

Former SAF Joint Integrated Unit displays its weapons

On 19 February 2011, 784 soldiers of the Malakal-based Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) component of the Joint Integrated Unit (JIU) under the command of Lt. Col. Peter Wol defected to the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). SAF commanders had ordered them to the north to be disarmed and released from service with compensation. They chose to defect instead. On 2 November 2011 the Small Arms Survey visited the area of Mapel—where the defectors were awaiting training and integration—to inspect their arms and ammunition. The weapons, all reportedly supplied by SAF, appeared old. The following is a noteworthy sample of the holdings.

Samples of recovered arms and ammunition



Chinese manufactured Type 56-1 assault rifle (copy of Russian AKS-47). Identical rifles with sequential serial numbers were reportedly captured from the forces of Peter Gadet and George Athor in Unity and Jonglei states, respectively, in March and April 2011.

Note: The fire selector marks (right photo), among other characteristics, establish its Chinese origin.



RPG-7 launcher with sight (left and right photos). Launchers with similar markings have been observed in samples of weapons captured from the forces of both George Athor and David Yauyau. The Small Arms Survey has yet to identify the origin of these weapons.



PG-7P propellant charge manufactured in Bulgaria in 1997 (left and right photos). The encircled '10' denotes Bulgarian production.



An identical PG-7P propellant charge manufactured in Bulgaria in 1995. The encircled '10' denotes Bulgarian production.

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