

1993: US State Department adds Sudan to its list of states sponsoring terrorism.

Talks between government representative **Ali al-Haj Muhammad** and SPLA-United's **Dr Lam Akol** in Fashoda, during coronation of the new Shilluk king: Akol is accused of complicity with the NIF.

12 January 93: Arakis engineering and production team in Khartoum to identify cost of bringing Sudan oil into production at rate of 40,000 b/d in 1995. Arakis says its 75% owned concession contains estimated 1.4-bn bbl of oil of which 280m are proven recoverable, and that concession has potential to develop additional 3.5bn bbl.

Iraqi MiG-23 aircraft that fled to **Iran** in the Gulf War have allegedly been refitted by Iran for use by the Sudanese air force against the SPLA in South Sudan. Lt-Gen **Abdel Rahman Said**, former army deputy chief of staff and now leading the Sudanese opposition **Armed Forces Legitimate Command**, says Baghdad was a party to the deal, and that the MiGs - 'the only type of Iraqi plane that Sudan can maintain' would go back to Iraq after an unspecified period. He claims Iran has delivered "between 60 and 90 tanks" to Khartoum, as well as long-range howitzers, ammunition and lorries.

25 January 93: **Lutfur Rahman Khan** of Arakis says State chose it as a partner because of its ability to raise investment capital. Analysts say State and Arakis are exaggerating the recoverable reserves of the Sudanese fields.

February 93: **"Tiny" Rowland**, chairman of the Lonrho group and long-time backroom operator in African politics, reveals that for the last nine years he has been a member of the SPLM/SPLA. He goes on to say: "The war in Sudan is unwinnable and must come to an end." Shuttle diplomacy: Ugandan President **Yoweri Museveni** visits Khartoum; Rowland makes a trip to Sudan at the same time. **Ali al-Haj** goes to Entebbe, Uganda, to meet Garang. Museveni wants to reunite the SPLA. The leader of the Nasir faction, **Lam Akol**, announces that meetings with such a goal could take place in mid-March in Nairobi. But "Entebbe declaration" does not remove any of the current obstacles to the peace talks.

March 93: Fuel shortages and lack of funds to import petrol and diesel and to operate power stations and bakeries. Envoys to **Iran** asking for help include **Dr Ahmed Awad al-Jaz**, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs. Iran, although positive, wants a European country as third-party guarantor; negotiations reach deadlock and Sudan receives nothing.

27 April 93: Peace talks resume in Abuja, Nigeria; **Garang** and **Machar** both absent.

June 93: Arakis Energy Corp (AKSEF) begins trading stock on Nasdaq exchange.

June 93: Government sub-divides Chevron's concessions into smaller exploration blocks; Arakis Energy acquires the portion of Chevron's concession north of the town of Bentiu. Arakis says it has no connections with the Triad company (owned by former arms dealer **Adnan Khashoggi**, who was used as a bargaining chip over oil deals with Chevron by Nimeiri in 1985).

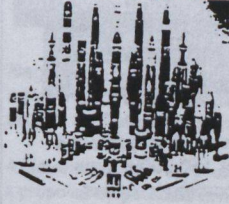
29 August 93: **State Petroleum** enters into exploration and production sharing agreement with Sudan government. State subsequently spends \$125m to explore and develop project, and discovers **Toma South** and **El Toor** fields in Unity exploration area.

September 1993: **Ethiopia, Eritrea, Uganda and Kenya** establish a committee to resolve the civil war in Sudan, as members of the **Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)**.

January 94: Row with Britain: Archbishop of Canterbury, his wife and two officials fly to South Sudan for three days and meet rival SPLA faction leaders.

At New Year Independence anniversary celebrations Lt-Gen al-Bashir says the expulsion of Ambassador Peter Streams - in the row over Dr Carey's visit - will teach the British a lesson. Britain expels Sudan's ambassador to London, **Ali Osman Muhammad Yasin**, who also works for the Attorney-General and is Sudan's ambassador to the UN.

mid-January 94: Representatives of Chinese companies accompany China's Vice-Premier and minister of foreign affairs to Khartoum. Agreements signed on banking, oil exploration and mining, light and heavy industry, agriculture, fisheries and pharmaceuticals.



end January 94: Unprecedented build-up of government forces in Southern Sudan: soldiers and supplies moved by rail and barge to **Wau** and **Juba**. Clashes with SPLA-Mainstream are reported on the road parallel to the **Aweil-Wau** railway; in southern **Bahr al-Ghazal**; between **Yei** and **Morobo**, and between **Juba** and **Kit**. The government claims to have taken **Nasir**, **Waat** and **Ayod** from SPLA-United.

January 94: In **France**, ministers **Salah al-Din Karrar** (Energy and Mining), **Ali al-Haj** (Federal Affairs, ex- Investment and Planning) and **Abdullah Hassan Ahmed** (Finance) said to have talked to **Iranex** (French gum arabic co.), **BTP** (construction), **Total** and **Airbus**. Senior intelligence officers from the Nimeiri days who frequently visit Paris include US-trained **Hashim ba'Saeed** and **Fatih Erwa**.

end January 1994: Repeated aerial bombing forces over 1,000 Equatorian refugees daily into Uganda.

end January 94: Fighting on three fronts in **Nuba Mountains**, **South Kordofan**. Mass killing, burning and rape reported from **Bangili** and **Tagoma**, east of **Dilling**. In **Delami**, crops are burned in the fields and wells are poisoned by the NIF's Popular Defence Force. Displaced women and young children are taken by security forces to the **Rahmaniyya "Peace Camp"**, reportedly a "breeding camp" to "Arabise" future generations. Older boys are taken to special camps for religious indoctrination and military training.

February 94: Machine-gun attack on minority **Ansar al-Sunna al-Muhammadiya** mosque in **Omdurman** - 19 dead. Two men are later shot dead and two wounded and arrested after a shooting incident outside the house of Saudi tycoon **Usama bin Laden** in Khartoum. The regime links the incidents.

February 94: New opposition Sudan Federal Democratic Alliance launched in London by ex-Darfur Governor **Ahmed Ibrahim Diraiqe** with Nuba spokesman **Suleiman Rahhal**.

10 February 94: Seven security officers and Iranian advisor found dead in **al-Hufra**, eastern Sudan. Khartoum retaliates by confiscating 360 trucks from the **Rashayda** people of the area. Subsequent water shortage - some were used to carry water - is blamed for the deaths of seven children.

12 February 94: Sudan accuses Britain's Parliament of supporting "rebellion" after MPs' meetings with the Sudanese opposition are held at Westminster.

12 February 1994: In Nairobi, Riek Machar calls for UN intervention in Sudan and an oil and arms embargo on Khartoum.

March 94: After Washington's directive ordering US banks not to endorse Sudanese letters of credit, Sudan orders its banks to stop dealings with the US.