



# Media News Agenda for the Post Referendum Period

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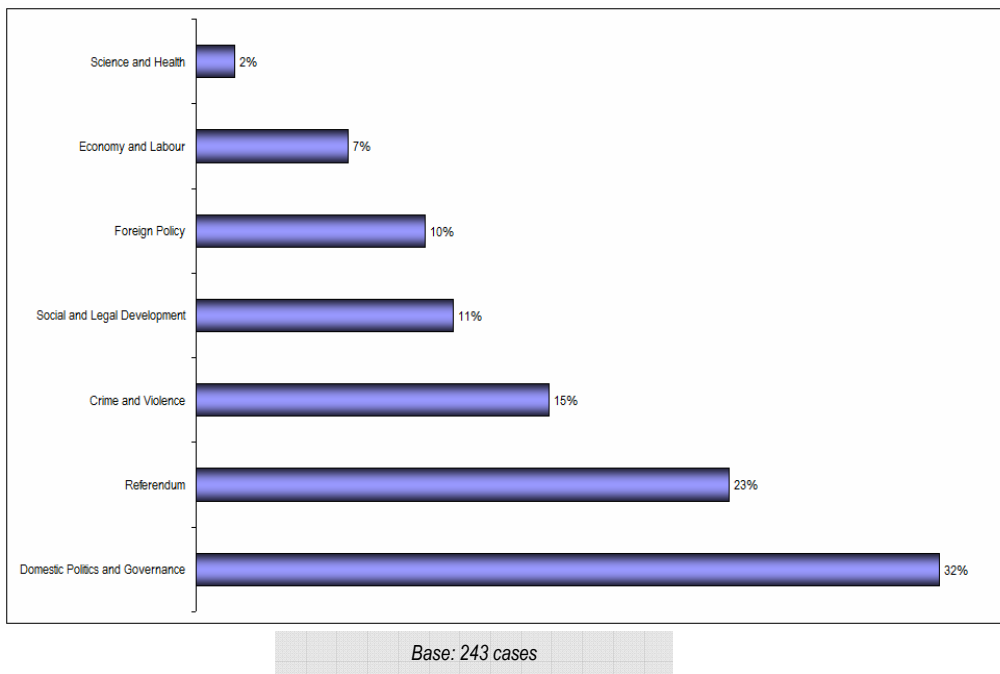
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After the official results of referendum were released, the coverage devoted to this topic sensibly decreased over the present period. As a matter of fact, media attention shifted to domestic politics that became the most relevant subject in the news agenda (32% of the total items monitored). Referendum continued being a significant issue (23%) followed by crime and violence (15%), news related to social and legal developments (11%) and foreign affairs (10%).

**Chart 1 Main topics**



The area related to domestic affairs concentrated on a few key issues:

1. Institutional affairs and governance. This dimension included news like: the discussions between the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) and the National Congress Party (NCP) over borders' demarcation between North and South Sudan; the debate concerning the name for the new nation arising after the referendum; talks and meetings concerning transitional period issues for South Sudan; Government's felicitation to the youth in Tunisia and Egypt and their struggle for freedom;
2. Parties' dynamics. This issue included news like: the discussions among parties about the process of borders' demarcation between North and South; Southern Sudan political parties' meeting; the declaration

