It was able to aggregate divergent views in a readable manner.