HATE SPEECH MONITORING AND CONFLICT ANALYSIS IN SOUTH SUDAN
Report #8: November 7 – November 20, 2017
Summary of Recent Events

As the end of the year approaches, few signs of improvement in the security and economic sectors in South Sudan are evident. Reflecting on the past year, conflict dynamics have shifted dramatically from what began as mostly a Dinka and Nuer dispute to violent conflict which has engulfed almost all communities and political actors inside and outside the country. While recent weeks have seen a relative lull in armed conflict, narratives around regional fragmentation have gained in strength.

During the period from November 3-12, the capital of Juba narrowly escaped another explosion of violence when former army Chief of Staff Paul Malong defied the government’s order to disarm or reduce his detail of military bodyguards. Acting on orders issued by President Salva Kiir on October 30, current Chief of Staff James Ajongo deployed government troops to the residence of the former chief. The president’s directive specified that troops should remove Malong’s telephones, weapons and ammunition. The order also stated that, “any resistance posed by the former chief of general staff must be met with reasonable force.” Malong subsequently refused to surrender his men and their weapons, prompting a standoff between government forces and Malong’s supporters in Juba as well as in his hometown of Aweil. The confrontation reflects both strong support for Malong within the army, as well as deepening fissures within the Dinka community.

Similar but more deadly clashes occurred in July 2016 and December 2013, when Juba was turned into a battleground for President Kiir and Riek Machar’s rival forces. In both incidents, Malong fought on the side of President Kiir. However, in May of this year, Malong was fired and immediately attempted to escape to his hometown of Aweil while in possession of government assets. He was intercepted and forced to return to Juba where he was confined to house arrest. His arrest coincided roughly with sanctions levied against Malong and five other commanders or politicians by the United States Treasury Department. The UN Panel of Experts also brought accusations against Malong for war crimes and atrocities in the Upper Nile, Western Bahr el Ghzal, and the Equatorian states.

The Kiir-Malong rivalry has highlighted multiple challenges facing peace in South Sudan, including the sectarian aspects of the conflict, the inability of national institutions to provide basic services, tribal divisions which undermine national coexistence, and rampant corruption. Many South Sudanese believe that Malong’s transgressions should have been addressed through legal processes or through dispute resolution mechanisms. Instead, Malong has twice been entreated by tribal elders from the Greater Bahr el Ghazal region not to engage in violence against the president. Some
elders and influential people from Equatoria and Greater Upper Nile expressed surprise at Kiir’s restraint in dealing with his rival, while others wondered why this self-restraint wasn’t extended to Kiir’s political rivals from non-Dinka regions.

Even as some people in Greater Bahr el Ghazal and Equatoria appear to be prioritizing dialogue as the best option for resolving political disputes, the Dinka Bor in Greater Jonglei have reached out to their Nuer counterparts despite the bad blood between them. In a four-day conference between the two groups (although questions were raised about how representative of their community the Nuer delegates were), Jonglei Governor Philip Aguer stressed the need for peaceful coexistence among the two major communities of Jonglei. Senior Dinka leaders guiding the peace initiative indicated that reigniting a regional partnership with the Nuer was mostly based on the notion that the Dinka of Bahr el Ghazal incited the Greater Upper Nile people to destroy their own areas, while the people of Bahr el Ghazal did everything in their power to prevent the war from reaching their backyard. As a result, elders and diaspora from the Upper Nile approached the peace talks as a way to prevent further destruction of their region.

On the diplomatic front, Uganda and Egypt led an initiative to reunify the fragmented SPLM party in Cairo. The resulting Cairo Declaration emerged from talks spearheaded by Egyptian President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi and Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni. According to the agreement, signatories pledged to “rebuild trust between the various SPLM factions,” as well as to work collaboratively toward achieving “unity of the SPLM” with the possibility of ending the war in South Sudan. The two participating delegations consisted of five members each, headed by Presidential Envoy for Foreign Affairs Nhial Deng Nhial on the government side, and former Secretary General Pagan Amum Okiech for the former detainees. Mr. Pagan signed the declaration on behalf of former detainees, while Defense Minister Kuol Manyang Juuk signed on behalf of SPLM in government.

