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Proposed Operating Centres

Koch

Leer

Ganyiel

Kiechkon

Mathiang

Pagak

Haat

Old Fangak

Walgak

Akobo



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Concept

- Rationalise the overall response strategy to ensure locations are selected based on a concrete understanding of conflict and community dynamics at the local level, drawing links to regional and national dynamics.
- Establish a predictable, coherent and appropriate humanitarian presence in priority field locations, identified through the ICWG.
- Support sustained multi-sector responses to reach static and highly mobile populations in need, currently scattered in rural conflict-affected areas.
- Build acceptance for unhindered humanitarian operations through coordinated efforts and enhance the safety and security of humanitarian personnel.



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Koch

- Suspected mine/UXO risks in the areas and roads around Koch
- Many communities served in Koch are returnees from earlier fighting and Koch already serves as a centre
- Consistent access but with emerging bureaucratic impediments from county administrations/RRA



Leer

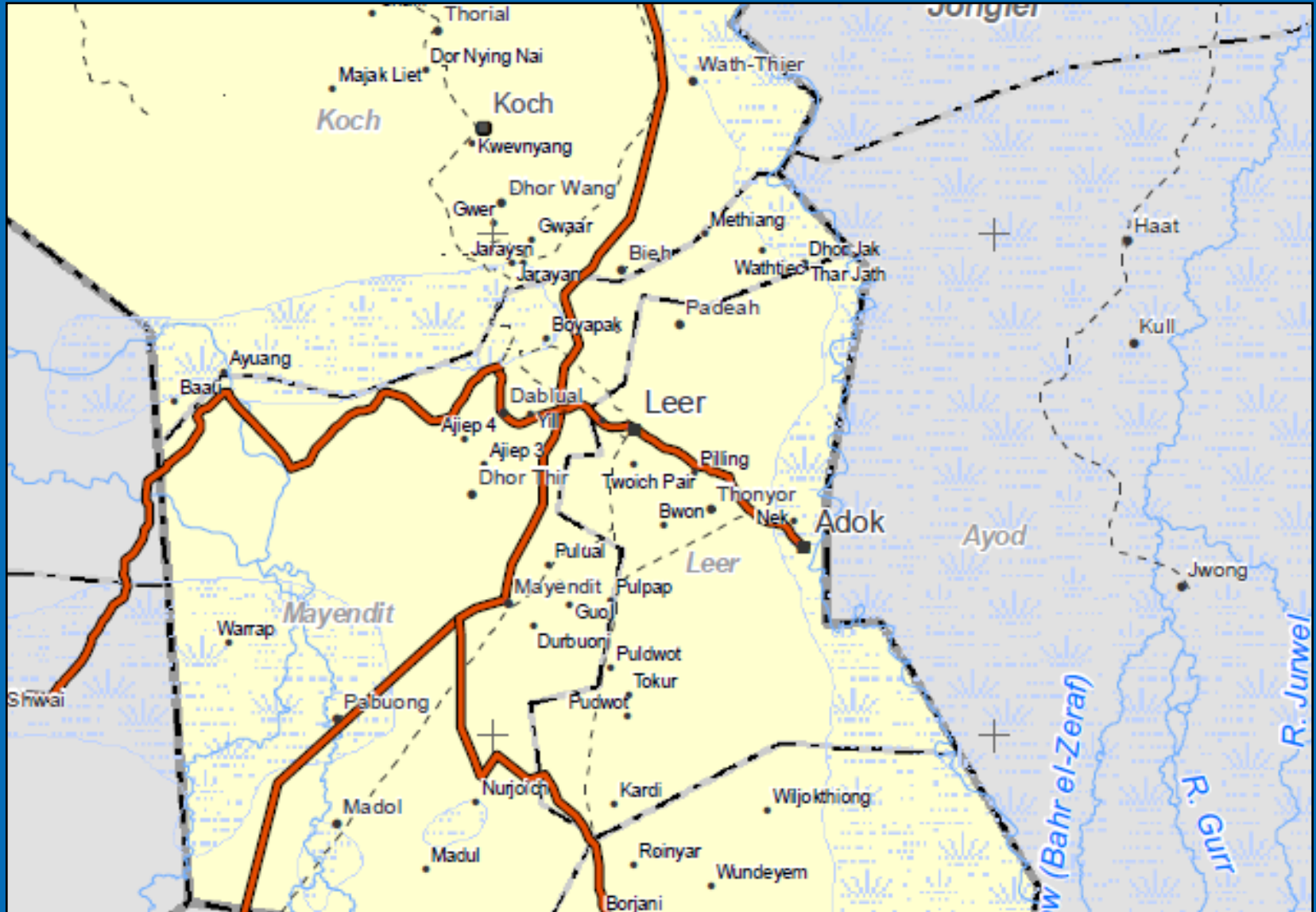
- Port connection via Adok and provides dry season road access to Mayendit
- Consistent access but with emerging bureaucratic impediments from county administrations/RRA



