



## **Sudan Law Reform Update**

**November 2009**

Welcome to the third issue of the Sudan law reform update. The Project for Criminal Law Reform in Sudan (PCLRS), a joint initiative of SORD and REDRESS, provide this regular service with a view to informing those working on, and interested in, law reform and human rights of relevant developments. The update includes a summary of the news (largely based on English language media sources) on law reform, jurisprudence and other developments. It also aims to serve as a platform for sharing of information, comments and opinions on any issues related to law reform and human rights in Sudan.

This issue covers developments up to 23 November 2009. It features further news concerning discussions on the National Security Bill and developments on the draft referendum bill.

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## I. LAW REFORM

### 1. National Security Laws

#### 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Security and referendum bills to be passed after Eid

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2019%20Nov%2009.pdf>

#### 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Human Rights Watch, Sudan: Reform National Security Law

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/11/06/sudan-reform-national-security-law>

#### 1st November 2009

The SPLM and opposition parties draft memo on restrictive laws and on endorsement of the Security Bill

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2001%20Nov%2009.pdf>

#### 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Minister denies claims that two versions of the security bill exist

<http://unmis.unmissions.org/Portals/UNMIS/MMR/MMR%2026%20Oct%2009.pdf>

### 2. Constitutional Law and Elections

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009

SPLM reiterate their determination to break deadlocks with the NCP over the referendum law.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33207>

#### 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Sudan opposition parties to decide on election boycott by end of November.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33162>

#### 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009

The SPLM agreed not to make any concessions on the going talks with the NCP over the Southern referendum.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33107>

#### 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Sudan's ruling NCP say they are close to an agreement with the SPLM.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33003>

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

Talks on the Southern Sudan referendum remain at deadlock.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32996>

**30th October 2009**

Sudan's partners fail to end differences on parliamentary timetable.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32950>

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

UN Secretary General says democratic elections and Southern Sudan referendum are the key issues for resolving long standing conflict in Sudan.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32933>

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

Sudanese opposition parties have withdrawn from the national parliament refusing to support the vote of national security law without the participation of the SPLM.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32926>

**3. Public Order Laws****23rd November 2009**

Women's groups question rules behind Sudan 'trousers case' crackdown

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33213>

**III. JURISPRUDENCE****16<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

Sudan human rights activists lodge complaint against NISS

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article33138>

**IV. DOCUMENTS**

SIHA, *Beyond Trousers: The Public Order Regime and the Human Rights of Women and Girls in Sudan*

A Discussion Paper,

Submission to the 46th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Banjul, the Gambia, 12th November 2009

<http://www.pclrs.org/resources/Public%20Order%20Submission%20Paper.pdf>

Summary and Recommendations

<http://www.pclrs.org/resources/Public%20Order%20Submission%20Sum%20and%20Recs.pdf>