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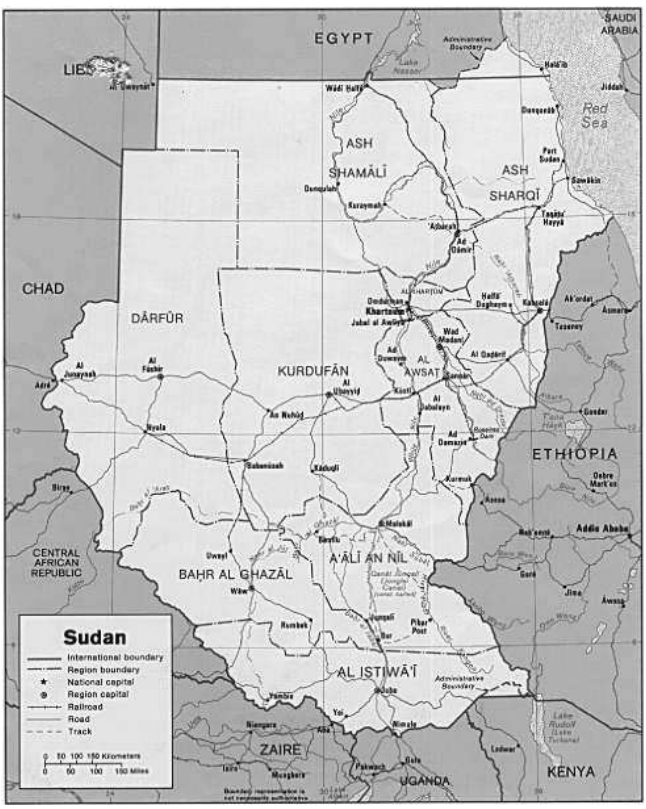

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Abbreviations

ALC – African Liberation Committee
ALN – *Armée de libération nationale*
BRCC – Ba'th Regional Command Collection
CANS – Civil Authority of the New Sudan
CO – Colonial Office
CPA – Comprehensive Peace Agreement
DUP – Democratic Unionist Party
EC – European Community
ED – Eastern District Kapoeta (as catalogued in SSNA archives)
EPLF – Eritrean People's Liberation Front
FLN – *Front de libération nationale*
FO – Foreign Office
FRRA – Fashoda Relief and Rehabilitation Association
HEC – High Executive Council
HRW – Human Rights Watch
ICP – Iraqi Communist Party
IGADD – Intergovernmental Authority on Development
ISPF – Iraqi Secret Police Files
ITP – Iraqi Turkoman Party
JD – Juba District
KDP – Kurdistan Democratic Party
KNA – Kurdistan National Assembly
KRG – Kurdistan Regional Government
KSSE – Kurdish Students Society in Europe
LND – Lou-Nuer District
MMD – Moru and Maridi District
MSA – Ministry of Southern Affairs
NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NDA – National Democratic Alliance
NDB – National Defence Battalions
NIDS – Northern Iraq Dataset
NIF – National Islamic Front

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NLC – National Liberation Council
OAU – Organisation of African Unity
OLS – Operation Lifeline Sudan
PD – Pibor District
PKK – Kurdistan Workers' Party
PUK – Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
RASS – Relief Association of South Sudan
RCC – Revolutionary Command Council
SACDNU – Sudan African Closed Districts National Union
SANU – Sudan African National Union
SCP – Sudanese Communist Party
SOA – Sudan Open Archives
SPLM/A – Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army
SRRA – Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association
SSLM – South Sudan Liberation Movement
SSNA – South Sudan National Archives
TCCDR – Tribal Criminal and Civil Disputes Regulations
TPLF – Tigray People's Liberation Front
UNESCO – UN Education Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNGA – UN General Assembly
UNHCR – UN High Commissioner for Refugees
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UNP – Upper Nile Province
UNSC – UN Security Council
USAID – United States Agency for International Development
VSS – Voice of Southern Sudan
ZD – Zande District

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