Previously, Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni hosted both sides to reunite the ruling party, but these efforts failed. The SPLM re-unification effort is in parallel--and perhaps in competition--with IGAD’s plans for a high-level forum in December in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Visualization and Analysis of Conflict Events

Violent Events: November 4 – November 18, 2017

The visualization and table below use data from the Armed Conflict Location and Events Database (ACLED) to portray incidents and trends in conflict-related events in South Sudan from November 4 – November 18, 2017. This is the most recent two-week period for which we are able to generate event data for South Sudan.

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<td>Violence against civilians</td>
<td>Tonj</td>
<td>Gunmen from neighbouring Gok state in Lakes attacked Tonj in Warrap on several occasions between 1-8 November, leaving seven killed and dozens of people displaced. In one incident, the youth undressed twelve women who were travelling from Manyangok County to Tonj town.</td>
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<td>11/5/2017</td>
<td>Violence against civilians</td>
<td>Kinyiba</td>
<td>Report that pro-government forces killed five civilians on their way from Bamure to Wudu, at Kinyiba. SPLA-IO accused NAS troops stationed in the area of being unable to prevent the attacks. Date unclear, report dated 5 November.</td>
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Data Source: Armed Conflict Location and Events Database
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<td>Battle-No change of territory</td>
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<td>SPLA-IO claimed to have attacked the village of &quot;New Site&quot; close to the border with Kenya in Kapoeta, killing 50 SPLA soldiers. They claimed to have gained the area but another statement a few days later claimed they attacked the area again on 9 November and withdrew. New Site was the former SPLM headquarters prior to signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in 2005.</td>
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<td>Battle-No change of territory</td>
<td>Mvolo</td>
<td>NAS claimed to have repulsed government forces’ attack on their positions in Mvolo County in Western Equatoria, killing several soldiers and capturing guns and ammunitions.</td>
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Data Source: Armed Conflict Location and Events Database (events in South Sudan with 5 or more fatalities)
Early Warning of Violence – Predictive Analytics

PeaceTech Lab is collaborating with partners to develop an early warning system using predictive analytics. Using a combination of data sources including the Armed Conflict Location and Events Database (ACLED), the Global Database of Events, Language, and Tone (GDELT), and social media content from Crimson Hexagon, the Lab has built a statistical model for predicting violence in South Sudan before it occurs. Over time, the Lab plans to refine and improve our model’s accuracy.

ACLED publishes new updated data every Monday. Each update covers the violent events that occurred up until the Saturday prior to the Monday that data is released. Our statistical model is re-trained every Monday with this updated data and then produces predictions for the upcoming week. The most recent ACLED data was published on November 20, 2017, for the week ending on November 18, 2017 (Week 46). We used that data to train our model and then forecasted for the following week of November 20-24 (Week 47).

The maps below visualize this system in practice. The model outputs a probability of violence for Week 47 – illustrated by shades of red in the map on the left. Using a probability threshold we then make predictions of which states will experience violence for Week 47– the red states in the map on the right.

Based on our predictions for week 46, compared to the real data that was released for week 46, our model’s accuracy has remained in the 70% range.

Predicted Violence against Civilians for Week 47
Predicted Battles for Week 47

![Map of Predicted Battles for Week 47]
Visualizations – Overall Hate Speech

Volume of Hate Speech

The visualizations below show trends surrounding social media content identified as hate speech surrounding the South Sudan conflict. Content sources include: Facebook, Twitter, blogs, forums, new comments, and YouTube.

Dates: November 7 – November 20, 2017
Number of posts: 115

85 comments, 13 shares on Mirayafm Facebook page post, which asks which person, or people, deserves the most credit for preventing violence during the recent tension in Juba. Source

44 comments, 30 shares on Nyamilepedia Facebook page post, which tells how South Sudan’s army forces attacked and ambushed a vehicle belonging to Silvestor Lengengwa. Source

Content Sources for Hate Speech

Top Sites for Hate Speech

1 This section and the next display content from hate speech categories, which were produced using a combination of hand coding and machine learning using social media data. Crimson Hexagon’s ForSight platform was used to filter for content of interest and train posts to categories. Posts that contain the terms identified through the lexicon and include inflammatory language were categorized as “hate speech”.

