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### **UN/ Agencies/ Partners**

#### **UNHCR chief visits Sudan to discuss refugees' situation**

(*SudanTribune.com*) Antonio Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), is scheduled to arrive in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, on Monday, the agency's spokesperson Ron Redmond told reporters yesterday in Geneva. Mr. Guterres is expected to hold talks with senior Sudanese Government officials, including Foreign Minister Lam Akol, as well as UN staff.

The trip, the second to Sudan by Guterres, will take place as the UN system has asked UNHCR to expand its operations in Darfur, where clashes between Government forces, allied Janjaweed militias and rebel groups have killed more than 200,000 people since 2003 and displaced another 2 million from their homes.

On Tuesday Guterres is slated to head to El Geneina, the capital of West Darfur state, to meet IDPs, local authorities, African Union (AU) officials and staff from UN partner agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Redmond said Guterres is set to then travel to eastern Sudan's Kassala state on Thursday to visit Kilo 26 and Wad Sherife, two camps for Eritrean and Ethiopian refugees.

Redmond said UNHCR is shifting its activities in eastern Sudan from providing assistance to devising durable solutions, focusing on local integration as voluntary repatriation is not currently an option. Resettlement is also being considered for special cases.

### **AlMezni says African Union Mission in Sudan short of funds**

(*Rai AlShaab*) African Union Mission in Sudan Spokesperson Nouredine Al-Mezni says the African mission is suffering an acute shortage of funds and resources. He attributed this to the delay by the international community in determining fixed sources of funding for the AU.

Mezni pointed out that the African Union is being funded through contributions from donors and Canada and African Union Mission in Sudan requires between 23 to 25 billion dollars a month. He said that the Arab League has granted African Union Mission in Sudan 15 million dollars.

The African Union Mission in Sudan Spokesperson expressed regret over the recent attacks on African Union Mission in Sudan peacekeepers.

United Nations Mission in Sudan has on the other hand announced that requirements for the HSP will cost her more than 300 million dollars in the first six months.

### **Red Cross to keep villagers in Darfur from fleeing to camps**

(*SudanTribune.com*) The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) says the security situation in Darfur continues to worsen and getting access to people in remote villages is getting harder. It is however trying to make life in the villages sustainable so people do not feel they have to flee to the camps.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is the only international aid agency working in the rural areas of Darfur. The main focus of its work is to get help and provide protection to people living in remote villages that are vulnerable to attack.

ICRC communications officer Jessica Barry has just completed a one-year mission in Sudan. She tells VOA that Red Cross aid workers regularly talk to all the various warring factions to try to make them understand that civilians must be protected. Unfortunately, she says, the message does not always get across.

Although the Red Cross wants to focus on the rural villages exclusively, Barry says this is not always possible. She says the ICRC has been managing Gareida, one of the biggest camps in southern Sudan, since it was set up in 2004 because no other aid agencies were working there.

Over time, she says, private aid agencies arrived to provide services to the displaced people. The ICRC began to make plans to withdraw from the camp and focus more attention on the villages. But, at the end of last year, she says the camp and the aid workers came under severe attack. After that, she says, all aid agencies withdrew, leaving the ICRC as the only organization remaining.

"The ICRC immediately, when this incident happened, had contact with all the different sides and all the different parties and asked for security guarantees and ensured the security guarantees to be able to allow us to remain in the camp," she added. "And, of course, we had to assess the needs of the people against the risks to us to stay and we believed that we should stay and this was why we stayed."

But, Barry says, the Red Cross presence in the camp is not unconditional. If the security guarantees break down and something terrible was to happen, she says Red Cross workers might be forced to leave. She says she does not like to think of what would happen to the more than 100,000 displaced people in the camp if no one were there to look after them.

## **The Transition Debate**

### **Government says no more than 65% of the LSP implemented**

(*AlSudani*; *AlAyaam*) Sudan's representative to the United Nations says the shortfalls in implementation of the first stage of the support package have to be resolved first before a "leap is made to the next stages".