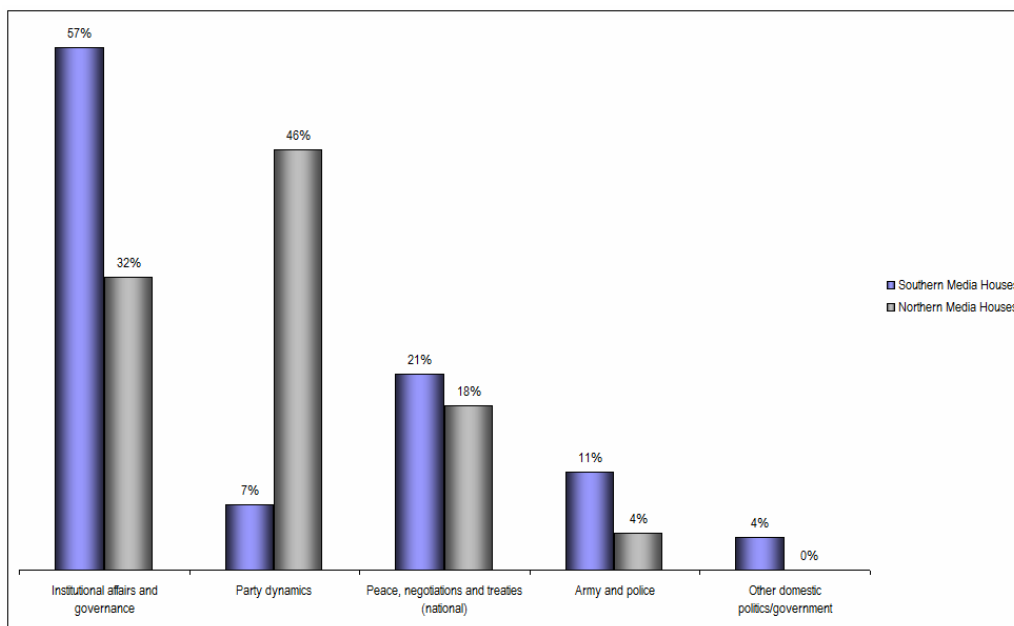
of dialogue between the NCP and the Umma National Party (UNP); the SPLM accusation of the NCP for planning to buy votes in South Kordofan elections; the expected separation between the SPLM Northern section and the SPLM Southern section; Mariam Al-Sadiq's arrest;

3. Peace, negotiations and treaties. This issue mainly focused on the final talks regarding Darfur peace agreement thanks to Qatari mediation and the calls for a peaceful coexistence of North and South Sudan;

4. Army and the police. This issue included mainly news related to security concerns in South Sudan, the consequent measures adopted by the ruling forces to protect citizens and the Sudan Armed Forces shooting in Abyei.

Media in the South and the North showed diverse sub-thematic issue: the former provide larger coverage to governance-related matters – mainly as the effect of the post-referendum phase, and to news regarding security and army; the latter primarily focused on party relations, namely the talks between the NCP and the UNP.

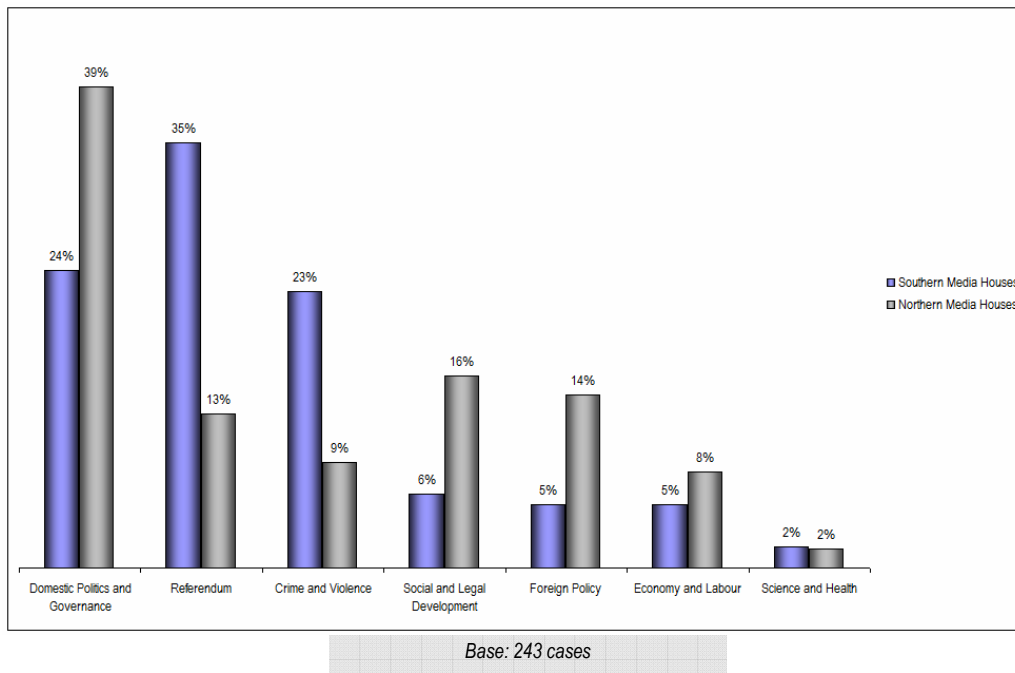
**Chart 2 Main issues related to domestic politics**



