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# Highlights

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## **NCP, SPLM agree to refer national security bill to Cabinet**

**Local dailies** report VP Ali Osman Taha and GoSS VP Riek Machar have agreed to refer the national security bill to the Cabinet for decision.

Meanwhile, **Sudan Tribune website** 2/9/09 reported the two peace partners made some progress today on contentious issues over the referendum bill. However they postponed their difference on who would participate and the needed quorums for the referendum.

Delegations from the NCP and the SPLM on Wednesday agreed on six of the nine points on the agenda of negotiation on the referenda law.

The meetings co chaired by VP Ali Osman Taha and GoSS VP Riek Machar will resume talks on September 7.

The Joint Executive Political Committee, on its third day of talks, agreed on the referendum commission which shall comprise 9 members, monitoring and referendum observers, referendum security, Voters' registrations, voting System and voters eligibility-meaning. Further the NCP has accepted the definition of the voters as "People of Southern Sudan."

The two parties agreed to follow on the next meeting talks on the remaining hot issues pertaining to the area of the referendum, the percentages for the separation or the unity and the attributions of the Referendum Commission in Khartoum and its branch in Juba.

However, the two peace partners still disagree over the participation of southerners who reside outside the 10 southern Sudan states. Actually the NCP wants to extend it to those residing in the northern Sudan while the SPLM wants to limit it to the residents of southern Sudan only.

The Southern Sudan ruling party also says it would allow the southerners who reside in northern Sudan to cast their ballots in southern Sudan.

In a related development, the **New Sudan Vision** 1/9/09 reported GoSS President Salva Kiir Mayardit said on Sunday that referendum law was still under discussion because the NCP wants the SPLM to support the unity of the Sudan. Speaking at the end of church ordinations at St. Theresa's cathedral, Kiir added that the NCP's demand is a stumbling block in the negotiations.

"Our negotiations over the referendum law are still on and we have not passed the law because NCP has their own reservations and they have finally made it clear that if SPLM wants the law to be passed, then we should come out clearly and campaign only unity and forget about the other option of secession," Kiir said.

## **"Kaddafi's statements contradictory" – SPLM**

SPLM SG Pagan Amum has described Libyan leader Col. Kaddafi's statement as "contradictory", saying the SPLM intends to ensure the exercise of the right of self-determination for southern Sudanese through a referendum based on the schedule and in line with the CPA provisions, **Al-Ahdath** reports. Mr. Amum, who was speaking at a press conference yesterday,

called on the international community to support an attractive unity.

Meanwhile, **Al-Sahafa** reports Amum said the proposed political parties' forum in Juba would be held during the period from 11 to 15 of September and affirmed SPLM's rejection of conditions by any party for participation in the conference. Amum also revealed that the SPLM proposed to the NEC to distribute geographical constituencies on the basis of the CPA percentages in order to resolve the dispute over the census results.

**Al-Watan** reports Mr. Amum told the press conference that the SPLM was preparing to invite DUP leader Al-Mirghani, PCP leader Hassan Al-Turabi and Communist Party leader Mohamed Ibrahim Nugud to visit Juba as part of SPLM consultations with the Sudanese political parties, adding the SPLM relationship with the NCP is passing through a critical phase.

According to **Al-Wifaq**, Amum accused the NCP of supporting the SPLM-DC, which he described as a threat to stability in the South, adding the SPLM-DC is part of the NCP's plan to renege on the CPA.

Amum blamed insecurity and inter-tribal conflict in the South on the NCP, accusing it of arming groups within southern tribes to destabilize the region to go back on the CPA provisions, **Al-Sudani** reports.

### **SPLM critical of EU Solana support for Sudan's unity**

**Sudan Tribune website** 2/9/09 - EU Foreign Policy chief Javier Solana said today he is in favor for unity of Sudan.

"It is very important to have that country united," Solana told reporters in Cairo after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Arab League chief Amr Moussa.

"I do look at the map, I do look at the distribution of resources, and I do look at the situation... I am for the unity of the country," he further said.

Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM) issued a strong rebuke to statements made by Solana today.

Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth, head of Southern Sudan's mission to the United States told Voice of America (VOA) that Solana's statement was ill-advised.