He pointed out that the government first wants to see the second phase of the support package, the HSP, through before discussions on the third phase. He pointed out that only 65% of the Light Support Package have so far been met.

The ambassador said that the Sudan has still made no concessions on the United Nations proposal for a hybrid force. He underlined the need for trust between the parties.

Spokesperson Radhia Achouri of the UNMIS also concedes that the Sudan government has not accepted to the third phase of the support package in the form proposed by the United Nations. She told *AlSudani* that Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has said he will continue talks with the Sudan government in order to reach an agreement on the issue.

On the HSP, she said that the United Nations is awaiting funds to implement the HSP.

Noureddine Mezni of the African Union Mission in Sudan agrees that discussions over the third phase of the support package are not yet started.

On the other hand, *AlAyaam* daily reports that foreign minister Lam Akol says it is not likely that the Security Council will bend to US and UK pressures for sanctions to be imposed on the Sudan.

Speaking to the press in Tunisia at the conclusion of meetings of the ministerial committee of the two countries, the foreign minister said that the impending meeting of the Security Council will discuss the issue of Sudan's acceptance of the HSP and not the issue of new sanctions on Sudan. He expects the Security Council at the session to commend Sudan for accepting the HSP and to draw a clear plan on how to secure funding for the African Union Mission in Sudan forces as per the agreement reached in Addis last November.

The minister lashed out at the NRF which he said was plotting to derail the DPA, attack government and DPA signatory forces and plot to overthrow the government.

### **UN's Ban pushes for more time for Darfur plan to work**

(*SudanTribune.com*) The international community should wait and see whether Sudan's decision Monday to allow the deployment of the U.N.'s so-called "heavy support package" to assist the 7,000-strong African Union force in Darfur indicates a serious commitment by Khartoum to abide by a three-phase stabilization plan agreed for the volatile western region last year, said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon last Saturday.

"My position is that when the moment of truth comes and we know that they (Sudan) will not be faithful in implementing this commitment, then I will leave it to Security Council members to take the necessary measures against Sudan," he told reporters in Geneva.

Senior U.N. officials said on Thursday that Ban made a direct appeal to U.S. President George W. Bush not to impose tough new U.S. sanctions on Khartoum until more time had been allowed for diplomatic negotiations.

The US State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said earlier that Sudanese president Omar Al-Bashir "has weeks in order to fully meet the commitments that he signed on to".

The US said in November of last year that it will resort to an unspecified "Plan B" if the Sudanese government does not agree by Jan. 1. However, the deadline has passed with no action taken against the Sudanese government.

A press release by the Save Darfur Coalition says that US envoy Andrew Natsios told the committee on foreign relations at the US senate last week that the US held off sanctions temporarily "as a courtesy to the U.N. secretary-general" to try diplomacy with Khartoum but has cited May as the new deadline for Sudan before tougher sanctions are imposed. [*Follow the links to the full texts [UN's Ban pushes for more time for Darfur plan to work](#); [US sets early May as new deadline for Sudan to allow UN troops](#)*].

### **Sudan responds defiantly to threat of new sanctions**

(*SudanTribune.com*) Sudan has dismissed as unjustifiable the threat of slapping new sanctions because of the Darfur conflict, vowing to do everything it can to protect what it sees as its national security.

"It is hostile and unjustified and seeks to undermine security and stability in the country," Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha said of the threat of new sanctions in remarks carried by the official media Friday.

Another Sudanese official, presidential adviser Mustafa Osman Ismail, singled out Tony Blair for criticism, saying the British prime minister was "disillusioned."

Ismail told a meeting of the ruling National Congress party late Thursday that Blair "must know that if Britain chooses the obstruction option, then Sudan will deal with such a British attitude in a way that will protect its national security."

He did not elaborate.

These statements by top government officials coincide with an expression of outrage by Sudanese officials over the leaking of a report by a United Nations panel that the government was using United Nations and African Union Mission in Sudan colors as camouflage on its aircraft.

Sudan's ambassador to the United Nations has accused the United Nations panel of trying "to settle political scores" by fabricating claims that the government was conducting bombing raids in conflict-wracked Darfur and disguising planes to look like U.N. aircraft.

