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Security situation in Darfur remains volatile - UN

(ST) *SudanTribune.com* -4th Dec, 2006 (**Khartoum**), Despite the fact that less security incidents have been reported over the last week compared to previous weeks of the month of November, the situation in Darfur remains nevertheless volatile, the UN said today.

According to a News bulletin by the spokesperson of UNMIS in Khartoum*, government backed militia attacked twice a village in North Darfur. Aid workers were evacuated because of insecurity in West Darfur.

** For more, please see UNMIS News Bulletin attached*

United Nations & the Transition Debate

Annan hints of possibility of deploying international troops to Darfur

(*AlHayat*) In an interview with the BBC the UN Secretary- General Kofi Annan said that the Darfur issue is to remain as priority until the end of his mandate on 31st December 2006.

He indicated that if the Government cannot protect their people, and they are refusing to let the international community come in and assist, they will be held responsible about what is happening and what happens in Sudan. Annan said.

Meanwhile the African Union has called upon the UN to provide logistics and financial support for their mission, Rai AlShaab reports.

In an official statement, the African Union called the United Nations to provide logistic and financial support for the African mission working in Darfur region as it is in implementation of the Addis Ababa consultative meeting held over the Darfur issue.

In Darfur, IDPs in camps have called for an immediate international intervention in the region to protect them from the attacks of the government and its militias.

A statement issued by a council of IDP leaders says that the government is still following its military attitude towards Darfur civilians and this can be proved by the increasing numbers of IDPs who join the camps everyday.

CPA

SPLM accuses the National Congress Party of delaying implementation of the CPA

(*Rai AlShaab*), Dr. Mohamed Yusif Ahmed the State Minister of Justice accused the National Congress Party of delaying the implementation of the CPA and violating some of its terms.

He added that many of CPA terms could have been implemented during the six months before the Interim period.

GoNU

Parties of southern Sudan boycott parliamentary session

(*AlAyaam*) political parties withdrew from yesterday's parliamentary session in protest against the absence of the Minister of National Defence, who had been summoned to respond to queries by the non-SPLM Southern bloc led by MP Yuanis Akol concerning last week's incident in Malakal.

Shahama movement accuses the government of assassinating its leader and founder in S. Kordofan

(*Rai AlShaab*) Shahama movement accused the government of assassinating its leader and founder in S. Kordofan Musa Muhamadein.

A statement by the movement says that the investigation file has been completed and that Shahama Movement is waiting for a suitable time to respond.

Head of CID says all involved in the assassination of editor Taha have been arrested

(*AlSudani*) Head of the criminal investigation department General Abdeen el Tahir says that all involved in the assassination of editor Taha have been arrested.

He added that investigations are still going on to know the mastermind behind this assassination. All the accused have acknowledged involvement in committing the assassination, he added.

President of CAR arrived Sudan yesterday

(*AlHayat*) The President of CAR Francois Bozize arrived Sudan yesterday in an official visit.

The visiting president will hold talks with his Sudanese counterpart to discuss bilateral relations.

Bozize will meet also Vice-President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha and Minister of Defence Abdulrahim Mohamed Hussein.

Palestinian premier in Khartoum within days

(*Alwan*) The presidential advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail revealed that high delegations of Hamas and Fath Movements are to visit Sudan soon to meet President Bashir in an attempt to exchange viewpoints and facilitate forming the new Palestinian Government of National Unity.

In his round to some Islamic and Arabic countries, the Palestinian Prime Minister, Ismail Hania will be heading the delegation visiting Sudan, a reliable source said.

Southern Sudan

SPLA troops attack Egyptian workers in Jonglei Project

(*Alltibaba*) Sources in Egyptian Irrigation Corporation revealed that during the last week SPLA rebels attacked Egyptian engineers and technicians working in Jonglei Canal.

The engineers had to stop their work lest attacks would be repeated.

Refugees return to South Sudan's Malakal after fighting

(AP)*SudanTribune.com* -4th Dec, 2006 (**Khartoum**) Refugees who fled a week of fighting in the South Sudan town of Malakal returned to their homes on Monday as the Sudanese army and former southern rebels agreed to ban weapons from the city centre, the U.N. said.

More than 150 people were killed and 400 injured in clashes between government forces and ex-rebels from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in Malakal during one of the worst breaches to a 2005 peace agreement that ended 21 years of civil war between north and south Sudan.

The U.N. mission in Sudan said in a statement that joint units of United Nations and northern and southern soldiers were patrolling the town by day. Each faction patrols their parts of the town at night, the U.N. said.

Darfur

Clashes in el Fasher*

(*AlAyaam; AlHayat*) The presidential advisor Majzoub el Khalifa rejected considering el Fasher events as a violation to the DPA. He added that the Sudanese government is committed to the DPA implementation and that el Fasher events are a natural result of war that was taking place in the region.

But senior presidential aide, Mini Minnawi, has blamed the government for the recent events in el-Fasher and has warned his movement will not stand aside and look on should the government fail to protect civilians.

The UN has meanwhile evacuated on 3 December a total of 32 international and national INGO staff from Abu Shurug, Silea, and Kulbus, reports AlAyaam.

The action was taken at the request of the INGOs because of insecurity along the border areas, the UNMIS News Bulletin said.

AlHayat also reports that the NRF has killed 4 school children in villages north of el-Fasher.

People of el Fashir have condemned the attacks by rebel the movements.

** Also see separate attachment on more on Darfur*