

## **Ethnic tensions could increase violence in Southern Sudan – MRG**

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(...) Ethnic tensions fueled by unequal access to resources and political influence in Southern Sudan could increase violence and threaten the stability of what will soon become Africa's newest nation, says a new briefing by Minority Rights Group International.

Competition between ethnic groups over scarce resources continues to spark violence, often in the form of deadly cattle-raids. According to MRG research, some minority groups feel that their interests are not being represented within the political system, and that resources have been diverted to more populous ethnic groups.

'The Government of South Sudan will need to focus on political representation for minorities and an equitable distribution of resources in order to alleviate ethnic tensions that threaten long-term stability,' says Chris Chapman, Head of Conflict Prevention at MRG. (...)

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