

CHAPTER 3. *Reign of Peace*

Overall, 98.83 per cent of votes were for the independence of Southern Sudan. International and local observers were unanimous in stating that the conduct of the referendum met international standards of transparency and fairness. No appeals contesting either the results or procedures of the plebiscite were made. All parties and stakeholders accepted the results as a true and fair representation of the wishes of the people of Southern Sudan. Detailed results are as shown in the table below. ■

RESULTS OF SOUTHERN SUDAN REFERENDUM

Region / state	Unity	Secession	Invalid	Blank	Votes
Southern Sudan	16,129 (0.43%)	3,697,467 (99.57%)	3,791	6,807	3,724,194
Central Equatoria	4,985 (1.1%)	449,311 (98.9%)	1,523	1,620	457,439
Eastern Equatoria	246 (0.05%)	462,663 (99.95%)	70	727	463,706
Jonglei	111 (0.03%)	429,583 (99.97%)	124	238	430,056
Lakes	227 (0.08%)	298,214 (99.92%)	149	450	299,040
Northern Bahr el Ghazal	234 (0.06%)	381,141 (99.94%)	148	526	382,049
Unity	90 (0.02%)	497,477 (99.98%)	166	498	498,231
Upper Nile	1,815 (0.52%)	344,671 (99.48%)	381	523	347,390
Warrap	167 (0.04%)	468,929 (99.96%)	120	432	469,648
Western Bahr el Ghazal	7,237 (4.49%)	153,839 (95.51%)	728	790	162,594
North Sudan and OCV	28,759 (23.23%)	95,051 (76.77%)	2,431	1,559	127,800
North	27,918 (42.35%)	38,003 (57.65%)	2,230	1,446	69,597
OCV	841 (1.45%)	57,048 (98.55%)	201	113	58,203