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Highlights

South Sudan President to dissolve the government by Monday

Sudantribune.com Khartoum, 04/06/10 - June 4, 2010 (JUBA) – GoSS President and FVP Salva Kiir Mayardit announced at a meeting of the caretaker cabinet on Friday that the GoSS would be dissolved in the next three days. He thanked in advance any ministers who might not make it back to the new cabinet for their selfless sacrifices while in office.

Acting Minister of Information and Broadcasting and GoSS Spokesperson, Paul Mayom Akech, in a press statement said that an extra-ordinary Council of Ministers meeting, with participation of caretaker presidential advisors, will take place on Monday during which President Kiir may officially announce the dissolution.

It is also expected that a new government would be announced soon after the dissolution of the government.

NCP to review relations with the SPLM and other political forces

The NCP has resolved to review its relations with the SPLM and other political forces and to seek views from international and regional quarters on the issues of Sudanese unity and on Darfur, reports **Al-Raed**. In a paper presented yesterday before the NCP Consultative Council, NCP Political Mobilisations Secretary Ibrahim Gandour underlined the need for the party to work on referendum issues in coordination with the SPLM for the sake of unity. The NCP member lamented ongoing harassment of its members at the hands of the SPLM in southern Sudan and pointed out that partnership with the SPLM requires a clear cut view on the major issues.

Galwak's rebellion close to an end – SPLM

The SPLA has announced that six members of Colonel Galwak's forces have surrendered and twenty others captured by the southern army following a siege on the renegade colonel's military positions in Unity State, reports **Al-Sahafa**.

SPLA Spokesperson Kuol Diem revealed that the southern army has now cornered Galwak's forces between Mayom and East Gabril counties. He said that following the siege, the SPLA believes that the end is near for Galwak's rebellion.

Members of Arab tribe in Abyei join former southern Sudan rebels

The Citizen 04/06/10 - A group of Misseriya tribesmen have announced they are joining the SPLM in Abyei because of their "unwavering faith in the principles of the 'New Sudan' as represented in freedom, justice and equality" following the injustices they claim to have suffered at the hands of the successive parties that ruled Sudan.

"The time of our exploitation has gone for good. We are now conscious of our rights that we can only attain through the SPLM," they said. The group attacked what they termed the conventional parties who exploited them by pitting them against the Dinka Ngok.

Hamad Hamdan, one of the group members, said they had received nothing but empty pledges from the National Congress Party (NCP) about their share in oil revenues from the region, stressing the group's determination to enforce the PCA ruling on the Abyei boundaries.

Ali Kur Hamad Jabir, another member of the group, described the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) as a historic gain for Sudan because it guaranteed the right to a referendum for the people of Abyei.

Flash floods east of Rumbek cause road closure

Flash floods caused by heavy rainfall east of Rumbek have led to the closure of the Bahr-el-Naam road, **Al-Sahafa** reports. Director-general at the Lakes State Ministry of Infrastructure, Maker Diit, said that some seven trucks on their way to Rumbek have stuck about 20 miles from the town.

Uganda says Sudanese president not invited to next month's AU summit

Sudantribune.com Washington, 05/06/10 – President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda has asked Sudan to send any figure but President Omer Al-Bashir to attend the African Union (AU) summit in Kampala next month.

"President Yoweri Museveni has disclosed that his Sudanese counterpart General Omar Hassan Bashir has not been invited to attend the African Union Conference," a statement from the Ugandan presidency said.

Sudan is free to send other government representatives to the summit, the statement said.

Museveni made the disclosure on Friday during a meeting with ICC President Sang-Hung Song, who is in Kampala for the court's ongoing review conference.

Visiting Nigerian actors meet Salva Kiir ahead of launch of institute

Radio Miraya 04/06/10 - Prominent Nigerian actors, Chinedu Ikedieze and Sam Loco Efe, commonly known as Paw Paw, have arrived in to launch a film training institute. Chinedu Ikedieze said after a meeting with the President of the Government of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit that the institute will provide training opportunities to actors in the region as well as create job opportunities especially for the youth.

