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South Sudan: Journalists Agree Code of Ethics

At a two day meeting in Juba, on June 19-20, a group of editors representing south Sudanese media agreed a code of ethics for the print media. The signatories to the Code have undertaken to promulgate the code in their own papers and abide by its terms.



Editors and media owners sign Code of Ethics

The signing of the Code of Ethics represents another step forward in the development of the print media in south Sudan, and the setting up of a self-regulatory regime. The meeting at

which the Code was adopted was facilitated by ARTICLE 19, which believes that the signing of the Code is a pivotal development and paves the way for the formal abolition in South Sudan of the Press and Publications Act, 2004.

The thoroughly discussed Code covers issues such as privacy, fairness and accuracy, incitement and the coverage of ethnic disputes and clashes, amongst others. The Code, which can be downloaded from the ARTICLE 19 website, was signed by Alfred Taban, for Al-Muragib and the Khartoum Monitor, Bullen Kenyi, for the Juba Post, Stephen Tut, for the South Sudan Post, John Gachie, for Insight Sudan, William Ezekial, for the Sudan Tribune, Dan Eiffe, for the Sudan Mirror and Nhial Bol, for the Citizen, amongst others.

NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Code of Ethics can be downloaded from <http://www.article19.org/pdfs/other/sudan-code-of-ethics-juba-.pdf>
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