The ambassador told reporters the panel's report was leaked this week by "the enemies of peace and stability" in the country to destroy "the very good atmosphere" created after Sudan agreed to the first significant deployment of U.N. peacekeepers to Darfur to beef up beleaguered African troops in the vast western region. Abdelhaleem sent a letter to the committee's chairman, Italy's U.N. Ambassador Marcello Spatafora, on Thursday saying Sudan was "shocked and outraged" that the report was leaked. He asked Spatafora to investigate which of the 15 council members was responsible so "urgent action" - which he didn't specify - could be taken against the country.

The sanctions committee gave council members until Thursday afternoon to decide whether the report should be released, and three countries objected so it won't be made public, a council diplomat said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement has been made.

"This news is unfounded and baseless," Brig-Gen Othman Muhamed Al-Aghbash, the army spokesman, was quoted as saying of the recent charges unveiled by a United Nations panel.

Meanwhile, the U.N. peacekeeping department held a meeting Thursday for potential troop and police contributors and got the largest turnout ever for a mission in Darfur, said Dmitry Titov, head of the department's Africa division.

"We stressed that we are seeking predominantly African participation, but it has to be well-prepared, well-equipped troops because the conditions on the ground are prohibitive," he said.

Titov said Nigeria offered an infantry battalion, a hospital and a police unit; Egypt offered medical, signals and other logistics units; Bangladesh offered ground troops, aviation and logistics units; Norway and Sweden are considering supplying a combined engineering and transport unit; and the U.S. expressed interest in contributing to the success of the deployment.

The U.K.'s U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry said, "We have to do everything possible to produce the heavy support package on the ground at the earliest date ... and we're not likely to do that before September." [Follow the links for the full texts [Sudan responds defiantly to threat of new sanctions](#); [Sudan accuses UN panel of fabricating claims on Darfur](#)]

## **New UN Darfur force won't bring peace - Turabi**

(*SudanTribune.com*) Dr. Hassan al-Turabi told a news conference Sudan's acceptance of the Heavy Support Package was an indication Khartoum could ultimately agree to a larger U.N. presence.

"They will not do much," Turabi said, referring to the U.N. package, which also includes heavy support equipment and six attack helicopters to reinforce the 7,000-strong African Union force in Darfur.

"The government, under pressure, agreed to this but those 3,000 will prepare for the larger (U.N.) force of 20,000. The government has conceded a bit so it will have to concede more."

Turabi also said the war between government forces and rebel groups had evolved into a wider conflict among Arab and African tribes, while poverty has triggered an increase in lawlessness and banditry.

Turabi said the larger force would secure the remote region but would not put an end to the conflict as long as the government does not address the root causes of the problem.

"If the issue is not fixed, then it will be like giving a patient a sedative without the presence of a surgeon," said Turabi, the Islamic ideologue behind the rise of President Omar Hassan al-Bashir who was gradually pushed out by the general.

He said the government should give the people of Darfur a fair share of power, wealth and state jobs, along with health and educational services.

Turabi said an absence of state institutions to settle disputes has been partly to blame for a rise in tribal conflict.

"Banditry has become a way to earn living," he said.

## **CPA**

### **Sudan's CPA at critical stage - UN chief**

(*SudanTribune.com*) The CPA ending the long-running civil war between north and south in Sudan has reached a delicate stage, with the full and verified redeployment this year of both sides' forces critical to the deal's chances of long-term success, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warns in a new report to the Security Council.

Ban calls on the Sudanese Government and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), to do everything within their power to redeploy forces as required and to work towards the holding of free and fair mid-term elections in 2009.

The international community's attention has been partly diverted by the Darfur conflict in Sudan's west, and "continued mistrust and a still considerable number of spoilers" have also hampered progress, Mr. Ban finds.

The report notes that progress on redeployment, transfer to the JIUs and demobilization has been spotty, with rapid improvements in some areas and little change in others, such as Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile states. The situation has been further complicated by attempts to integrate other armed groups in the south.

