
IN JANUARY 2012 SOUTH SUDAN SHUT DOWN ITS ENTIRE NATIONAL PRODUCTION DUE TO A DISPUTE WITH NORTHERN SUDAN. THE GOVERNMENT BORROWED TO FILL THE GAP, BUT THE FUNDS SOON RUN LOW. THEY FINALLY RESOLVED THE DISPUTE AND SWITCHED THE OIL BACK ON IN APRIL 2013, BUT IT DIDN'T PEACH PRE-SHUT DOWN LEVELS. PRESIDENT SALVA KIR WAS RUNNING OUT OF MONEY, SO HE DISMISSED MOST OF HIS CABINET.

A FEW MONTHS LATER THEY BEGAN TO FIGHT. THE ONLY REAL QUESTION WAS, WHO WAS IN, AND WHO WAS OUT.

OUT OF MY WAY!

COME ON I DARE YOU!

IT'S MY TURN TO EAT!

THOSE BELONG TO ME!

AFTER THE NEW CIVIL WAR BROKE OUT, SOUTH SUDANESE LEADERS MET FOR PEACE TALKS IN OPULENT HOTELS IN ADDIS ABABA. EACH LEADER EXPECTS THAT AT THE END OF THE PEACE TALKS, HE WILL HAVE MORE MONEY IN HIS POCKET THAN WHEN HE STARTED. MEANWHILE THE MEDIATOR IS GETTING FRUSTRATED.

AND THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN CONTINUE TO SUFFER...

... AND WHILE THE FIGHTING CUT OIL PRODUCTION AGAIN, THEY CONTINUED SPENDING LAVISHLY ON THEIR ARMIES. TURNING A WEALTHY COUNTRY INTO A DEEPLY-INDIGENT ONE.