

*The 1997 Nuba Mountains Peace Agreement*

## **THE FASHODA PEACE AGREEMENT**

The delegations of the Sudan Government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM-United) met in Fashoda on 18-20 September 1997 under the mediation and chairmanship of His Majesty Reth Kwongo Dak Padiet, the Reth of the Shilluk. The opening session was addressed by His Majesty the Reth of the Shilluk, Dr. Riek Machar Teny, President of the Co-ordinating Council on behalf of the Government of the Sudan, and Dr. Lam Akol Ajawin, Chairman of the SPLM – United on behalf of the Movement. The two parties discussed the Sudan Peace Agreement of April 21, 1997. After serious and frank discussions the two parties agreed on the following amendments and additions to the said agreement.

1. The SPLM-United shall be guaranteed full legality of status and participation in the political and constitutional processes in the Sudan during the interim period.
2. The parties to the agreement shall have the right to freely propagate their respective options in the referendum among the people.
3. The 14<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Decree may not be amended except by (2/3) two thirds majority of the Co-ordinating Council and confirmed by a joint session of the advisory council and the ten Southern States' Assembly in a meeting to be held for that purpose at the seat of the Co-ordinating Council.
4. The office of the President of the Co-ordinating Council shall fall vacant on:-
  - 1) The end of the term of office.
  - 2) Death
  - 3) Permanent disability or incapacitation.
  - 4) Resignation.
- 5) A motion of impeachment is carried by three quarters of the Advisory Council.

### **SIGNED**

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| 1. <b>Cdr. James Gatduel Gatluak</b><br>Vice Chairman of SPLM – United | 1. <b>Mr. Musa el Mek Kur</b><br>Minister of Animal Resources,<br>Sudan Government. |
| 2. <b>Cdr. Akwoch Mayong Jago</b><br>Secretary for Military Affairs.   | 2. <b>Major General Bushra Osman Yousif</b><br>Upper Nile Military Cdr.             |