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The visualization below shows top-level and sub-level themes in content identified as hate speech.

The visualization below shows recurring words and themes in content identified as hate speech.

The cluster visualization below shows connections between terms in social media content identified as hate speech.
Hate Speech Terms

**Queen Paul Malong**

This term aims to emasculate former army Chief of Staff Paul Malong Awan who was previously referred to as **King Paul Malong** due to his military power, political influence and considerable wealth. Amidst reports of a rift between Malong and President Kiir, leading to Malong’s dismissal in May 2017, subsequent fears of a **possible outbreak of violence** were stoked by the tense armed standoff outside his house in Juba in November.

Malong was alleged to have been the mastermind behind the 2013 and **2016 violent conflict** directed against Nuer and Equatorians. Social media users have **celebrated** some of the personal losses Malong has suffered such as being placed under house arrest, the loss of his daughter in a school fire in Kenya and his **inability to leave** Juba to attend to her funeral.

Online references to Malong as a queen are accompanied by comments seeking revenge for his actions, exulting in his status as yesterday’s criminal and today’s victim, as well as sexually submissive innuendos. Feminine labels can be commonly used to diminish the value of individuals and communities in hyper-masculine societies such as South Sudan.

The use of “Queen Malong” and its variants is contextually similar to “coward.” Initial posts using this term targeted Malong as an individual, but more recently, online conversations between his detractors and supporters (such as Dinka from Aweil) show that the term can extend to his immediate community. These references can trigger intercommunal violence as some social media users have tagged members of his Aweil community as “women” (see sample posts below).

**Sample Posts:**

Date: November 14, 2017  
Source: Sudan Tribune

Soon Queen Paul Malong Awan (QPMA) he will scape away from Juba no turning back but soon primitive kiir he will arrest The Evil Church of Elders.  
Church Elder they will defecate to theirs underwear because they middling themselves in to politics.

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King Akol Kordiit will sleep with Queen Paul Malong today in one bed no more compromise.

Enough is enough now come the Time of action. Aweil Eye or Aweil Ass you are late

R. I.P Queen Paul Malong

Please incompetence Salva kiir Mayardit(SKM) Intended already to kill incest-child Queen Paul Malong Awan (QPMA)Already.

2nd to that Dinka cannot move for longtime in the bush like Nuer and Equatoria folk,because they like beg people on Street but Nuer or Naath can not do so.

I will never blame Queen Paul Malong Awan (Q.P.M.A)because I your ideology is the same 100 yrs in S.Sudan

Queen Malong Just about queen....queen was uplifted freed and freezed queen Malong is now in his last house confinement in Kenya Capital Nairobi as JCE agreed with kiir to shifts Malong from juba to abroad..... Malong has just met many confined General including Gen. Thowath Pal Ethiopian

Queen Malong Awan is planning to haven in UNMISS ......believe me even Salva kiir will one day go to UNMISS Hahaha what a crazy country.
Fighting between queen Malong and kiiriminal diit who gonna give up?

Now Queen Malong, is your time to bear the same pains we the innocent junubin went through. You are loyal to Kiir rather than be loyal to SS. You are loyal to your own tribe rather than be loyal to all junubin. You are loyal to Jienge council of evils rather than be loyal to SS elders. So how is the confinement now miss Queen malong.

What a mess. So Salva Kiir has finally #removed restrictions against Queen Paul Malong Awan and before #declaring a state of emergency in their home towns in fear of more #defections.

Yirolees are to blame for sweet-talked Queen Paul Malong back to Salva Kiir Mayarshit den. I don't know how much did Mayarshit paid Yirol politicians?! Sad! All in all Mayarshit and Malong are criminals who know each other.

