We will revenge our people! We will force the government to submit to us!

The government forces withdraw without a fight. But a few weeks later they recapture the town. A few soldiers die on each side but hundreds of civilians are killed and half the town is looted. This is a war of massacres, not battles.

The SPLA-In Opposition captures a town. Five soldiers die on each side but hundreds of civilians are killed and half the town is looted. This is a war of massacres, not battles.

We have won a great victory! My forces are gaining the upper hand!

My forces are gaining the upper hand! We will win another great victory tomorrow.

Some towns have changed hands as many as eight times. Each times, the citizens pay the price.