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The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) joined the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) on 9 January in celebrations to mark the first anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. Taye Zerihoun, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, and UNMIS Force Commander Maj. General Fazle Elahi Akbar led the delegation that gathered in the southern capital, Juba.



The President of Southern Sudan, Salva Kiir -- addressing an audience including the current and former Presidents of Kenya, the Vice-President of Uganda, and other foreign dignitaries -- called for extensive economic development initiatives to bring stability and prosperity to those who have suffered from years of war. Rebecca Garang, Minister of Roads in the new southern government, urged the GoSS to make women "part and parcel" of efforts to renew the South and to implement the CPA.



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The event began with a large police and military parade, with soldiers from both the SPLA and SAF participating. Some of the soldiers sported arm bands of the Joint Integrated Units, which are being formed of equal elements of the former forces. Many thousands of Juba residents also joined the celebration, dancing and drumming to commemorate the first year of peace and reconciliation in decades.