Ban says both sides "must now devote considerable attention" to the redeployment verification process.

"If and when disagreements emerge, they will need to be handled and resolved through the pertinent institutions without jeopardizing overall progress or compromising the integrity of the process," he writes.

The Secretary-General stresses that any stalemate "remains a lose-lose scenario. The full and irreversible implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement is the only viable strategy for the Sudan and its peoples."

The Security Council is expected to discuss Mr. Ban's latest report during a meeting at UN Headquarters in New York on Monday.

### **Deng Alor says there are still major differences on Abyei**

(*AlSahafa*) The Minister of Cabinet Affairs says that differences between the parties to the CPA over the Abyei issue still remain large.

Minister Deng Alor who is also a prominent member of the SPLM said he was not optimistic that the Presidency or the joint NCP-SPLM committees will reach a solution to the issue.

Speaking exclusively to the paper, the minister pointed out that the SPLM view is that an interim authority with a mandate of between 3 to 6 months be formed of the nine Dinka clans and any other residents of the Abyei region as per the CPA while the NCP believes in a joint authority made up of the Dinka and the Misseiriya.

He said that the SPLM rejects the NCP view because the "Misseiriya have no land in Abyei ... their lands are in Babanousa, Mujlad and South Kordofan." The SPLM, he points out, strongly adheres to the Protocol on Abyei and "nothing else".

Misseiriya elders have reiterated however that they will not agree to the formation of an interim authority of the Dinka clans without Misseiriya participation.

### **Free Forum of the Misseiriya warns security situation may worsen in S. Kordofan-Unity State area**



(*AlAyaam*) The Free Forum of the Misseiriya has warned of a worsening of the security situation in the border areas between South Kordofan and Unity State following harassments of pastoralists by authorities in Unity State.

The Deputy Chairman of the forum said that a group of government people from Unity State raided late last week the village of AlAgid, stripped the pastoralists of their guns and took them to Rabkona and Hagleig. He pointed out that such things, if left to continue, will affect security in these border areas. He called for a reconciliation conference for these tribes.

The deputy head of the Free Forum of the Misseiriya also criticized the South Kordofan State government that he said has done nothing to curb these events.

### **MP reveals of fraud in oil revenue in Upper Nile**

(*AlSahafa*) A GoSS MP for Malut, Upper Nile State, says no one knows where the share of oil revenue for Upper Nile State has gone.

Col. Akoj Deng who is also a member of the GoSS parliamentary committee on energy said that the state has received its share of oil revenue but he does not know where this money has gone and inquiries into the issue have reached a dead-end.

## **GoNU**

### **Eritrea's Afeworki in Khartoum for talks on Darfur, east Sudan**

(*SudanTribune.com*) Eritrean President Issaias Afeworki arrived in Sudan on Saturday determined to kick-start talks to end the violence in Darfur, a senior Sudanese official said.

The meetings will be part of "efforts toward a political solution" in Darfur that includes those rebel groups that did not sign a May 2006 peace deal with Khartoum, said Mustafa Osman, an aide to President Omar al-Beshir.

Last month, Issaias and Beshir agreed to develop areas along their common borders, which could help to defuse the long-standing tensions between the two countries.

Regarding Darfur, Osman said on Thursday that "we have always been ready to hold talks with any group, wherever and without conditions, but it is the United States and Great Britain that are putting a spanner in the works."

Osman also said on Thursday that Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno would visit Khartoum in the coming days, to smooth bilateral relations which, nosedived after deadly border clashes between forces of the neighbouring countries earlier this month.

Asmara sent an envoy to Tripoli last week to join talks between Sudanese and Chadian officials aimed at easing tensions.

## **EU appoints new envoy to Sudan**

(*SudanTribune.com*) Denmark's ambassador to Egypt has been appointed the European Union's special envoy to Sudan, the government said Thursday.

Torben Brylle, a 58-year-old career diplomat, will represent the 27-member EU in negotiations with the Sudanese government, a post that has taken on significance as the situation in Darfur deteriorates.