"The statement is not in line with the CPA spirit because in the CPA one of the options is united Sudan and another option is separation of the south to be an independent state. So, yes all of us have agreed that we are going to make unity attractive to the southerners so that they can vote for unity in 2011. But if the unity is not attractive to them at all, then they also have another option, which is separation," Gatkuoth said.

"It will not be wise for one person or individual to say that this is the only option that the people of Southern Sudan should explore... we want to say to the EU that in the CPA there are two options," he said

### **JEM attacks Musbat**

**Local dailies** report the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) yesterday attacked the town of Muzbat in north Darfur, killing a woman and wounding dozens of people. **Al-Ahdath** quoted eyewitnesses as saying that the attack was carried out by a JEM force led by Arcu Suleiman

who had joined JEM recently. SLM/MM spokesperson Zu Al-Noon Suleiman has condemned the attack.

In a related development, ***Al-Rai Al-Aam*** reports that JEM and Sudan government traded charges over possible attack on peripheral areas in Darfur. Sources revealed that the Chadian government is making contacts with JEM leader Khalil Ibrahim and SLM leader Abdul Wahid to coordinate the attack. Meanwhile, JEM spokesperson Ahmed Hussein Adam claimed Khartoum was preparing to attack JEM positions in Darfur from different directions.

### **“No alliance with the NCP” – DUP leader**

***Al-Ahdath*** reports DUP leader Mohamed Osman Al-Mirghani, in statements in Egypt, has categorically dismissed speculations about a possible alliance between his party and the NCP to contest upcoming elections. “An alliance with the NCP should only be possible if it is based on a national formula and agreed upon by the entire political forces,” Al-Mirghani said. According to ***Al-Sahafa***, Al-Mirghani indicated that his party would not allow the secession of the southern Sudan or any other Sudanese territory, saying Sudan’s unity was a necessity.

Meanwhile, ***Al-Sahafa*** reports Bahr El-Ghazal State Governor Maj. Gen. Yuol Malong has threatened to block elections in his state if the North-South border is not demarcated, saying his state is determined to lodge a complaint to the NEC on the issue of the north-south border demarcation.

### **Sudan border shut**

***Daily Monitor*** (Kampala) 3/9/09 - Angry residents yesterday forcefully closed a customs post on the border with Sudan in protest over Tuesday’s attack by troops from Southern Sudan.

The demonstrators, numbering in the hundreds, forced the closure of Afogi Customs Post, a key trade gateway to Eastern Equatoria State in South Sudan as a dispute over ownership of land near the border escalated yesterday.

Agitated residents, some of whom trekked 15 kilometres from villages in Lefori Sub-county, scene of the incursion by the foreign troops, stormed Moyo town and had by 2p.m. shut all shops run by Sudanese nationals – the lead entrepreneurs here.

The usually thriving cross-border trade between Moyo and South Sudan’s Kajo Keji Township was paralyzed as angry youth, buoyed by commercial motorcycle riders (Boda Boda), used huge trees to block the international thoroughfare.

UPDF soldiers and anti-riot police were hurriedly deployed to restrain the angry mob from invading Moyo Hospital to evict patients of Sudanese origin in a day of unrest likely to cause diplomatic headache for both Kampala and Juba.

The uproar, touched off by alleged unchecked harassment of Moyo residents by Sudanese People’s Liberation Army soldiers over the last two years, could potentially jeopardize the lives of Ugandans living in parts of South Sudan.

Two other border crossing points at Nimule and Oraba remained open yesterday. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary, Mr James Mugume yesterday called for restraint by parties to the misunderstanding on who owns the land in Gwere Parish, Lefori Sub-county.

“The most important thing is that we need to re-mark and verify our borders so that they do not

become a flashpoint of conflict for communities living near the border,” he said. Cabinet recently endorsed a February 2009 African Union resolution requiring countries with border disputes to settle the matters through permanent border verification committees.

As a result, said Ambassador Mugume, Uganda has largely resolved its border problems with Tanzania and Rwanda while agreements have been signed to sort similar contests with the Kenyan and Congolese governments.

Uganda’s myriad border problems straddle from Mutukula in the south to Migingo on Lake Victoria and up on the eastern flank to Amudat in Moroto District.

In the Tuesday incident, seven heavily-armed SPLA soldiers reportedly raided Lefori, shooting in the air to chase about 200 residents from farmlands the soldiers claimed are on Sudan soil.