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Ganyiel

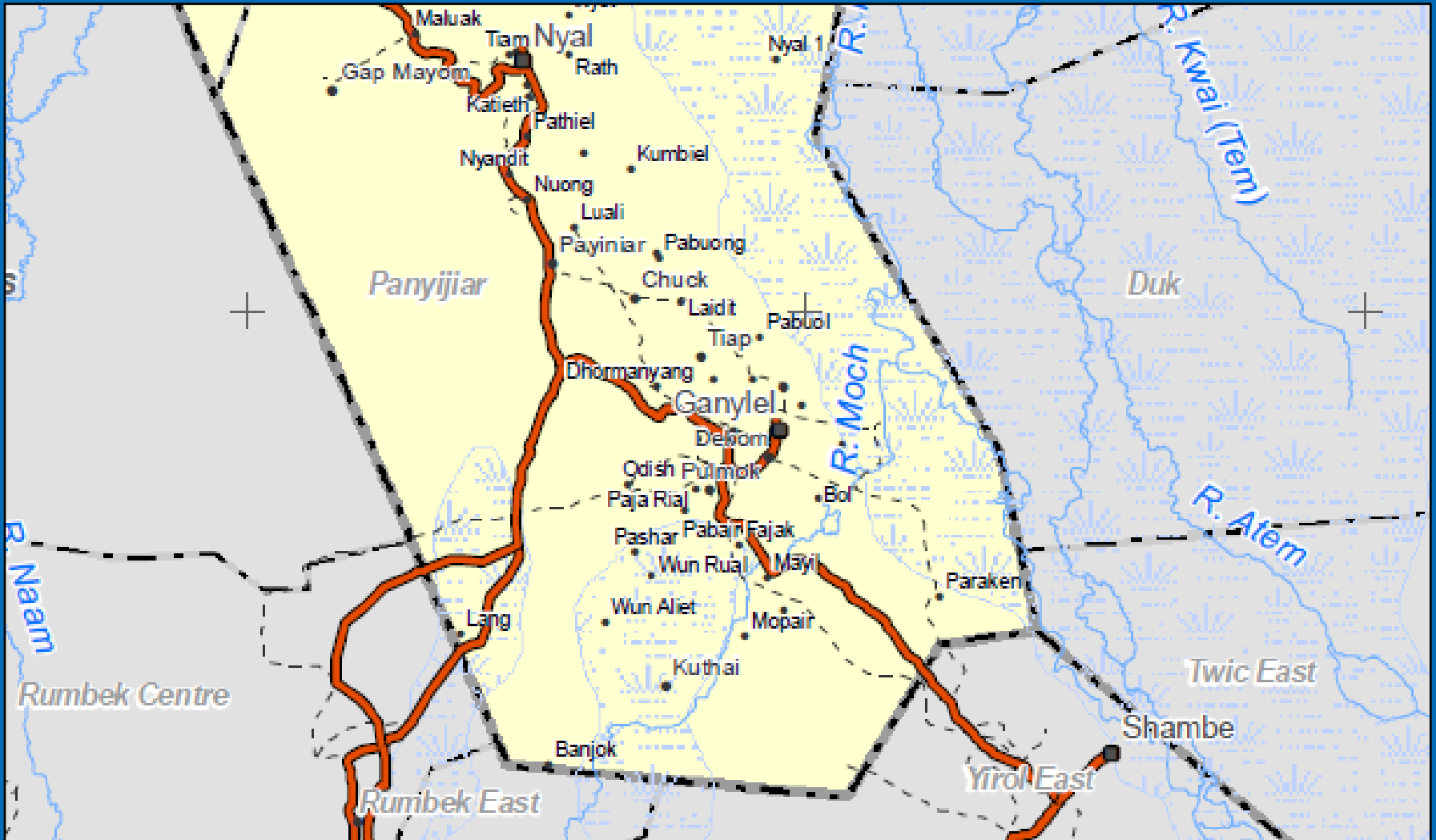
- Consistent access but with emerging bureaucratic impediments from county administrations/RRA
- Would support dry season access to greater Panyijar



