Investigating Gender-Based Crimes and Promoting the Rule of Law in Southern Sudan

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In recent months, violence in Southern Sudan claimed more lives—disproportionately women and children—than the conflict in neighboring Darfur. Four years after the landmark peace agreement that officially ended decades of conflict between Northern and Southern Sudan, insecurity continues to beset the newly autonomous South. Just six months before elections that will determine the presidency of the country, inter-ethnic and gender-based violence, disputes over oil revenues, and disagreements over major peace agreement benchmarks have threatened peace and security in the region.

This discussion will review the experiences of national and international rule of law actors in Southern Sudan and explore the challenges they face. In particular, Mr. Mamiya will discuss the establishment of gender-based crime units and the training of police forces to investigate and prosecute sexual and other gender-based crimes in the region.

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