Mr Ciec Mayor, the Government of South Sudan’s First Secretary to Uganda, said: “I cannot comment now because I need to consult with the district commissioner of Kajo Keji to confirm whether the soldiers attacked people in Moyo.”

Moyo District Chairman, Mr Peter Iku-Dollo, warned the demonstrators against attacking Sudanese refugees who have lived in the region for over 20 years.

“I also strongly advise Sudanese local authorities to stop this unnecessary provocation and regard Ugandans as real friends,” he said.

### **Rebel faction marks distance from new Darfur movement**

**Sudan Tribune website** 2/9/09 — A Darfur rebel faction distanced itself from a unity agreement announced two days ago in the Libyan capital Tripoli and called for more talks to achieve a real unification.

In a move supported by the Libyan government, six rebel groups announced the establishment of a new rebel movement called Sudan’s Liberation Revolutionary Forces (SLRF). The founding text announced that its members are: Sudan Liberation Movement/Army SLM/A-Field Leadership, SLM/A-Unity Leadership, SLM/A -Juba of Mohamed Saleh Harba, SLM/A General Line, United Revolutionary Forces Front (URFF) and SLM/A Khamis Abakar.

It was also said that another faction led by Ali Karbino, Democratic Sudan Liberation Movement would join the newly formed group.

United Revolutionary Forces Front (URFF) which had been announced as one of the signatories of Tripoli unity agreement rejected in a statement released in Tripoli this merger deal saying “The declared unity in Libya, is an attempt by some comrades to jump ahead of themselves, and we will not involve ourselves in this action.”

“Therefore, we will pursue our constant efforts for a real unity based on deep understanding to our reality and that can absorb all influential figures on the ground,” said a statement signed by Yousif Ibrahim Izat, the head of URFF political bureau.

Yesterday, the Joint Chief Mediator, Djibril Bassole told Sudan Tribune he would hold a workshop for all the rebel groups in Doha in a bid to reach common positions on the different issues they would negotiate with the government.

The US envoy Scott Gration is undertaking a parallel attempt to unify three groups: the URF, SLM-Juba of Ahmed Abdel Shafi and SLM-Unity of Abdalla Yahya. The URFF is not part of Addis Ababa coalition.

The URFF is established in October 2008 by three small factions: the Popular Front, Sudan Revolutionary Movement and the Popular Forces Front.

### **NCP leader defects to JEM**

**Al-Intibaha** reports informed sources said that a leading NCP member from the Legislative Council in the Managil district, Abdulbagi Ali Awad Al-Kareem, has announced his defection to the JEM in Cairo.

### **80% of funding secured – HAC**

HAC Commissioner Hassabo Mohamed Abdullah has said that 80% of funding needed for logistic support as part of the joint plan between the UN and the Sudan government has been secured, **Al-Ayyam** reports. He said the WFP succeeded in securing food until the first quarter of the coming year, adding the opening of the Sobat River helped in transporting food to the affected people in Jonglei.

### **Gunmen broke into mosque in Yambio**

Gunmen yesterday broke into Yambio's grand mosque in western Equatoria where they warned the imam that they would crackdown on the entire Muslims in the area, **Al-Rai Al-Aam** reports. A source told the paper that the threat might be intended to halt ongoing investigation in the assassination of NCP leader Ms Mariam Brinji.

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### **News Summary**

NCP ties referendum law to SPLM exclusive support for unity, says Kiir (Juba, South Sudan **NSV**)-The president of Southern Sudan said on Sunday that referendum law is still under discussion because the National Congress Party (NCP) wants the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM) to support the unity of the Sudan.

[http://www.newsudanvision.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1862:ncp-ties-referendum-law-to-splm-exclusive-support-for-unity-says-kiir&catid=1:sudan-news-](http://www.newsudanvision.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1862:ncp-ties-referendum-law-to-splm-exclusive-support-for-unity-says-kiir&catid=1:sudan-news-)



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### **No training on use of Ukrainian and Russian tanks: SPLA spokesman**

September 2, 2009 (RUMBEK) — The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) spokesman Maj. Gen. Kuol Diem Kuol denied that the SPLA has brought Kenyan military officers to Sudan for the purpose of training in the use of newly imported T-72 battle tanks.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32328>

### **Prayers in Sudan to end LRA violence**

Today saw the conclusion of three days of prayer in the Southern Sudanese state of Western Equatoria, aimed at tackling the on-going violence by Uganda's Lords Resistance Army.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/africa/2009/09/090902\\_sudan\\_prayer.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/africa/2009/09/090902_sudan_prayer.shtml)

### **Governor of West Bahr El Ghazal State: Parliamentary crisis is over**

The government of Western Bahr el Ghazal State has announced the recent dispute that caused havoc in the state's Assembly has come to an end. The state governor, Mark Nyipuocho, told Miraya FM that crisis has been resolved peacefully. Mark Nyipuocho added that the issue of salary reduction for the Assembly members has been suspended until more consultations are made with the government of southern.