Gration travels to Tripoli to persuade Khalil to join Doha talks

The Citizen reports that US Special Envoy Scott Gration will travel to the Libya capital next Friday for talks with officials there and the JEM leader to encourage him to join the talks in Doha. Sources add that the US Special Envoy is striving for peace in the region before the end of October so as to then shift the focus to the conduct of the referendum on self-determination for southern Sudan.

Government sends SAF reinforcements to the Jebel Moon area

The Government of South Darfur has sent reinforcements to the Jebel Moon area and its environs against the background of fears JEM elements may cause insecurity around the Wadi Hoor area and north of Kulbus, **Al-Sahafa** reports. Kulbus Commissioner, Abdelhameed Mohamed, told **SMC** that the situation has returned to normal in the area after the JEM was chased out of the Jebel Moon area with the exception of small insignificant pockets in some parts.

Rizeigat and Misseriya tribesmen clash in South Darfur

Fighting between Rizeigat and Misseriya tribesmen in Kass Locality, South Darfur, has left 8 people dead and ten others injured, **Al-Rai Al-Aam** reports. A member of the local legislative

assembly reports that the clashes occurred after an armed group stole some camels and were then ambushed by the owners.

Sudan sees no current need for more FX support: c.bank

Reuters Abu Dhabi, 06/06/10 - Sudan sees no need for further intervention to support its currency at the moment but still plans to drop its peg to the U.S. dollar in favour of a currency basket, its central bank governor said on Sunday.

Governor Sabir Mohammad al-Hassan reiterated a shift away from the greenback would come within months.

"We hope now it (the currency weakness) is contained," he told reporters on the sidelines of an Arab Monetary Fund conference in Abu Dhabi.

"We don't think we need further intervention because it is already now settling down," he said.

Sudan, which is under a U.S. trade embargo, has said it would drop the dollar peg, possibly later this year, in favour of a basket that includes the euro, British pound and Asian currencies such as the yuan.

The U.S. dollar is still expected to feature prominently in the basket, carrying the biggest weight.

"We are not happy with the peg to the dollar because always pegging to a single currency is a problem," Hassan said on Sunday. "You subject yourself to problems for no good reason and we have another issue with the American trade embargo in Sudan."

Sudan runs a so-called managed float system, in which the central bank calculates an indicative rate based on previous day transactions and intervenes on the market if quotes break away from a plus/minus 3 percent corridor around that rate.

Africa's largest country, keen to shift away from its dependency on oil exports, has been grappling with high prices and the central bank is keen to bring inflation back to single digits from 12 percent earlier this year.

Pre-Referendum Monitor:

President Al-Bashir warns against fraud at the referendum

Addressing the closing session of the NCP's Consultative Council last evening, President Al-Bashir pointed out that the elections results for southern Sudan were accepted only to preserve the CPA but pointed out that they would not allow a repeat of the irregularities that occurred during the polls at the 2011 referendum, **local dailies** report.

"We are committed to preserving the country's unity as we inherited it from our forebears," he said as he vowed to work for unity. Self-determination, he pointed out, affects all Sudanese.

He also pointed out that the NCP has accepted to grant the SPLM the energy ministerial portfolio so that "southern Sudan would get its full share of the country's oil."

Al-Bashir reiterated commitment to the implementation of the CPA benchmarks pointing out that what remains are the border demarcation and agreement over post-referendum arrangements.

Al-Bashir says unity of country is in the best interest of North & South

Sudantribune.com Khartoum, 05/06/10 – President Al-Bashir has warned that a new state in the south could ignite a series of problems as it happened in similar situations worldwide.

"Parts of the border could be explosive... like in the case of Ethiopia and Eritrea, or even India and Pakistan," Bashir said during a meeting of his ruling National Congress party (NCP).

