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Law

Constitutionalism on trial : The Case of the Ten States in South Sudan / Lam Akol
Wandsbeck, South Africa: Reach Publishers, 2022
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464gm.

“It was Friday the 2nd of October 2015. I was driving home from a meeting of the National Alliance. My mobile phone rang and I picked it up. The caller on the other side asked me whether I heard the martial music which started playing that afternoon on the government’s radio and television. My heart sprang up. In Sudan martial music is usually played when a military coup d’etat has taken place and it is usually on a weekend. Could the coup that the regime has been alleging without proof have finally arrived? But, why after the peace agreement was signed? Or could it be a Palace Coup from disgruntled elements within the regime?”

In this book Dr Lam Akol narrates first-hand the events of Friday 2 October 2015 when South Sudan President Salva Kiir Mayardit surprised the nation by dividing the country into 28 states instead of the 10 enshrined in the Constitution and stipulated in the peace agreement he had signed less than two months earlier.

He examines the possible reasons behind the decision; the local and international reactions to it; taking the matter to court and how the issue became the most controversial point during the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)-mediated peace talks. The book examines the diplomatic and political moves and actions that finally tilted the balance towards a triumph for constitutionalism and the return to 10 states in South Sudan.

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Politics/Current Affairs

Politics of Ethnic Discrimination in Sudan : A Justification for the Secession of South Sudan
/ Dr Dhieu Mathok Diing Wol
2nd Edition

Australia: Africa World Books Pty Ltd, 2022

lviii, 246p.

Includes Index

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\$ 65.00/ HB

538gm.

The Politics of Ethnic Discrimination in Sudan: A Justification for the Secession of South Sudan addresses the historic and contemporary tensions between South Sudanese (African) and Sudanese (Arab) border ethnicities - the Dinka (Malual), Reizegat and Misseriya. By exploring the dynamics of colonialism, nomadism, civil war, slavery\abductions, resource- sharing and politics, Dr. Wol (who is Malual), provides a nuanced and balanced perspective of a century-long, interethnic, cross-border conflict, situated in the heart of Africa. Insightful and informative, this is an essential read for anyone interested in the many, seemingly- intractable conflicts, like this one, that are located across the globe.

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