



Popular Consultations, Bant Garib

Fact Sheet

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Public hearings were held at Ed Damazin's Bant Garib hearing centre on 23 January, chaired by members of the Popular Consultation Parliamentary Commission and Legislative Assembly members.

Of the more than 250 persons (most of them women) attending the session, many expressed satisfaction with Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) implementation. They said it met their aspirations, but more development was needed, especially in the areas of basic services and urban planning.

Participants generally supported the National Congress Party (NCP) and current federal system, which they said was the best way to rule Sudan. Some speakers said they expected autonomy for Blue Nile State. Some political party observers protested, stating that there were participants from outside the area, and that they would like to know the speakers' residences.

The hearing was also attended by the commissioner of Ed Damazin locality and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Following are excerpts of some of the opinions expressed:

Zahra Adam (woman)

We need development, services and a federal system.

Yasmin Ahmad (woman)

The CPA achieved stability in the state. However,

we need more development and stability.

Hussain Ibrahim (man)

We support the government because it brought peace, but we need health services.

Mariam Adadm Abbakar (woman)

I am completely satisfied with implementation of the CPA. We need infrastructure and services for all people.

Mohamed Fadol (man)

The CPA has achieved peace, but nothing has been achieved in development.

Azizia Mohamed (woman)

We need development, autonomy and urban planning.

Rasheeda Ibrahim (woman)

We need development, a federal system and environmental sanitation.

Adam Mahmoud (man)

We need confederation, development and basic services.

Issa Osman (man)

We need more development and self-determination.

Omer Aggar (man)

Since the CPA was signed, nothing has been fulfilled, so we need autonomy.

Khalid Ahmed (man)

We need development, infrastructure and justice for all. We support the NCP and the federal system.

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