HOPELESS SALVA KIIR and Queen PAUL MALONG AWAN God will curse you more up to your grand-grand Children.

remember that we give you 100 years without forgetting you Hopeless people.
Queen Ms Paul Malong Awan be will disarmed and arrested he will torturing in the hand of Awan Chan community. Meanwhile Mading Aweil Community are silent.

**Coward(s)**

Historically, this term was used by Dinka to denigrate Equatorians for the perceived non-violent nature of Equatorian communities. Such references furthered the claim that Equatorians did not contribute to the armed struggle in the North-South conflict.

The recent political controversy regarding Paul Malong has generated a surge in online conversation. His reported release from house arrest has deepened divisions among South Sudanese, especially within the Dinka community as they align themselves with either Kiir or Malong. Some of Malong’s admirers have created Facebook groups as far back as three years ago to laud his military prowess. Among his online supporters, he has earned himself the nickname, “the man that sleeps with one eye open.”

During the recent crisis, unconfirmed reports indicated that Malong had applied for asylum in the UNMISS camp as he feared for his life. Some social media users are calling for his release and reconciliation with Salva Kiir, reflecting the perceived preferential treatment that Dinka reserve for each other. According to other online narratives, if Malong had been a non-Dinka, his life would not have been spared.

Currently, both sides of the intra-communal rivalry between Paul Malong (Dinka Aweil) and Salva Kiir (Warrap) are using the term “cowards” against each other. The term has also been used in isolated instances against individuals such as the former governor of Western Equatoria, Joseph Bangasi Bakasoro, who was also referred to as a “job seeker.” Some opposition supporters of both Nuer and Equatorian backgrounds are also using this term to target the Dinka community in general.

As has been noted in the previous social media monitoring reports, “cowards” can be considered inflammatory since there is a risk of inciting individuals or communities to violence against each other.

**Sample Posts:**

Date: November 10, 2017
Source: Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)
Who is malong to us ya Aweil Eye or whatever you call yourselves as long as we known malong he is cowardice plan less general among Spla.Generals, for your information don’t celebrate your father death.

Date November 2, 2017
Source Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)

Dinka rebelling with out Nuer with them is like Chihuahuas (little dogs ) running away from the house, cowards Don’t rebel, if am wrong let them just attack a BIRDS NESTS so we know their seriousness.

Date: November 10, 2017
Source: Twitter

Is that why you are hiding in the Equatorian embassy for what? 4 years? Can’t see a 更大 than you, coward.

Date: November 4, 2017
Source: Facebook

Shameful!! Why Salva Kiir betrayed citizens of South Sudan like that. COWARD.

Date: November 4, 2017
Source: Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)

Stop crying cowards"your queen is a gone cause although he’s always crying for help from his home town Aweil"but no one since then otherwise stop making noises in the internet

Date: November 10, 2017
Source: Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)

What is Paul Malong???? Paul Malong is the most cowardice General n warlord who rebelled for 3days n later easily surrendered himself to the same rogue regime of JCE.

Date: November 8, 2017
Source: Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)

Hahaha ‘King’! He must surrender, I hear that he left last time Juba with over 10 armed military cars but couldn’t go far. I hope I’m correct. If in the battle field he surrendered what about in Juba? will he manage! A king can not be easily arrested, he could have walked to aweil like what the ‘Cowards’ did to Congo and Ethiopia #IO#NAS. It is now clear who the real King is or Kings are. Some Aweiliens can continue with online war. Too much talking.
When Anyar Mayuel the son of warrap call help from malong Awan from aweil that he seek help from paul malong, malong told him frankly you can fight Arabs or if you coward enough with your gogrial son, than sent us all your gogrial gals to f*ck by aweil son the fearless community Malual bouth Ayar, who fight bravely in the history of South sudan, than Anyar Mayuel get upset and fought hard to challenge Paul Malong that gogrials had brave people than he was kill like school boy, as gogrial son don't stand ground with Arabs unlike aweilian who fought with Arabs in number of wars, so aweil Town was not captured by aweilian because of one reason, that is where most civilians got food from, not because the liberation aweil town is so hard to us, we leave it as security food reason, so tell me what has happened in gogrial in 2001 when Anyar Mayuel fought with arabs

Nyagat

A term previously identified in the Lab’s research, “nyagat” continues to be used by social media users as a derogatory reference for rebels from Nuer communities. Unlike the terms “traitor” or “backstabbers” that are applied more generally, regardless of the targets’ ethnic background, the term “nyagat” was used almost exclusively in reference to the Nuer. The term simply means rebels, or those bent on rebellion.

