

The Work of the Civilian Protection Monitoring Team in Sudan

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In January 2002, following diplomatic activity by United States Special Envoy John Danforth, the GOS and SPLM/A reached agreement on Danforth's four tests for the parties to demonstrate their commitment to the peace process. These four tests were: (1) an internationally-monitored ceasefire agreement in the Nuba Mountains to enable humanitarian relief; (2) commitment to an international verification mechanism to monitor an agreement not to target civilians in the south; (3) an international eminent persons commission to investigate the problem of slavery in the Sudan; and (4) establishment of zones and days of "tranquility" in the conflict areas where health agencies could carry out polio, guinea worm and bovine rinderpest campaigns.

The Civilian Protection Monitoring Team (CPMT) began operations in late 2002. The organization is an odd entity in the annals of international organizations. It is funded largely by the United States, and consists of retired military officers, many from the U.S. Yet it claims to be independent of the U.S., Government of Sudan, and SPLA. What follows is a short table illustrating the nature of the activities of the CPMT. They have investigated 50 cases over the years 2003-2004. Of those, 5 have been deemed by the CPMT to have been cases of legitimate military activities, 9 have been found to be not substantiable, and 36 involved deliberate targeting of civilians, through intent or neglect. Of the 36 cases of targeting civilians, there were at least 254 casualties. Of the 36 cases, 22 have been cases where the Government of Sudan forces were at fault, 9 were cases where SPLA forces were at fault, and 5 were either cases where both parties were at fault or where militia forces (SSDF) was at fault.

Summary of first 50 cases investigated by the Civilian protection Monitoring Team in Sudan **(<http://www.cpmtsudan.org/>)**

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(Note: This is not an official or authoritative summary)

Case#	area affected	date of incident	nature of incidence	civilian casualties	perpetrator	conclusion
1	Mundri/Lui	12/15/02	Killing	13	GoS	Legit military target
2	Western Upper Nile	2/15/03	Killing	6	GoS & SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
3	Wankai Cattle Camp	5/14/03	Killing	20	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
4	Pagak Malwal Area	5/28/03	Killing	58	SPLA & GoS	Yes civilians targeted
5	killing of a trader, Nguen Geang Jiech	6/6/03	Killing	1	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
6	killing of Tut Gatluak Kuok	6/12/03	Killing	1	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
7	Abduction of Nyayuit Yako Ruea	6/12/03	Abduction	1	GoS	Unsubstantiated
8	Nyoang, Tuoch & Rubkuai Villages	6/12/03	Looting	0	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
9	Liang, Dengaji, Kawagi & Yawagi villages	6/19/03	Killing	20	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
10	Abyei Area	6/19/03	Abduction	45	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
11	Longochock Area	6/30/03	Killing	59	GoS	Unsubstantiated
12	Peace Convoy	7/12/03	Detention	0	SPLA	Legit military target
13	Mirmir Area	7/28/03	Killing	4	SPLA	Unsubstantiated
14	Bentiu-Leer-Adock Road	8/19/03	Killing	10	SPLA & GoS	Yes civilians targeted
15	Bentiu, Rubkhona & Thoan	8/19/03	Killing	18	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
16	Omdurman	11/18/03	Killing	2	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
17	Kalakla Wehda Area	9/25/03	Wounded & Killed	12	GoS	Yes civilians targeted

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18	Akobo	10/6/03	Wounded & Killed	10-20	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
19	Lawdo	10/15/03	Abduction & wounding	3	SPLA	Unsubstantiated
20	Deresta & Kassala	11/3/03	Abduction	2	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
21	Omdurman	11/18/03	Killing	2	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
22	Wankai	11/26/03	Abduction	1000	SPLA	Unsubstantiated
23	Kalakla	12/9/03	Forced Conscription	3	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
24	Thoc, Mading & Jekau	1/12/04	Killing	5	SPLA	Unsubstantiated
25	Bentiu	1/14/04	Illegal Taxing & Confiscation	N/A	SSDF	Yes civilians targeted
26	Shooting of Bentiu Trader	1/20/04	Killing	1	GoS	Legit military target
27	Bouth Area	1/14/04	Abduction	47	GoS	Unsubstantiated
28	Abyei Area	1/14/04	Abduction & Killing	11	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
29	Lou Nuer	2/15/04	Abduction & Killing	20-30	Murle	Yes civilians targeted
30	Jeich & Yuai	2/16/04	Wounded	8	Civilians GoS	Yes civilians targeted
31	Nagdiar murders	2/17/04	Killing	3	SPLA	Unsubstantiated
32	Internal Fighting Between SPLA Forces	3/1/04	Killing	7	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
33	Aburoc	3/15/04	Abduction & Violence	9	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
34	Wathouk	3/15/04	Abduction	2	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
35	Bentiu	3/19/04	Abduction	8	SPLA	Legit military target
36	Shilluk Kingdom	4/19/04	Killing	8	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
37	Aweil & Wedweil	5/10/04	Killing & Violence	16	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
38	Pultruk	5/10/04	Killing	4	GoS & SPLA	Legit military target
39	Warlac, Makar & Nyamlel	5/24/04	Violence	6	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
40	Shilluk Kingdom	5/24/04	Killing	2	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
41	Torit	5/31/04	Looting	1	SPLA	Unsubstantiated
42	Warajok	6/17/04	Killing	2	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
43	Mapel	6/17/04	Killing	2	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
44	Mayom Deng Akol	6/17/04	Violence & Theft	4	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
45	Leer-Adok Oil Road	7/7/04	Killing	2	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
46	Datang Village	7/15/04	Theft	N/A	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
47	Nyilwal & Nyiyar	7/19/04	Killing	2	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
48	Wau Shilluk Area	8/3/04	Killing	7	GoS	Yes civilians targeted
49	Owaj	8/15/04	Killing	4	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted
50	Kaka	8/15/04	Killing	25	SPLA	Yes civilians targeted