<http://www.mirayafm.org/news/headlines/200909028118/>

### **Ministry of Education in Central Equatoria eliminates ghost names from its pay roll**

The Ministry of Education and Technology in Central Equatoria State said that ghost names have been cleaned from its pay roll. The Director General in the Ministry, David Lalai, told Miraya FM that the pay roll is submitted to the Ministries of Finance and Public Services for the payment of the employees' salaries.

<http://www.mirayafm.org/news/headlines/200909038114/>

### **Business Plan Winners Awarded**

JUBA, 2 September (Gurtong) – The Government of Southern Sudan's Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Tuesday awarded entrepreneurs who contested in the business plan development competition.

[http://www.gurtong.org/ResourceCenter/weeklyupdates/wu\\_contents.asp?wkupdt\\_id=3169](http://www.gurtong.org/ResourceCenter/weeklyupdates/wu_contents.asp?wkupdt_id=3169)

### **State Assembly to Investigate Irregular Payments to Staff**

JUBA, 31 August (Gurtong) – The Central Equatoria State parliament has resolved to investigate irregular payments made to the Assembly's staff.

[http://www.gurtong.org/ResourceCenter/weeklyupdates/wu\\_contents.asp?wkupdt\\_id=3168](http://www.gurtong.org/ResourceCenter/weeklyupdates/wu_contents.asp?wkupdt_id=3168)

### **South Sudan Set for Movie Industry**

JUBA, 31 August (Gurtong) – South Sudan is set to have a fledgling movie industry following the registration last week of a production company by the Government of Southern Sudan.

[http://www.gurtong.org/ResourceCenter/weeklyupdates/wu\\_contents.asp?wkupdt\\_id=3170](http://www.gurtong.org/ResourceCenter/weeklyupdates/wu_contents.asp?wkupdt_id=3170)

### **Aggravated Soldier Attacks Ivory Bank in Aweil Town**

AWEIL, 2 September (Gurtong) – There was a security scare at Ivory Bank in the Northern Bahr el Ghazal State capital, Aweil yesterday evening when a man fired several bullets at the premises.

[http://www.gurtong.org/ResourceCenter/weeklyupdates/wu\\_contents.asp?wkupdt\\_id=3171](http://www.gurtong.org/ResourceCenter/weeklyupdates/wu_contents.asp?wkupdt_id=3171)

## Other stories

### Sudan border shut

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[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Sudan\\_border\\_shut\\_90722.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Sudan_border_shut_90722.shtml)

### Egypt concerned over South Sudan violence

September 2, 2009 (KHARTOUM) — The Egyptian government expressed “deep concern” over growing trend of tribal violence in South Sudan saying it is an outcome of the economic situation in the semi autonomous region.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32333>

### SPLM critical of EU Solana support for Sudan's unity

September 2, 2009 (CAIRO) — European Union (EU)'s foreign policy chief Javier Solana said today in favor of unity of Sudan as opposed to the establishment to an independent state in southern Sudan.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32335>

### Sudan partners make modest progress on referendum talks

September 2, 2009 (KHARTOUM) — The two peace partners made today some progress on contentious issues over the referendum bill. However they postponed their difference on who would participate and the needed quorums for the referendum.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32327>

### NPC endorses compensation of White Nile Company

The National Petroleum Commission has agreed to compensate the British White Nile Oil Company after freezing its oil exploration in Block B in southern Sudan two years ago. The oil exploration of Block B was given to the French TOTAL Company. Speaking to Miraya FM, the Southern Sudan Minister of Energy and Mining, John Luke, said that the commission endorsed the compensation according to the reports of committee formed by the Federal Ministry of Energy.

[http://www.mirayafm.org/news/headlines/\\_200909028115/](http://www.mirayafm.org/news/headlines/_200909028115/)