Al-Bashir stressed that national unity serves the interests of all the Sudanese people in the north and the south, calling for a campaign with the participation of all to make unity attractive

The NCP said that its main objective after winning the elections is to focus on making unity attractive in the coming months even though most analysts believe this step is well belated. Opposition figures blame the NCP presence in power for making independence more attractive.

"We have no other choice but to work with the Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM) for the sake of the country's unity," Bashir said.

The SPLM and NCP have yet to agree on many post-referendum items including the border demarcation, national debt and sharing of oil wealth.

Bashir said the SPLM would get 30% of the upcoming government with the same ministers they had before the polls, with the exception of the Foreign Ministry. He said the SPLM complained they did not get enough oil revenues, supposed to be split roughly 50:50 under a 2005 peace deal, so he had given them that portfolio.

"The [SPLM] in the new government shall take the Energy Ministry so they can be sure they are getting their share of the petrol," he said.

SPLM to support push for separation – Pagan Amum

SPLM Secretary-General Pagan Amum says the SPLM position on the referendum would be made public in the wake of the launch of the self-determination campaigns, reports ***Al-Sahafa***. He noted however that the time for unity has passed.

The SPLM Secretary-general downplayed recently-launched campaigns for an attractive unity pointing out that his party is of the view that nothing has been done so far to make unity an attractive option. He said that these campaigns would not change the wishes of southern Sudanese that are tipped towards separation but would establish a good basis for good neighbourliness between north and south. Amum criticised Eritrea and Egypt for recent proposals for a delay in the conduct of the referendum and for a ten-year post-referendum interim period.

South Sudan referendum threatened by insecurity, food crisis: UN

Sudantribune.com Juba, 04/06/10 - The worsening humanitarian situation in the form of constant inter-tribal conflicts and rising food insecurity in South Sudan threatens prospects for a successful referendum, Lise Grande, the UN Deputy Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator has said.

In an exclusive interview with ***Sudan Tribune***, Grande decried the escalating levels of violence resulting from inter-tribal conflicts, notably in Jonglei and Warrap States.

An estimated 700 people have reportedly died and nearly 90,000 were displaced as a result of these conflicts, while nearly 3.3 million people are believed to be moderately food insecure.

The Deputy Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, however, lauded the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) for its tremendous contribution towards addressing some of these humanitarian challenges.

"The strategic leadership provided by the Government of Southern Sudan was essential in coordinating our humanitarian responses toward identified priority areas," she said.

This year alone, Southern Sudan requires about \$530 million to address humanitarian issues. Out of this, only 26 per cent has reportedly been received, with a \$35 million contribution already got from the Government of Southern Sudan treasury.

Grande further acknowledged the role being played by World Food Programme (WFP) in

humanitarian assistance across the semi-autonomous region. Already, WFP has reportedly supplied over 50,000 metric tons of food across South Sudan.

“This is a remarkable achievement from WFP [World Food Programme] considering the fact that its supply more than doubled from last year’s figure of 18,000 metric tons,” Ms Grande said.

Her remarks come just days after John Holmes, the UN Undersecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator concluded a four-day tour of Sudan.

During his visit, Mr. Holmes expressed concern over the worrying humanitarian situation against the background of existing variables like poverty, underdevelopment or indicators in basic areas like child mortality.

Conflict may occur if GoSS is left to administer the referendum – SPLM-DC

SPLM-DC leader Lam Akol has warned of a possible outbreak of conflicts if the conduct of the referendum is left in the hands of the “illegitimate GoSS”, **Akhir Lahza** reports. He criticised the outcome of the elections in southern Sudan pointing out that the SPLM used government resources in the polls and denied the southern electorate their rights through rigging the polls.

Akol who was speaking yesterday in Khartoum at the first anniversary of the formation of his SPLM-DC expressed fears such irregularities may be repeated at the referendum. “The current illegitimate Government of Southern Sudan could not be trusted because the referendum is a crucial event that would decide the fate of the country,” he said.

