Introduction to the First Issue

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In this issue, the real no 1, of the Peace and Conflict Review we bring you an article from Dr Mahmoud El Zain on what he describes as a “religiously-cloaked ethnic discourse” that has contributed to massive displacement in the Sudan.

We are also offering the most downloaded article from our sister ship, the Peace and Conflict Monitor: an analysis of the role of history in the creation of national identities in Central Asia by Muzaffar Suleymanov.

Future issues will deal with equally problematic issues from Iraq to Ireland to the Middle East. Some of you may have seen the movie in which George Clooney played Fred Friendly who was at the heart of attacking Senator McCarthy's infringements on human rights. Fred Friendly later became head of CBS and is famous for saying it was his job, by presenting key issues to the public, "to make the agony of decision making so intense that you can escape only by thinking."

We, too, via this refereed journal would like to emulate this, at least as far as we can. For those of you who have submitted articles, we will reply as soon as we can, and for those of you who are thinking of submitting articles, the sooner the better. Click on our Guidelines for Contributors -- we look forward to hearing from you.

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