

# *United Nations Doubles Peacekeeping Force in South Sudan as Fighting Rages*

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United Nations, December 26 (RHC)-- The United Nations is warning the ongoing violence in South Sudan has claimed thousands of lives in just over a week.

Fighting is continuing in half the country's 10 states between government forces and soldiers loyal to the country's ousted former vice president. Hundreds of thousands have been forced to flee.

On Wednesday, the UN Security Council approved a measure to nearly double the number of peace keepers to around 15,000. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon pleaded for an end to the violence.

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