Base: 78 cases

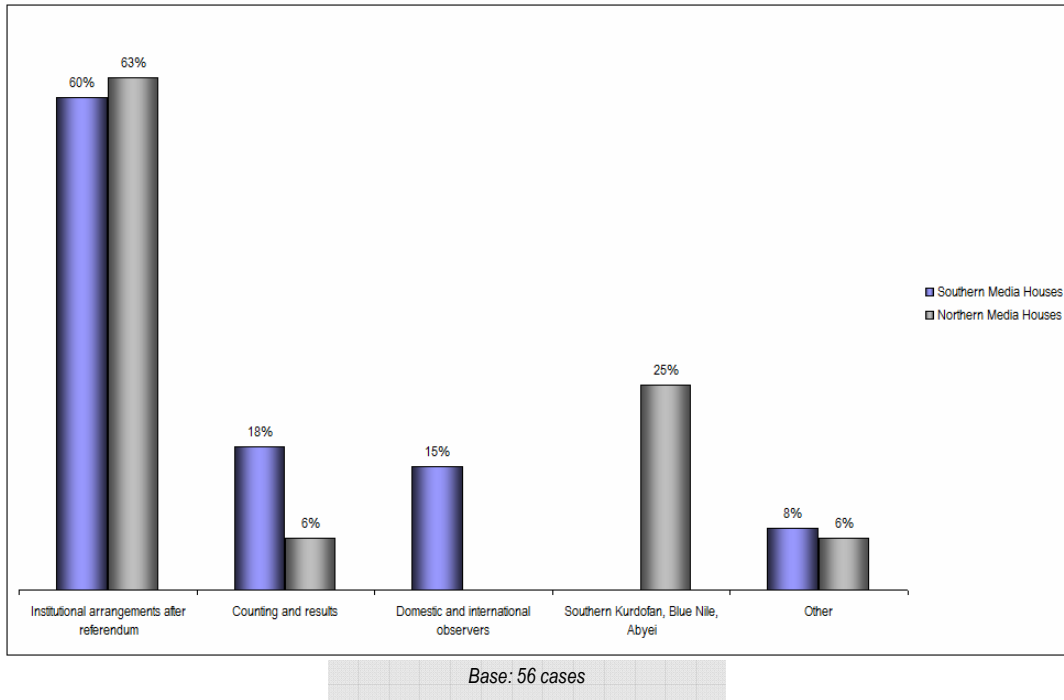
Referendum was the main theme for Southern media (35%) while domestic politics was the most prominent issue in the news agenda of Northern outlets (35%) that also devoted wide coverage to socio-legal developments and foreign policy.

**Chart 3 Main topics by geographical reach**



News related to the future institutional arrangements following the separation of the South dominated the coverage both of Northern and Southern media. Northern media provided large visibility also to issues concerning Abyei and its status, while Southern outlets focused on the comments of international observers regarding the outcome of the referendum.

**Chart 4 Referendum: the main subtopic<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> The category other includes all the issues with less than 4% coverage in the overall referendum news. These include: historical background to referendum, accusation of rigging and frauds, voting and ballot days.

