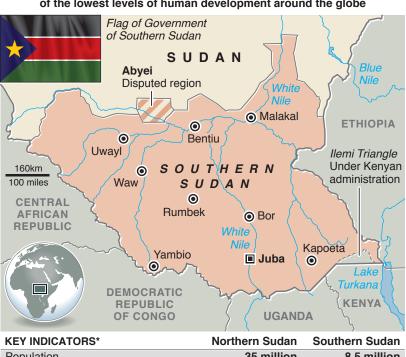
World awaits birth of new African nation

Almost four million southern Sudanese have registered to vote in an independence referendum widely expected to result in a new nation rich in oil resources but impoverished by civil war, and with one of the lowest levels of human development around the globe



Population	35 million	8.5 million
Population living in poverty	50%	90%
Child malnutrition (under-5s)	35%	48%
Primary school enrolment	62%	20%

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Under-5 mortality (per 1,000) 105 126 Maternal mortality (per 100,000 live births) 2,054 638

HIV prevalence (adults aged 15-49) 1.6% 2.3% Population with access to safe water source 48.3% 58.7%

*Latest available figures

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