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UPHEAVAL IN THE NILE BASIN: A TOUR FROM LAKE ALBERT, THROUGH SOUTHERN SUDAN, TO CAIRO



Upheaval in the Nile Basin

- Presentation based on field research conducted during 2010 & 2011
 - Series of articles on Uganda, Southern Sudan, and Northern Sudan
 - Process of tracking dynamic changes taking place in Nile Basin
 - Impact and prospects
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Upheaval in the Nile Basin

- Nile Basin
- Basin Area (km²)
3,112,380
- River length
(mainstream, km) 6,600
- Average Population
Density (people/km²) 41
- Total population (2007)
378,500,000
- Total population est.
(2025) 568,300,000
- Riparian countries - 10



Social impact of Uganda's oil



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Lake Albert/Mwitanzige



- To convert or conserve?
- Drilling for oil in the Murchisons Falls National Park

Social impact of Uganda's oil

- Land disputes
- Threats of displacement
- Impact on livelihoods (Fishing, subsistence farming)
- Construction of refinery and related pipeline infrastructure
- Lack of consultation with communities
- Questions on benefits to villages
- Perspectives from the Bunyoro Kingdom
- African.org, Buckshot and batons in Kampala



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Africa's 54th st

- A night out on the town of Juba
- Southern Sudan's independence (2,5 million people died during 2nd civil war)
- Implications for Northern Sudan
- Co-management of oil resources
- Role of Thabo Mbeki and AU High Level Implementation Panel



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Africa's 54th state

- Southern Sudan internal challenges
- DDR
- Land disputes
- Where will the capital be?
- 95% reliance on oil revenues
- Lack of basic infrastructure
- Along the North – South borderline

Khartoum



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Khartoum's challenges

- Darfur (since '03 – 300 000 killed, 2,7 m displaced)
- Restructuring political system
- Peripheral revolts and grievances about pol-econ marginalisation
- Doha Peace Process making progress towards ceasefire, admin status of Darfur
- Management of relations with Southern Sudan – citizenship, financial, legal, and currency questions



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Khartoum's challenges

- The 'invasion' of Abyei
- Referendum dispute (Misseriya & Dinka Ngok)
- Clash of lifestyles
- Conflict for access to subsistence resources (land, water, grazing)
- Intersection of cultural, local level resource, national resource (oil), and lifestyle conflicts



Khartoum's challenges

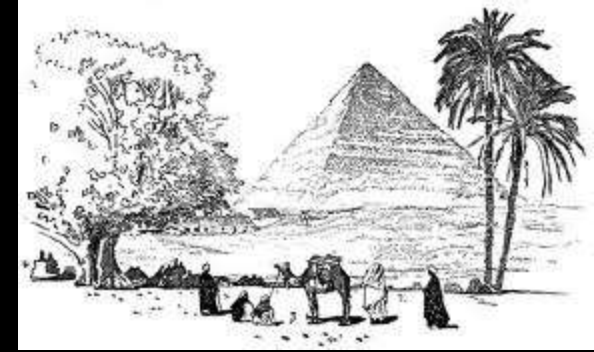
- Changing regional dynamics (Due to internal changes in both Sudan and Egypt)
 - Sudan's Popular Congress Party (Hassan al Turabi) met with Muslim Brotherhood
 - Plans afoot for MB leader Mohammed Badie to mediate between President Omar al Bashir and Hassan al Turabi
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Darfur



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Egypt's revolution




- Is it democracy or just the beginning of a transition?
- Role of the military in politics and the economy
- Changing regional posture (Palestinian reconciliation; opening of border crossing; allowing Iranian war ships to pass through Suez canal; relations with Iran)



Egypt's revolution

- Mubarak trial
- Importance of Nile (85% water supply)
- Civil-military relations
- Managing change and transitional political processes
- Egypt's 'new' international relations



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