## Annex I - Main headlines

Region	News description
Northern Media Houses	President of the Republic briefed on the situation of electricity supply
Northern Media Houses	Meeting of the Political Committee to start border demarcation in Sudan
Northern Media Houses	President's Adviser and ministerial delegation visit development projects in Darfur
Northern Media Houses	Opening of dialogue between the NCP and other political forces
Northern Media Houses	Foreign Minister Karti: We did not implement CPA because of fear
Northern Media Houses	Mubarak Al-Fadil giving proposal to ensure unity in the future
Northern Media Houses	European Union and China welcomed the final results of South Sudan referendum
Northern Media Houses	Al-Bashir said the North will be available if South needs
Northern Media Houses	Corrupted fertiliser threatening agriculture sector
Northern Media Houses	Joint meeting between government and UNAMID to control security and providing service
Northern Media Houses	National council investigate in importing corrupted mechanisms
Northern Media Houses	JNA call Mubarak to leave
Northern Media Houses	President of the Republic in North Kordofan: Darfur problem will resolve soon
Northern Media Houses	After declaring secession officially: Salva Kiir said the voting in Abye right is ensured for Misseriva who residents in the area
Northern Media Houses	Al-Bashir: campaign to avoid tax evasion
Northern Media Houses	Sudan Government: USA sanctions hurt economy and international relations
Northern Media Houses	Dr. Ghazi heading important meeting between UNAMID and Darfur states governors
Northern Media Houses	Al-Bashir calls to benefit from internet to in response to Facebook opponents
Northern Media Houses	Failed meeting between Defence Minister and SPLA to discuss secession arrangements
Northern Media Houses	Southern parties alliance calls to give Al-Bashir Nobel peace prize
Northern Media Houses	The return of the Government delegation to the Doha negotiations by the end of this month
Northern Media Houses	Cabinet directed the ministries of irrigation, electricity and providing drinking water in rural areas
Northern Media Houses	D. Ghazi concludes visit to Darfur States

Northern Media Houses	Northern State complete the preparations for the reception of President Bashir
Northern Media Houses	Council of Ministers commending the report of the Ministries of Irrigation, Water Resources and Electricity
Northern Media Houses	Under the guidance of the President the government delegation to Doha
Northern Media Houses	1200 workers strike in Soba university hospital
Northern Media Houses	Cooperative and Rural Development Minister shot dead in Juba
Northern Media Houses	UNP: NCP status toward freedom and national issues narrows freedoms
Northern Media Houses	Ghazi in Al-Jinaina: Darfur peace entering new phase
Northern Media Houses	Politicians and diplomats afraid of new Southern state
Northern Media Houses	The two partners discuss boundary delimitation, Abye and citizenship
Northern Media Houses	NEC denied any frauds in South Kordofan voters registration
Northern Media Houses	Taha: Abye belong to presidency
Northern Media Houses	NCP: no legal reason to extend transition period
Northern Media Houses	Government of the state of North Kordofan reassure on the development projects
Northern Media Houses	Wardi in African Union summit
Northern Media Houses	UNP put conditions to participate in the government
Northern Media Houses	Mariam Al-Sadiq arrested for hours, Mubarak Al-Fadil's house surrounded
Northern Media Houses	Government sets the basic pillars of foreign policy in the coming period
Northern Media Houses	Supreme Committee for the return of displaced persons and refugees of Darfur
Northern Media Houses	Bashir inaugurates a number of projects
Northern Media Houses	Sudan's declares the respectful for the choice of Egyptian peoples
Northern Media Houses	PCP call for transition government on order to face challenges
Northern Media Houses	Borma Nasser reveals the details of Al-Bashir and Al-Mahdi meeting
Northern Media Houses	South: more than 180 killed and injured in clashes with General Athor forces in Jondlev
Northern Media Houses	Ministers Council briefed on efforts to provide drinking water for the states
Northern Media Houses	15 killed in clashed between SPLA and the Army
Northern Media Houses	NCP continue dialogue with DUPO after Al-Mirgani come back
Northern Media Houses	Start of the trial of those involved in crimes in Darfur

