

Southern Sudanese town shows signs of peace

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JUBA, Sudan — New buildings are going up in this southern city. Phone lines are being laid and an Internet cafe has opened. At Peace Square, where homeless war widows once slept on the dirt hugging their children, young couples chat into the evening at a new restaurant.

Juba, a city that was

reduced by war to being a place of the old, the hungry and the abandoned, has started coming back to life in the year since the Sudanese government and rebels signed a truce, setting the stage for peace talks now under way in neighboring Kenya.

"Only two years ago, we did not have a single commuter minibus in this town. Now, as you can see for yourself, we have scores of them taking people from any end of downtown Juba," said Adou Kelefa, a 35-year-old mechanic and minibus driver.

"I believe this town will be something different with the coming of peace. We could even have better vans going around — instead of this junk of steel and smoke," Kelefa said.

Peace after a 21-year north-south civil war that has killed and uprooted millions, would be a triumph for the U.S., European and African diplomats coaxing the continent's biggest country toward normality.

Things could still come unstuck. The two sides have to reach agreement on shar-

ing the country's oil wealth, and another, separate rebellion is raging in the west of Sudan. Eastern Sudan also has a history of tribal unrest.

But as he struggles to steer his dilapidated Toyota van over the rough roads of Juba's poorest neighborhoods, Keleka's optimism doesn't waver.

He boasts of having stayed in Juba even during the worst fighting rather than join the refugee exodus. Once those refugees return, Juba's population is expected to grow from 350,000 to a million.

At the Khustum bus station, women sell snacks and tea. In the evenings, young men, including former fighters and others back from the relative sanctuary of the north, joke with the waitresses, eating and drinking outside the mud canteens.

Hanging out here used to be an invitation to harassment by government forces on the lookout for young rebel fighters.

Another big change is the underground telephone lines that will bring service into all city homes. Mobile phone service is available, in a

place where even carrying an unauthorized two-way radio was a serious security offense just two years ago.

The Sudanese government is refurbishing the University of Juba, transformed during the war into a camp for government-allied paramilitaries.

Prices of goods from the north are double what is paid in the capital, Khartoum. But at least there's food. In the past, war prevented crops from being planted and famine reigned.

A dozen perfect mangos cost 3,000 pounds (\$1.20) — a fifth of the wartime price. But a soft drink, which has to be flown in from Khartoum, costs 80 cents — twice the price in the capital. An experienced Sudanese civil servant earns 270,000 pounds (about \$100) a month.

For worse is the legacy of 2 million dead, most through war-induced famine. Juba's children, in particular, still show high rates of malnutrition, anemia, malaria and emotional damage from the loss of parents and the fighting they have witnessed.

Kindergarten teacher

Angelo Jinawe says that when given clay to mold, most of the kids in his care make tanks or war planes.

UNICEF, the U.N. children's fund, has trained 85 teachers in Juba in methods of overcoming these traumas.

"We hope that through playing we can help these children learn something positive and, in the end, heal their psychological wounds," Jinawe said. "But peace

would be the greatest of boosts — I honestly believe so."

He said he was amazed at how well the children respond to one particular song in the local Achule language — clapping, cheering and dancing excitedly when he leads the chorus.

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Troops chase killers of 206 Ugandans

By Geoffrey Muleme
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LIRA, Uganda — Government forces swept through villages in northern Uganda on Monday in pursuit of rebels who killed more than 200 unarmed civilians seeking shelter at a refugee camp.

The army clashed with a small group of rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army on Sunday, killing one insurgent, said 2nd Lt. Chris Magezi of the Ugandan army.

The rebels, armed with assault rifles, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, raided Barlonyo camp north of the town of Lira late Saturday, shooting people as they fled and burning others in their mud and grass huts. It was one of the worst attacks in recent years by the shadowy group, which has been fighting the Ugandan government for 17 years.

Camp officials calculated that 206 civilians were killed, at least six of whom died of their wounds in a hospital, said Charles Angiro, a parliament member representing the region.

Foster parents more than caretakers

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amount of money," she said.

But, to be a foster parent, an individual must be a resident of Mecklenburg County, have a valid driver's license and transportation, a telephone and be open to home visits.

Over the last eight years, Gatlin and her husband Earl have opened their home to eight children after raising two sons of their own. Why do they do it? Karan Gatlin says that it is for the children.

"When children come into the home, they want par-

ents," she said. "They would come in and overnight, they would start calling us Mom and Dad."

The Gatlin family usually takes in children between the ages of 2 and 5, Karan said. This year, however, they have two boys who are 10 and 11. Gatlin said older children usually come with more baggage than the younger ones, but that's not the case with her boys or the 8-year-old girl she and her husband are in the process of adopting.

Over the years, Gatlin said, she has seen many success-

ful reunions of families and even "adopted" the parents of one of her former foster children.

"I became the grandmother in that family, because the parents themselves never had parents," she said. "We don't realize how children in America are misused."

Gatlin says that once children leave her home, she is confident that she and her family have planted a seed that will help them to a better life.

"My brother, his wife and my sons adopt these kids with me," she said.