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Kiechkon

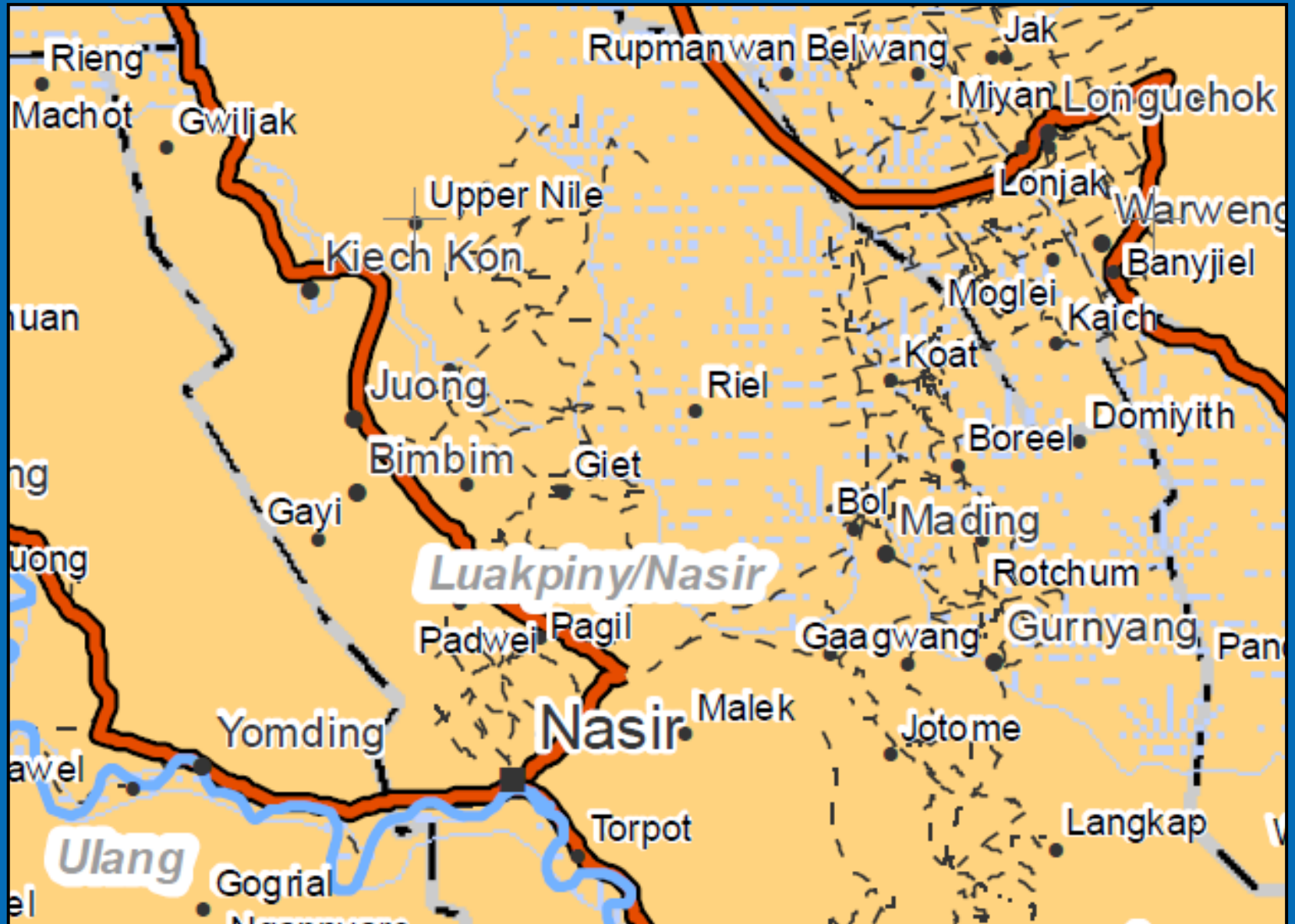
- No expected road access until March/April 2015
- NOT RECOMMENDED



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Mathiang

- NOT RECOMMENDED
- (Mading as a potential alternative)



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Pagak

- Planned to be the 'national HQ' for the RRA
- Populations in these areas, particularly previously displaced, are likely to frequently move in and out of Ethiopia depending on several aid/service related factors.
- Provides dry season access to Maiwut



