

Comprehensive peace Agreement are ineffective because the concerned authorities have no basis to punish violators. In a panel organized to discuss human rights abuse between 2005 and 2010 last month the Southern Sudan Human Rights Commission urged the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly to speed up deliberations on bills which protect the stipulated rights. Korbandy outlined that the Constitution guarantees rights to education, fair trial, privacy, religion, freedom of expression, property ownership, health care, freedom from torture among others. He pointed out such rights like the right to access education is not binding because there is no law that can provide remedy to people whose educational rights are violated. Korbandy said this has made the work of his commission and civil societies advocating for these rights difficult. He however said that some of these rights have been recognized by Southern Sudan penal code. He cited right to life, fair trial, and property ownership violations as some that have already been criminalized in the Act.

to avoid tribal violence as happened in Rwandan in 1994 after the death of the Hutu president Juvenal Habyarimana.

public and the nation. She said that the media is treated as the best source of information to millions of people in any country.

promote hate speech to cause violence or they merely quote what leaders say. Drawing from the Rwanda genocide Lars Moller a train-

rendum. She added that they successfully monitored media coverage on Sudan April elections.

The team has sampled over 20 media houses including The Juba Post, The Citizen, Bhakita FM, SSTV, Miraya, among other print and electronic media. Brigitte said the output of these media houses will be analyzed and findings will be released to the public. "During this referendum, we shall monitor what and how media houses report on southern Sudan referendum," she said. Additionally, our team of experts will be kept on hate speech and will immediately report any incidence. She added that the experts will be concerned with the tone of the published material, the content and mode of presentation. The experts will also check on the space dedicated to referendum by all media houses under survey. The journalists were trained on media coverage of Southern Sudan referendum due to take place on 9th January next year. They represented all media houses as well freelance journalists in Sudan.

Romanio urges ex-combatants to keep voting cards safe

By Alier John

Wau - The Director for Disarmament and Demobilization and Reintegration in Western Bahr el Ghazal Romanio Opio Kuot on Friday urged all ex-combatants to take care of their referendum registration cards.

Romanio said this during the opening ceremony of the ex-combatants training center at Don Bosco ground in Wau. He reminded the ex-combatants that their vote will determine their independence from many years of atrocities, mistreatment and slavery from the people of the north.



Mr. Romanio Opio Kuot, the Western Bahr el Ghazal State Director of DDR Commission - photo/ file

el Ghazal. "We want to train our ex-combatants on peace building, environmental awareness, hygiene and sanitation, the dangers of HIV/Aids, disease control as well as civic education," said Romanio.

He told the media that the training will run for a period of five weeks and then resume after the referendum.

Romanio added that a total 1310 were demobilized in the last program in Wau. He further added that another batch of 2290 will be demobilized in the next phase.

The ex-combatants were provided with food rations plus SDG 800 to start a new life.

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