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Abstract

The thesis deals with the issue of oil exploitation companies and their impact on conflict in Sudan between the north and the south. In Sudan, the resurrection of civil war in 1983 corresponded with the oil discovery on the borderlands between the two countries and oil has played important role also in the question of recent secession of South Sudan in January 2011 and recurrence of violence between the two countries. The multi-national oil extraction companies are the carriers of oil money to the government so the thesis was examining their impact on the conflict through the resources they provide the government with, the leverage they might have on the government and also direct impact on local communities. The conclusion was that the impact is negative and the capacities the companies have to influence it in positive way, are highly unexploited. Secondary research aim of the thesis was to understand the factors determining the behavior of the companies through their firm-specific interests, relationship with the Government of Sudan, the security of the environment, and outside pressure. The firm-specific interests and the outside pressure were the major factors influencing the companies behavior. Finally, the thesis outlined patterns that differ the companies from North America, Europe and Asia.