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Haat

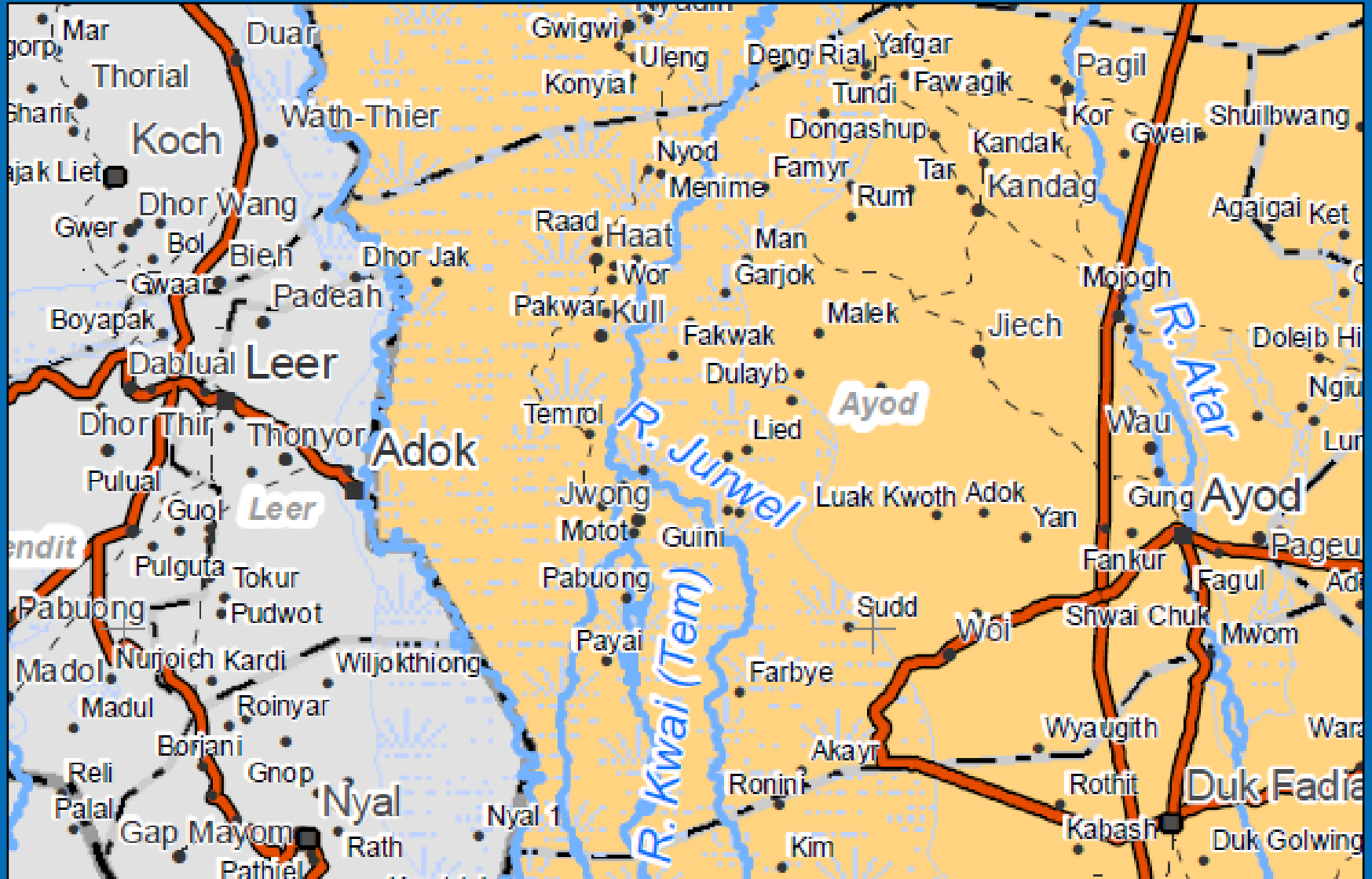
- Located amongst islands in western Ayod
- No strategic operational advantage
- **NOT RECOMMENDED**



