

**UNMIS Press Release No. 2/08****“Images for Peace” photo exhibit opens in Wau**

A photographic exhibition showing negotiations for Sudan’s Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) as well as progress made since it was signed opened in Wau on 15 January.

The exhibition -- “Images for Peace” -- formed part of celebrations for the third anniversary of the 2005 signing of the CPA. Organized by the Southern Sudan Peace Commission in conjunction with UNMIS and the UN Development Programme, the mobile display aims to foster greater understanding of the peace accord through awareness of Sudan’s diverse cultures.

Opening the event at Wau’s Youth Training Centre, Vice-President of Southern Sudan Riek Machar stressed that a country without a history or past could have no future. “This is our history and this is our past and we must show our children, so that in ten years time they can understand the struggle and appreciate the peace.”

Hundreds of Wau residents as well as members of the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) and international community viewed the photographs on opening day. The exhibition will run for two weeks in Wau before moving to other locations.

Images for Peace, which was also supported by USAID, is part of ongoing efforts to expand public awareness and appreciation of the CPA process.

Attached photos: 1. Vice-President of Government of Southern Sudan Dr. Riek Machar with officials at opening of Wau photo exhibit.

2. Young viewers at the photo exhibit.

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Photo 1



Photo 2