Banking on War: Ending the abuse of South Sudan’s banking sector by political elites and pushing for peace

The Sentry researched how local, regional, and global banks could support peace in South Sudan.

Our research discovered how a network of political elites, or Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs), have disproportionate influence in banks operating in South Sudan.

Undue political influence in the banking sector has...

- contributed to inflation
- decreased financing and investment
- facilitated money laundering

To mitigate these banking risks and promote peace in South Sudan, an international coalition of South Sudanese experts, global banks, and policymakers should assemble to focus on limiting political interference in South Sudan's economic development.

We recommend...

1) strategic de-risking of politically influenced banks
2) new bank regulations that target corrupt political elites
3) reforms to correspondent banking and compliance practices

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