

## “Civil War” and Geopolitics in South Sudan

A Western Journalist Killed in South Sudan – What Really Happened? A number of major geopolitical moves are currently afoot in Africa. Make no mistake about it: neocolonialism is alive and well on the continent.

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*Featured image: US freelancer Christopher Allen killed while reporting in South Sudan (Source: Twitter)*

*Last week, Christopher Allen, a young American journalist [was killed on the 27 August](#) by South Sudanese government forces near the Ugandan border of South Sudan.*

Allen’s death is tragic and unfortunate and so are the deaths of the two government soldiers and 16 rebels that were also killed in the firefight. All of these deaths are unnecessary and tragic for all the families concerned who will be mourning the loss of fathers, brothers, husbands and sons.

But there are no good guys in this story and no bad guys. The government of Salva Kiir and the rebels under opposition leader Riek Machar are both constructs of Empire in Africa. Salva Kiir became president in 2011 and one of his first acts of the new South Sudan was to [hand over nearly 50% of the oil rights](#) to Rothschild’s Glencore.

It doesn’t require a great imagination to see this as payment for Empire’s role in funding and arming John Garang’s SPLA. Garang probably underestimated the malevolence of his benefactors. He for his part, had a genuine mission to improve the lot of his people. He was dispatched in a helicopter crash. Coincidentally (or not), the helicopter was owned by President Museveni.

South Sudan has been at civil war which is described as a tribal conflict between Nuer and Dinka. Such an anthropological dissection of society is itself one of Empire’s constructs and has been the modus operandi of warfare in Africa for at least half a century. It is a strategy of war written about in a book called [Gangs and Counter-Gangs](#) by British General Sir Frank Kitson; a strategy first used to full effect in Kenya during the Mau-Mau Rebellion of the 1950s. The strategy is simple – divide and rule. Once again Riek Machar is being used as the tool to continue South Sudan’s destabilization, to justify western soft power disguised as humanitarian intervention. Quite why he is being used to topple Salva Kiir is not clear. Salva Kir has perhaps been looking East towards China and Russia instead of West.

Earlier this year the [government raised the fees](#) for foreign aid workers permits from \$100 to \$10 000. There are 2 ways of looking at this. The government could be profiting from international aid as famine once again threatens the region and an influx of aid workers is expected. Or this is the government’s attempt to reduce foreign intervention from the humanitarian soft power complex.

The Democratic Republic of Congo has begun refusing visas for Washington's humanitarian aid workers many of whom can be regarded as spies and trouble makers, an act which is highly commendable. High-profile American journalist and UN-affiliated operative Jason Stearns also [had his visa denied last year](#), as did Human Rights Watch journalist, Ida Sawyer.

A number of [serious questions have been raised about Stearn's role acting as a US gatekeeper](#) in Rwandan and Central African affairs.

As to the role of the young journalist Christopher Allen, it is unfortunate. Interestingly, he had also been sent to the Ukraine as a journalist. However, instead of recognizing the situation in 2014 as [a CIA sponsored coup](#), he chose to report the western favoured 'color revolution' narrative. Ukrainians now find themselves with [a government of fascist NeoNazis](#) who are CIA tools and puppets. The story of Ukraine is similar to that of so many African countries, like in Libya to mention only one. How much longer can the fake liberal American missionary-like zeal for intervening in other countries, fool itself?

Unfortunately for the multitude of well-meaning people worldwide fighting for "human rights" in Africa is really not what it appears to be.

Meanwhile, the western mainstream media continues with a standardised narrative, effectively begging for some form of UN or western/NATO intervention. It's an all too familiar pattern:

'The war has created the world's fastest-growing refugee crisis and both sides of the conflict have been accused of abuses.'

We leave you with the definitive article on this subject written by journalist Keith Harmon Snow and entitled:

[EXPOSING U.S. AGENTS OF LOW-INTENSITY WARFARE IN AFRICA: The "Policy Wonks" Behind Covert Warfare & Humanitarian Fascism](#)

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