NCP rejects SPLM's nominees to head Abyei referendum, Arman says

Radio Miraya website Khartoum, 05/06/10 - The Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM)'s Deputy Secretary General for Northern Sector, Yassir Arman, said that the National Congress Party (NCP) has rejected the movement's list of nominees to head the Abyei Referendum and the Human Rights Commissions.

Arman added that the NCP requested that nominees should not be from the Dinka or Nuer tribes. According to Arman, the SPLM respected this request but the nominees were still rejected.

Local leaders vow support to Abyei Chief Administrator

Sudantribune.com Abyei, 05/06/10 - Traditional chiefs from Abyei, on Saturday, declared their support to Deng Arop Kuol, the Chief Administrator for his hard work as an administrator in supervising the conduct of the referendum scheduled to take place in January 2011.

In a traditional meeting held in Abyei town on Friday, senior chiefs including Chief Kuol Deng Kuol, commonly known in the area as Kuol Adol, said that the Chief Administrator Deng Arop has done well and he will be their preferred official to oversee the conduct of the referendum in 2011.

The meeting was part of a number of preparatory meetings before the referendum to establish a commission pending the approval of the President to form two institutions.

Sources close to the President of the GoSS, Salva Kiir Mayardit, said discussions over the formation of the commissions are completed but fell short of providing details.

Popular Consultation is not a right to self-determination

Southern Kordofan Governor Ahmed Haroun says Popular Consultations for Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile State is not a right to self-determination and not the preserve of one party to the exclusion of others, **Akhir Lahza** reports. Addressing in Kadugli the opening of a civic education workshop on Popular Consultations, the Governor said that Popular Consultations is a right to

be practiced by all and should be a point of convergence and not cause for conflict and tensions.

The Governor underlined the need for the learned people to take over the task of sensitizing the people on the issue.

Sudan in critical stage, requires AU intervention-envoy

Sudantribune.com Juba, 05/06/10 - Sudan's much anticipated referendum is just months away, but preparations for this historic event remains a critical issue that requires the intervention of African Union (AU) members, Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre, the Norwegian Foreign Minister has observed.

Mr. Støre, the third Norwegian Minister to visit Sudan, made these remarks during a courtesy call paid to the semi-autonomous region, where he held talks with President Salva Kiir, his Vice Dr. Riek Machar, Energy and Mining Minister, Mr. John Luk, the SPLM Secretary General, Mr. Pagan Amum and UNMIS head Mr. David Gressly.

Describing Sudan's peace process as being at a "decisive and critical phase", Mr. Støre urged members of the international community to consider the referendum as a key issue in the implementation of the 2005 Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

"The peace process in Sudan is in a decisive and critical phase. We can already see that this will be a key issue on the international agenda the next 12 months," Mr. Støre said.

According to the Norwegian Foreign Minister, if Southern Sudanese opted to vote for their independence, the process must be peaceful, and that both the north and south should cooperate, particularly on the distribution of oil revenues. "The parties [SPLM and NCP] urgently need to start negotiations on future cooperation," Mr. Støre advised.

South Sudan to inaugurate Air Force by year end

The Citizen 05/06/10 - Southern Sudan will inaugurate an air force this year before the oil - rich region's January referendum on independence, an army spokesman said. "Before the referendum we will have planes," Maj-Gen Kuol Deim Kuol said yesterday [Friday 4 June] in an interview in Juba. "We have graduated pilots, we have graduated ground engineers," he added

Kuol wouldn't say how many planes the Southern Sudanese authorities will receive or which countries will provide them. Such information was not for "the consumption of the media," he said.

Kuol Deim said that the acquisition of military planes violated the ceasefire arrangements, pointing to capacity-building and technical training services the US and UK governments are providing the SPLA. "The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) should be modernized, should be transformed from a guerrilla army to a modern army," he said. "Can you be a modern army without planes? You cannot."

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