Northern Media Houses	Calls to bring cooperative societies back
Northern Media Houses	Al-Mahdi: likely revolution in Sudan
Northern Media Houses	The government tends to decrease ministries and Ali Osman will get the position of Vice President
Northern Media Houses	Pagan Ammun: Salva Kiir will resolve GoSS and form new government in July
Northern Media Houses	Expected divorce between the two sectors of SPLM in North and South
Northern Media Houses	Minister Karti warning from not benefit from experience of Tunisia and Egypt
Northern Media Houses	Karti: International community will response for any call from the new independent South
Northern Media Houses	Developments in Abye and human massacre, 20 northern traders killed and injured
Northern Media Houses	Al-Bashir calls Tantawi and confirms the ability of military to lad Egypt
Northern Media Houses	President of the National Council to discuss with Foreign Minister of coordination between the Council and the Ministrv
Northern Media Houses	Doctors without Borders expelled from Sudan
Northern Media Houses	Vice President addresses the draft investment law
Northern Media Houses	Sudan and Kuwait are discussing ways to develop their relations
Northern Media Houses	Office of the popular consultation in the Blue Nile initiate the introduction of factor analysis of citizens' views
Northern Media Houses	Journalists network calls to free detainees and rejects abuse and threatening
Northern Media Houses	Special committee inside SPLM to contain Southern parties
Northern Media Houses	Al-Bashir: we are not afraid of freedom and we want to gather people to build new Sudan
Northern Media Houses	The political bureau of SPLM decides 8 July as date of disengagement between South and North
Northern Media Houses	Authorities prevent journalists from protesting in front of National Press Council
Northern Media Houses	Southern Sudan is the formal name of the new state
Northern Media Houses	Consultations inside ICC to select new prosecutor alternative to Okampo
Northern Media Houses	Adoption the name of South Sudan for the new state
Northern Media Houses	GOSS financial ministry exceeded beyond the budget by percentage of 210%
Northern Media Houses	Meeting of US Consul with SPLM and opposition leaders
Northern Media Houses	Meeting for GoSS and national Ministers of Interior
Northern Media Houses	Bashir sent a message to Yemeni President
Northern Media Houses	Vice President invitation to overcoming the obstacles facing investors

Northern Media Houses	Government delegation arrives in Doha
Northern Media Houses	Vice President comments the review of the law on the National Investment
Northern Media Houses	Director of Traffic Department announces the implementation of new policies
Northern Media Houses	Plan to bring Sudanese detainees abroad back
Northern Media Houses	JNA sets options to face government
Northern Media Houses	SPLM accused NCP plan to buy voters votes in South Kordofan state
Northern Media Houses	National Council will hold an extraordinary session next week
Northern Media Houses	UNP the dialog with NCP is within national agenda
Northern Media Houses	Communication companies ask for a period of three months to work with seconds in phone calls
Northern Media Houses	Lam Akol: SPLM emerged out of dialog decisions and is alone to amend constitution
Northern Media Houses	NCP accused some of its leaders to implement agenda of SPLM in Blue Nile state
Southern Media Houses	Media to discuss Darfur peace final document in Khartoum today
Southern Media Houses	About 600 girls are for examinations in Jongley state
Southern Media Houses	Many died in the battle for Fangok
Southern Media Houses	Bakhita radio celebrates 4 years operations
Southern Media Houses	Officials urged to stop land grabbing practices in Juba
Southern Media Houses	GoSS minister Mr. Jimmy Lemi and his body guard were shot dead in ministry's office
Southern Media Houses	GoSS to build wall round the ministries to curb insecurity
Southern Media Houses	Resolve Athor's insurgency, Fangak youths tell Kiir
Southern Media Houses	Kiir inaugurates tarmac of \$225 million Juba-Nimule road
Southern Media Houses	Kiir appreciates Southerners for peaceful end of referendum
Southern Media Houses	Reflections on referendum results
Southern Media Houses	Southern political parties set to discuss transitional period issues
Southern Media Houses	The Egyptian government donated 20 million to Southern Sudan electricity board
Southern Media Houses	International bodies to recognise the independence of Southern Sudan in July
Southern Media Houses	International community to recognise the independence of Southern Sudan in July
Southern Media Houses	Washington will recognise South Sudan as a sovereign state