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Old Fangak

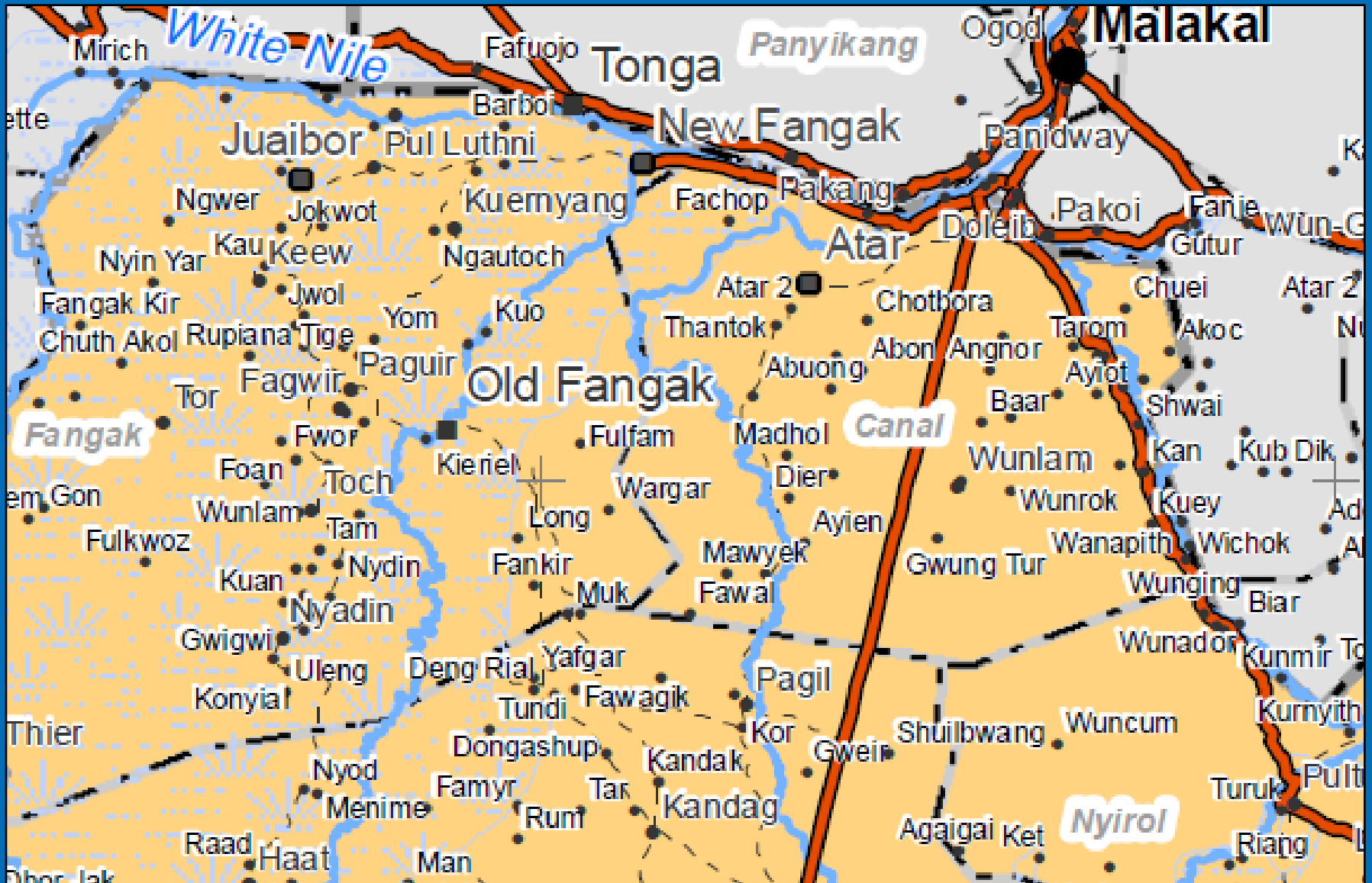
- Port town in interior Fangak with good access to the Nile. Traditionally a safehaven for displaced Gawaar in other parts of Fangak/Ayod Counties
- Consistently accessible
- Does not currently provide significant operational advantages



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- Very close proximity to Waat
- Significantly increases dry-season road access to central Nyirol and some access to northern Uror.
- Dry season road access to Akobo.



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Akobo

- So far insulated from frontline activity
- The Southern border of the county may become vulnerable in the dry season
- River access may allow for goods from Gambella (seasonally navigable)
- Road access to Pochalla, Pibor, Likuangle and Walgak/Waat



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Summary

- Operating Centres don't provide immediate logistical advantages in the rainy season with limited/no road movement and inconsistent airstrip conditions
- Increased operational advantage from each location will coincide with instability related to dry season military activity
- Many operating centre locations share similar strategic military characteristics in terms of physical access and proximity



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Summary

- All locations are consistently accessible with intermittent security threats and emerging bureaucratic impediments from county administrations/RRA in some areas (particularly Southern Unity)
- Each location is pending negotiations with local authorities to ensure demilitarization and respect for independence



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Recommended First Phase Locations:

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Recommended Second Phase Locations:

Akobo

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