



Popular Consultations, Regaiba, 15 January

Fact Sheet

Popular consultation hearings took place at El Regaiba hearing center, Geissan locality (30 kilometres south of Ed Damazin), on 15 January (for further information, see Popular Consultations in Blue Nile State FAQ).

The hearings were chaired by members of the Popular Consultation Commission and Legislative Assembly.

Of more than 700 people attending the hearings, many speakers were positive about the state government's achievements and some even expressed their gratitude. But they also stated that more development and basic services were needed, noting that there had been peace in Blue Nile since the CPA was signed (six years ago).

People living near Roseires Dam, as was the case with Regaiba villagers, expressed concerns about their future, compensation after their relocation and construction of promised model villages.

Some speakers called for high participation in the state and national government as well as civil service.

Following are some excerpts of opinions made in Ora.

Adam Abbakar (man)

The CPA stopped war in the state, which is a good thing, but it did not achieve development.

Ameen ShaikhEldin (man)

There is a need for development, provision of basic services and reconstruction of the road from Geissan to Ed Damazin.

Ibtisam Omer (woman)

I think the state needs education, health services, drinking water, and fair compensation for people affected by heightening the Roseires Dam.

Babikr Bashir (man)

The CPA stopped fighting between the sons of Sudan, but there is still lack of development. The government needs to achieve development.

Mohamed Issa (man)

I think the CPA does not meet people's expectations. The people need participation in the central government and bigger representation in the state government.

Iman Abbaker (man)

The CPA brought the elections and popular consultations, but the people still need more development, especially in infrastructure and basic needs.

Faisal Omer (man)

There is a need for fair compensation for people affected by the Roseires dam-heightening project, as well as social and economical development.

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