Southern Media Houses	Southern parties discuss transitional government
Southern Media Houses	Central Equatorial parliament under pressure to hand over budget document to the executive in Juba
Southern Media Houses	SAF random shooting causes havoc in Abyei
Southern Media Houses	Police blocked peaceful demonstration in Juba: Says Fangak county youth
Southern Media Houses	Fangak leaders accused GoSS of complacency over Athor's atrocities
Southern Media Houses	Iran not in favour of South Sudan secession
Southern Media Houses	Salva Kiir ready to fight corruption in Southern Sudan
Southern Media Houses	GoSS grants 3million pounds to support sports
Southern Media Houses	The SPLM secretary general Pagan Amnum said the security situation in Abyei is calm
Southern Media Houses	President Al-Bashir has officially accepted the result of the referendum for South
Southern Media Houses	99.8 percent voted for separation in South Sudan
Southern Media Houses	GoSS Vice President has indicated that he is opposed to open-ended term of office in power
Southern Media Houses	Governor of greater Equatoria discussed strategies for addressing post-referendum issues
Southern Media Houses	Southern Women: 7 children blazed in Khartoum
Southern Media Houses	South Sudan political party leaders to discuss transitional period today
Southern Media Houses	SPLM secretary Amnum said that the movement has set policies to maintain security in South Sudan to protect population
Southern Media Houses	The GoSS capital city committee briefed the executive on the new capital city of southern Sudan
Southern Media Houses	South Sudan Vice President supports limits on presidency term
Southern Media Houses	Pensioners in South Sudan are eating fire
Southern Media Houses	Minister for internal affairs vows to provide proper security in South Sudan
Southern Media Houses	The name for the new nation still open to debate
Southern Media Houses	Ministry announces broad survey on street children
Southern Media Houses	World bank ask GoSS to involve citizens in development plans
Southern Media Houses	The SPLA dissident general George Athor says he is willing to sign an other ceasefire with the GoSS
Southern Media Houses	The roles of professional associations in building Southern Sudan nation
Southern Media Houses	The Sudanese government sought clarification from the US. Administration, about the statements of their consul in Juba on non-lifting of sanctions on Sudan until the
Southern Media Houses	SPLM to maintain presence in North after south separation

Southern Media Houses	Sudan welcomes British initiative to drop Sudan debts
Southern Media Houses	Al-Bashir: Sudan to adopt a new development phase following South Sudan separation
Southern Media Houses	NCP, NUP, DUP agrees to continue dialogue
Southern Media Houses	Jongley governor Kuol praises peaceful Al-Bashir , Kiir leadership
Southern Media Houses	The SPLM parliamentarians in the national legislature went to Khartoum to endorse the final results of the referendum
Southern Media Houses	Abyei referendum is not organised because of the disagreements between the NCP and SPLM
Southern Media Houses	The SPLM and NCP to discuss border demarcation between South and North Sudan
Southern Media Houses	99 percent of the people of Southern Sudan cast their votes for favour of separation
Southern Media Houses	Sudan's crucial North-South trade under threat
Southern Media Houses	The parties council holds on to democracy to sustain peace between South-North Sudan
Southern Media Houses	SPLM asks for grace period for Southerners and Northerners adjustments
Southern Media Houses	First Sudan international health exhibition channels of interactions and communication
Southern Media Houses	Joint political committee starts border's demarcation process
Southern Media Houses	UN envoy: much ground work on post referendum issues done
Southern Media Houses	University final results out within one week
Southern Media Houses	International witnesses to the CPA have welcomed the final results of the just concluded referendum for Southern Sudan
Southern Media Houses	Three people killed and seven wounded in the clashes between members of JIU from Sudan armed forces and the area police force in Abvei
Southern Media Houses	Darfur final peace agreement in final stage: Qatari mediation
Southern Media Houses	Legal experts put standards of Sudan's permanent constitution
Southern Media Houses	Kuol Manyang disrespect his election mandate
Southern Media Houses	The spokes person of SPLA alleged that general George Athor launched fresh attacks against the SPLA base in Bor
Southern Media Houses	The African Union to recognise South Sudan as a new African country
Southern Media Houses	Medical teaching hospital need space to admit patients
Southern Media Houses	Mubarak steps down as president, army takes over
Southern Media Houses	Forces of SPLA have returned from Cuba after undergoing training in different fields and the delegates pledge to share their knowledge in improving the work in the
Southern Media Houses	Oil rises above \$87 after US crude supply drop
Southern Media Houses	President Kiir meets with Governors of greater Equatorial region

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