Recent events relating to the house arrest and subsequent release of Paul Malong have dominated social media conversations, and much of the inflammatory online speech can be directly linked to these events. For example, the alleged defection to the SPLM-IO of Lt. Col. Chan Garang Ding Lual, Major Aguer Atak Mariik and Major Dut Deng Kolong (army generals once allied with Malong) has been a catalyst for the use of “nyagat” on social media. The defections were reportedly in response to growing tension in Juba related to the standoff between Malong’s guards and forces loyal to President Kiir. Social media users in support of SPLM-IO were calling for the Dinka from Aweil to join forces to topple President Kiir’s regime. In response, Dinka from Aweil called Nuer online users “nyagat” to assert that they would never join the opposition. Meanwhile, some Nuer responded that the term had been misused, and that it is Salva Kiir’s regime that is the real “nyagat,” since the government is betraying citizens and destroying the country.

This term is considered inflammatory because it carries significant historical meaning dating back to the conflict with Sudan and inter-ethnic conflict between the Dinka and Nuer communities. Nyagat has the potential to elicit very strong reactions in individuals and communities and subsequently become an obstacle for constructive dialogue among communities.

Sample Posts:
Nyamiliel Midit, Aweil people are not stupid to join your nyigat's rebellion. Haven't you learn anything from Aturjong Nyuon ya nyigat?

Date: November 13, 2017  
Source: Facebook

Looting, become more dangerous than Nyagat. Dinka used to called the Nuer SPLA movement in a close door Nyagat because the Nuer soldiers used to go to the Nuer's to collected the food for the none Nuer, otherwise they couldn't make it themselves. After the liberation movement roots in, and then they called thier Nuer colleagues as Nyagat. But, in the real sense the Nuer nursed up the blessed existing movement not the government at all. All rights must be reserved for the South Sudan generations to come. Thank you. James Lewlew Chuol

Date: November 17, 2017  
Source: Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)

Garang Gai is a tribals elite will never understand the fact because he is being influence by tribal ideology using the words nyagat without knowing its definition ,tell him that nyagat is someone born to loot ,rape and miserably killing inoccent like what ur government do to the

Date: November 7, 2017  
Source: Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)

Nuer Eye, please get King Paul name out of your nyigat's mouth.

Date: November 16, 2017  
Source: Sudan Tribune

The lying tongue of this son of a bitch called Mabior Nyandeng should be cut off. The drug addict-alcoholic is going too far. Don’t act/dramatize Dr. John Garang who was a true leader by his character not a fool like you who selling the Dinka honor and dignity on sliver plate to Nyagat like Riek and his mongrels.

Date: November 19, 2017  
Source: Facebook
I got a question. Why Dinkas? Always give names start from Mayom. Nyagat and Nuerwew start from Mayom.

Date: November 7, 2017
Source: Facebook

There is nothing I hate most than those Jiengs who recently joined the nyagats' camp when we already won the war - E'ngude wetke?

Food Lover

This term can be used to insult people who continue to side with the government, despite the perceived injustices and violence directed against their families or communities. However, the term is largely ethnically-neutral and can also be used by pro-government supporters to insult those opposed to the government for their lack of courage to engage in conflict, simply because all they care about is food.

In the past, “food lovers” was used by both Nuer and Dinka to refer to Equatorians as people whose sole purpose in life was to enjoy food, drink and peace. But the term has evolved, so that some Nuer now use “food lovers” to insult their fellow Nuer in the government. In this case, these Nuer are cast as cowards who put material gain before the welfare of their community. Related terms used alongside “food lovers” include “Nuer Wew,” “Nuer wew food lovers,” or “coward food lovers.”