Denmark's Foreign Ministry said Brylle would assume his new role on May 1, replacing Finland's Pekka Haavisto, who has held the job since 2005.

## **Report on Omdurman clashes to be handed tomorrow to president Bashir**

(*AlKhartoum*) The committee investigating the Omdurman clashes between the police and elements of SLA-Minnawi has drafted its report and will submit it to the President of the Republic tomorrow.

Ghazi Suleiman, a member of the committee, said that 30 witnesses, including some politicians, security personnel and others, cooperated with the committee in giving their testimonies.

## **Southern Sudan**

### **South Sudan bans soldiers with guns downtown**

(*SudanTribune.com*) The President of the GoSS has banned soldiers from going to bars, restaurants and discos with guns, following persistent complaints from foreigners that they were a target of harassment by security agencies.

According to the Ugandan Monitor, President Salva Kiir has directed security agencies through the Commander of the Military Police Corps, Sudan Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA) Headquarters Stephen Buay Rolnyang, to arrest any errant soldier.

Gen. Kiir's directive follows an inquiry by President Yoweri Museveni into reports of intimidation and harassment of Ugandans living in South Sudan by the authorities there.

Kenya, another country with a high population of its nationals in Southern Sudan after Uganda, wrote a diplomatic protest note to Sudan about the harassment of their citizens by security and local Sudanese.

### **South Sudan to cut spending, says revenue tight**

(*SudanTribune.com*) The government of southern Sudan will have to cut spending for the rest of 2007 in the face of lower-than-expected revenue, mainly from oil, the acting finance minister said.

"Revenues for 2007 may only be roughly \$900 million to \$1 billion, roughly 33 per cent under the approved budget," Gabriel Changson Chang told a news conference late on Friday in Juba, the capital of southern Sudan.

"The overall level of oil revenues is lower than expected," Chang said. "We must be realistic."

Under Chang's guidance, the ministry is introducing an action plan including the establishment of a cash management committee to set limits on government spending in line with the revised budget estimates.

Each ministry will now have to send a monthly report of its expenditure.

The GoSS cabinet has also instructed the Ministry of Finance to rapidly develop a workable payroll for the civil service which can weed out ghost workers and control expenditure.

On the other hand, the the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Council of Ministers firmly rejected pressure from Islamic banks operating in Southern Sudan, for the Bank of Southern Sudan (BOSS) to allow them to operate a mixed conventional/Islamic banking system in the Southern Sudan. [Follow the links to the full texts [South Sudan to cut spending, says revenue tight](#); [South Sudan to crack down payroll irregularities](#)]

### **First female speaker takes her seat in the Eastern Equatoria assembly**

(Juba Post) The first female Speaker has been elected along with a deputy by members of the Eastern Equatoria State Assembly following a Vote of No Confidence moved against the former Speaker.

Savina Dario Lokolo and Martin Odwar are both members of the SPLM.

### **LRA-Uganda peace talks resume in Juba next week**

(Juba Post) The meeting held by a team led by UN Envoy Joachim Chissano and the Lord's Resistance Army delegation near Nabanga last Sunday has led to the resumption of the Lord's Resistance Army [LRA] – Uganda peace talks in Juba next Thursday.

Vice-President Riek Machar will continue as the mediator in the peace talks. It was also agreed during the meeting to extend the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, which had expired, to 30 June this year. The two sides agreed that five countries, including Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, South Africa, and the DRC, would act as observers during the peace negotiating process.

In the new ceasefire agreement, the Government of Southern Sudan will facilitate the movement of LRA rebels from Owiny-Ki-Bul, Eastern Equatoria State to Ri-Kwangba. Eastern Equatoria State Governor Alesio Emor Ojetuk wants the LRA out of his state, even if the peace talks recommence. "If the peace talks between the Government of Uganda and LRA delegation is

continuing in Juba, the fact remains that we don't want to see any element of LRA in Eastern Equatoria State – nor should they assemble in our state,” he told The Juba Post.