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thy wounds, saith the Lord." - Jeremiah 30: 17

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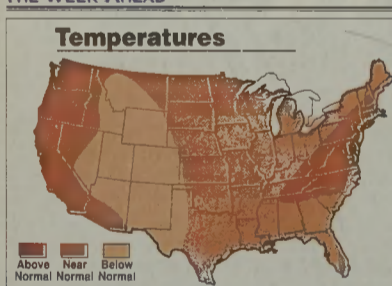
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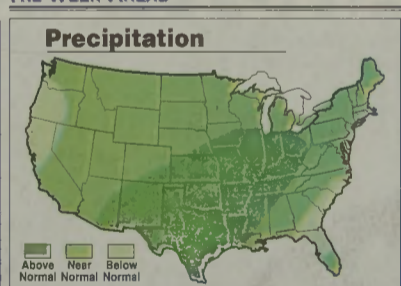
LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
38	26	48/32	62/40	64/42	58/37	55/36	57/37

THE WEEK AHEAD



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U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	44	32	c	48	36	s	58	42	pc	64	46	pc	63	40	c
Boston	35	23	s	40	28	s	48	34	s	50	36	pc	47	32	c
Chicago	42	26	s	48	32	s	52	34	pc	50	32	c	43	24	c
Cleveland	37	24	s	45	30	s	50	35	s	52	34	pc	47	25	c
Denver	60	31	pc	51	26	c	39	21	c	46	22	c	45	18	c
Des Moines	47	29	s	48	33	pc	51	31	c	43	27	i	41	23	c
Detroit	38	22	s	44	28	s	52	34	pc	51	33	c	45	24	c
Houston	62	40	s	68	48	s	70	58	pc	68	48	c	64	46	s
Indianapolis	43	29	s	49	34	s	53	38	pc	53	35	c	48	25	c
Kansas City	51	31	s	55	37	pc	53	33	c	50	30	c	46	27	pc
Los Angeles	58	50	sh	60	48	c	63	48	s	64	48	pc	66	48	pc
Miami	82	56	pc	75	60	pc	78	66	pc	81	69	pc	83	65	pc
Minn.-St. Paul	39	24	pc	42	26	c	41	27	c	39	25	i	33	17	c
New Orleans	60	42	s	66	48	s	70	56	pc	73	55	c	67	50	s
New York City	37	30	s	43	35	s	51	38	s	51	40	s	51	35	c
Omaha	46	30	pc	51	33	pc	50	32	c	44	25	r	40	23	pc
Phoenix	66	50	c	64	44	c	62	46	pc	66	48	pc	68	45	pc
San Francisco	56	44	r	56	44	pc	58	46	pc	59	48	c	62	50	pc
Seattle	50	38	c	50	38	c	48	36	c	50	39	c	52	40	pc
Washington	45	30	c	48	32	s	56	38	s	56	40	s	55	35	c

THE NATIONAL SUMMARY

Cool weather will dominate the Southwest, Great Basin and Rocky Mountains. Temperatures from Montana to New Mexico will average 5 to 10 degrees below normal. Storms will spread precipitation across the southern Plains, Mississippi Valley and Midwest. The Middle Atlantic and southern New England will experience several days of unseasonably warm temperatures.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	35	27	sn	34	28	c	34	24	c	35	22	pc	30	23	pc
Berlin	33	24	c	27	18	c	28	16	sn	24	15	sn	25	17	c
Buenos Aires	88	71	s	87	64	pc	82	62	s	80	61	pc	86	70	pc
Cairo	91	63	s	88	66	pc	88	66	pc	87	62	pc	82	56	pc
Jerusalem	76	59	s	74	60	pc	77	62	pc	76	60	pc	73	57	pc
Johannesburg	79	59	r	76	57	c	80	57	pc	79	57	pc	76	56	c
London	34	23	pc	35	24	c	34	25	c	39	25	pc	34	26	pc
Madrid	47	27	c	46	28	pc	47	30	pc	44	27	pc	45	30	c
Mexico City	70	44	s	74	48	s	76	49	s	77	50	s	77	48	s
Moscow	27	10	c	29	19	c	33	21	i	33	22	pc	26	12	c
Paris	33	19	c	30	18	sn	30	20	c	32	22	pc	33	23	pc
Rio de Janeiro	74	63	t	76	63	t	75	64	t	80	65	pc	77	64	pc
Rome	58	43	t	48	35	pc	47	30	r	43	30	sn	43	30	pc
San Juan	87	72	s	86	71	s	85	72	s	83	71	s	84	71	pc
Seoul	35	18	pc	37	26	pc	47	28	r	35	14	s	32	18	s
Sydney	75	58	pc	76	57	c	76	58	pc	76	55	pc	73	55	pc
Tokyo	56	36	s	44	32	pc	47	46	pc	60	40	r	47	35	pc
Toronto	32	20	s	40	28	s	48	34	pc	42	32	pc	40	23	c
Winnipeg	30	22	sf	40	20	c	34	20	c	30	16	c	26	3	pc
Zurich	36	19	sn	28	18	c	30	18	sn	28	18	c	28	19	c

SUN & MOON

Date	Sunrise		Sunset	
	Time	Time	Time	Time
Thu., Feb. 26	6:58 a.m.	6:15 p.m.		
Fri., Feb. 27	6:57 a.m.	6:16 p.m.		
Sat., Feb. 28	6:55 a.m.	6:17 p.m.		
Sun., Feb. 29	6:54 a.m.	6:18 p.m.		
Mon., Mar. 1	6:53 a.m.	6:19 p.m.		
Tue., Mar. 2	6:51 a.m.	6:20 p.m.		
Wed., Mar. 3	6:50 a.m.	6:21 p.m.		

Date	Moonrise		Moonset	
	Time	Time	Time	Time
Thu., Feb. 26	10:19 a.m.	none		
Fri., Feb. 27	10:52 a.m.	12:43 a.m.		
Sat., Feb. 28	11:30 a.m.	1:42 a.m.		

Date	Moon Phases			
	First	Full	Last	New
Feb. 27				
Mar. 6				
Mar. 13				
Mar. 20				

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