When Dinka social media users use the term against Nuer, it often means Nuer are easily bought with food and willing to betray their own communities. Some posts have indicated that to stop a Nuer from fighting, just give them money. On the other hand, some Nuer social media users claim Dinka love food so much that they don’t want to share with others. Similarly, some Equatorians think the Dinka’s love of food is the reason for fighting against, and politically marginalizing, other South Sudanese.

The term can be considered inflammatory by those targeted as “food lovers” because they feel a sense of shame and inferiority. By equating individuals who choose tolerance, patience, and coexistence with being unsympathetic or greedy can trigger resentment, which in some cases can motivate people to take violent action.

Sample Posts:

Date: November 13, 2017
Source: Facebook

You Don’t know that, those pagans & the food lovers the cowards stupid dinka caused that?
Date: November 6, 2017  
Source: Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)  
U r just cowards and food lovers only especially u dimwitted Ojurak.

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Date: November 1, 2017  
Source: Facebook (Post has since been removed or hidden therefore the link is not available)  
Don't mention Dr Riek  
Just say salva kiir  
With his food lovers

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Date: November 4, 2017  
Source: Facebook  
I am sorry to say this, but if all the opposition parties acted sooner and unite to fight Salva Kirr, peace would have been achieved by all means possible. Now, it's not too late, stop pointing fingers at one another and let's get to work. The only way to demolish Salva regime to convince those blind food lovers to joint any organized opposition with a clear mission to bring peace. Never ever try to break or bring confusion to those who are already fighting Kirr. The people movement have done a tremendous job defending innocent citizens. They will continue to do so until Salva Kirr quits!

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Date: November 22, 2017  
Source: Facebook  
Before two days back .the leaked come out when Salva Kiir. Addressed his Jieng council in Juba. He said that Nuer people were killed ours many Dink's in their land .Akobo. Nasir .Bentiw and fangak. And said that we Dink's we have to killed Nuer .that was the speech of president of the country. And question to Nuer wew. And Nuer food lover in that speech. Of your Boss.

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Date: November 5, 2017  
Source: Facebook  
Green South Sudan destroyed by food lovers.

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Date: N/A  
Source: Facebook (Post is only available for viewing in private group, therefore link is not available)  
The SPLM as a party is dead and there is only Mayaardit and his bunch of advisors (JCE and other food-lovers) and militia to keep him in power. Perhaps Kiir Mayaardit is looking to form a new party in order to dissociate himself from the rotten SPLM that most of his opponents are desperately clinging on to.
Visualizations – Word Cloud by Term

The word cloud visualizations below show recurring words and themes in posts used alongside each of the terms we feature in this report.

Disclaimer: For the terms “queen paul malong” and “food lover” we were unable to generate accurate visualizations that properly depicted how the term was being used as hate speech. Due to this, we have excluded the visualizations for “queen paul malong” and “food lover”.

Visualizations – Content Sources by Term

The charts below show the type of platforms as percentage of overall content in which each of these terms is used during the reporting period.
Visualizations – Top Sites by Term

The charts below show the top sites in which each of these terms has been used since the beginning of the reporting period.

**Nyagat**

- facebook.com: 10 (91%)
- wangdunkonmedia...: 1 (9%)

**Coward(s)**

- facebook.com: 9 (64%)
- nairaland.com: 2 (14%)
- reddit.com: 1 (7%)
- twitter.com: 1 (7%)
- youtube.com: 1 (7%)

South Sudan - Hate Speech Monitor... — Top Sites from 6/22/17 to 11/19/17

South Sudan - Hate Speech Monitor... — Top Sites from 11/7/17 to 11/20/17
Notes

The terms featured in this report were prioritized based on volume of posts from our social media monitoring and analysis. Please note that we are only able to collect and analyze public social media content, which limits our ability to access a significant amount of posts including hate speech. This is particularly true for South Sudan, given that many of the major platforms for inflammatory comments and posts are largely private, including Facebook and WhatsApp. In our own monitoring, we have seen examples of terms identified in our lexicon of hate speech terms that we have not been able to include as examples above since they are primarily used in private user pages.

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