### **Mass broadcast expansion for southern Sudan radio and television**

*(Juba Post)* The Minister of Information and Broadcast in the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS), Samson Kwaje, said in a press conference 16 April, that some 60 million USD has been secured for the expansion of broadcast in Southern Sudan.

The Minister said this while outlining the achievements and constraints of the 200 days Work Plan of his Ministry. According to the Ministry's Technical Consultant, the 60 million USD is enough to begin. He says the components of the project are many, but two immediate ones are expanding the broadcast transmission capacity for the Southern Sudan Radio and Television services, and the production and studio capacities at the Radio and T.V centres. “We need studio production equipment and facilities,” he says.

According to Samson Kwaje, feasibility studies have been carried out, and some funds set aside (the amount not mentioned) for the establishment of Southern Sudan News Agency (SSUNA). Another project is the mass dissemination of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

### **Ismail Kony joins SPLM and pledges an end to raids**

*(Juba Post)* Ismail Kony, the former leader of the prominent Murle militia, has officially joined the SPLM/A during an SPLM political rally in Bor last Monday. “I have come and my coming deserves no doubts from my whole being and I want you also to join me with hearts that lack doubts just as my heart is,” he announced to hundreds of spectators at Freedom Square, Bor town.

While welcoming the former militia leader, the Governor of Jonglei State, Philip Thon Leek, said Kony is responsible for the raiding of over 300 children, 4,000 heads of cattle and 2,000 goats within the state.

Kony told the population that he has handed over his men to the SPLA leadership for recruitment in Juba. Over 300 non-commissioned officers have been sent to Juba SPLA base, according to him. “There are no more militia in the bush as I am here and if there are still more cases of cattle raiding, then you know they are acts of criminals and not my men,” he added.

### **March salaries for public servants still unpaid**

*(Juba Post)* Last Friday, the Worker's Trade Union in Central Equatoria State protested against the State Minister of Finance's delays on the payment of March salaries.

The executive committee members of the union led by Chairman James Remijo called on the minister demanding an explanation for the delay in the payment of the march salary.

Minister Dayu attributed the delays in payment of the salary to failures in rising the topping of the grant released to the state by the Government of Southern Sudan [GOSS]. According to the minister, the money released by the GOSS to the state for salaries cannot cover the present number of state employees.

### **100 new primary schools to be built in southern Sudan - WB**

(*SudanTribune.com*) The World Bank will build 100 new schools in various parts of southern Sudan, the tenders will soon be advertised and weather permitting the construction work is expected to start at latest in September this year, the WB said in a press statement.

In a meeting with the Task Team Leader of the Education Projects supported by the World Bank administered Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Southern Sudan (MDTF-S), Getahun Gebru, on Friday April 20, the Minister of Education Science and Technology, Michael Milly Hussein urged the team to speed up the work as by July most parts of Southern Sudan will be inaccessible due to heavy rains.

The team told the Minister that everything was set to begin except that the Government has not yet identified all the sites where the schools will be built. The Ministry promised to follow the issue of the sites with the State Ministries of Education so that they would urgently send the school locations in order for the tender documents to be completed and advertised. [Follow the link for the full text [100 new primary school to be built in South Sudan - WB](#)].

### **SPLM risks losing Eastern Equatoria State to NCP**

(*SudanTribune.com*) The SPLM State Secretary for Eastern Equatoria, Mr. Felix Otuduha said SPLM may risk losing Eastern Equatoria State to National Congress Party (NCP) if Governor Brigadier General Aloisio Emor Ojetuk is not changed from office.

Speaking in an exclusive interview on Thursday, the SPLM State Secretary further accused Governor Ojetuk who is also the chairman of SPLM in the state of constantly undermining and interfering in SPLM Secretariat affairs including his role as state party secretary.

He said the best remedy to win credibility for SPLM party in the state is to conduct a thorough screening of SPLM members in both the Executive and Legislators from the time they converted to SPLM party together with those individuals who recommended them to the party authorities. [Follow the link for the full text [SPLM risks losing Eastern Equatoria State to NCP](#)].

