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SRSG discusses CPA implementation with GoSS Officials

While much progress has been made towards the implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), many challenges still face its signatories, said the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Sudan, Ashraf Qazi, during a day-long visit to Juba on Wednesday 3rd of June.

The SRSG met with the President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) and First Vice President of the Republic of Sudan, Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit, the newly appointed GoSS Minister of Regional Cooperation, Oyai Deng Ajak, and the Speaker of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, James Wani Igga. He also met with Nhial Deng, SPLA Affairs Minister.

"I had a very good meeting with the President and this is an important time because we all are preparing for the conference that will take place in Washington later this month," said the SRSG. "The United States has taken the initiative to act in concert with the international community to help both signatories implement the CPA on schedule because the CPA time period will be completed in 2011.

He discussed the security situation in the south, elections, DDR and the preparations for the referendum, among other issues.

The President expressed appreciation for the role UNMIS is playing in Jonglei and the SRSG reassured the President that UNMIS is always ready to assist in every respect with regards to the implementation of the CPA.

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