### **Britain's White Nile starts drilling in south Sudan**

(*SudanTribune.com*) British oil company White Nile has started drilling its first well in a disputed 67,000 square km (25,870 sq mile) concession in semi-autonomous south Sudan, a company official said on Friday.

French energy company Total SA disputes White Nile's contract with the south Sudan government, which has given the British company part of an oil exploration block that the central government had allocated to Total.

## **Darfur/ Darfur Peace Agreement**

### **Darfur regional authority to be launched tomorrow**

(*Khartoum Monitor*) The Secretary General of the Darfur Transitional regional Authority, Mohamed Suleiman said in a press conference yesterday at SUNA that the authority will be launched tomorrow.

The hierarchy of the authority consists of the senior Assistant President, the three governors of Darfur states, Chairman of the rehabilitation Commission, Chairman of Darfur Recognition Fund, the Chairman of the Land Commission , the Chairman of Darfur Peace and reconciliation Council, the Chairman of the Security arrangement Commission, The Chairman of Repatriations Commission and others, to be named later.

The authority will work to implement outstanding aspects of the Darfur Peace agreement (DPA).

Suleiman- that works will be carried out through reconstruction and development to facilitate the return of refugees and displaced to their home villages. In addition to that the authority is to carry out reconciliation in Darfur region and ensure cooperation between the central government for the implementation of development projects besides carrying out administrative and financial matters, he said.

### **El-Fashir Special Courts hangs two SAF members found guilty of Darfur crimes**

(*AlAyaam*) Two SAF members found guilty by the special courts on Darfur war crimes in el-Fasher were hanged to their death yesterday.

Their bodies were handed over to relatives after the execution.

### **Egyptian Foreign Minister says ministerial meeting to be held in Tripoli to follow up on developments in Darfur- UN / AU representatives to attend:**

(*AlAyaam*) In a press release, the Egyptian Foreign Minister stated that he received a phone call from the Libyan AU Affairs Secretary inviting his country to take part in the upcoming meeting with representatives of Sudan, Chad, Eritrea, AU, UN and EU.

He noted that the meeting will discuss the efforts made to solve the Darfur crises and the best ways to enforce the peace process and the peacekeeping in the region.

### **Chadian opposition, NRF seal deal**

(*AlHayat*) The second in command of the Chadian opposition forces says a recent deal with the Sudanese opposition National Redemption Front has enabled his forces carry out a major intelligence operation on Chadian government troop positions.

He said that they gave some three high rank officers in the NRM an amount of money in return that they disclose the position of Chadian government troops in the vicinity.

### **Fire outbreak in el-Fasher renders 40 families homeless**

(*AlHayat*) A fire outbreak in el-Fasher has left about 40 families homeless and at least one woman and a child dead.

Authorities are investigating the reasons of the outbreak.

In another development, unidentified armed men believed to be members of the armed factions hijacked recently a UN vehicle in North Darfur and headed towards Shangil Toubaya.

### **Government aircraft bomb village in Darfur - rebels**

(*SudanTribune.com*) A Sudanese rebel group said government aircraft destroyed a village in northern Darfur in an air strike on Thursday, inflicting casualties.

An army spokesman said he was not aware of such an attack.

Ibrahim al-Helu, a commander in the Sudan Liberation Army rebel faction, said the air strike totally destroyed the village of Jemmeiza. [*Follow the link for the full text [Britain's White Nile starts drilling in south Sudan](#)*]

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### **Other Developments**

#### **Thousands flee fighting in Central African Republic**

(*Juba Post*) Thousands of people have fled fighting in northwestern Central African Republic, some swimming over the border after their homes were torched during government raids to hunt down rebels, local officials said on Saturday.

Government soldiers launched raids on villages on the northwest border with Cameroon and Chad between Tuesday and Thursday to try to root out gunmen who attacked a town last weekend, the mayor of some of the affected settlements said.

"Thousands of people from the town of Mann, the villages of Kodi, Ngbama, Ndanga and Kore in my commune and Bokolere, Bang and Ngouboye in the next commune have all gone into hiding in Cameroon," Mayor Richard Laoutaye told Reuters by phone.