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IN THE NEWS TODAY:

UN

UN names hybrid forces contributing countries

AlRai AlAam ;AlIntibaha report that the *tripartite mechanism (composed of UN, AU and GoS) will hold an important meeting today* to discuss the UN support packages to AU forces which has already been launched in Darfur.

Head of the Peace Department of the Foreign Ministry and Sudan Coordinator in the tripartite Committee ambassador el Sadig Al Magli was quoted to have said that the committee would hold its second meeting today at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss the implementation of the package besides logistical and technical communications and other devises.

He added that the mechanism will hold biweekly regular meetings to follow-up the implementation of the support packages.

In the same context *the UN will name hybrid forces contributing countries* and announce the expected logistic support for Darfur.

A reliable source has stated that, in response to the statements of Kofi Annan, the Government affirmed its commitment to cease-fire and readiness to accept in full any proposal for cessation of hostilities so as to give momentum to the peace process and the coming peace negotiations with the DPA non-signatories.

UN Ki-Moon Lebanon and Darfur on top of priorities

AlSahafa reported that the UN Ki-Moon has stated that the world is confronting a number of problems and challenges which are supposed to be resolved and addressed by the United Nations. "The Darfur and Lebanon issues are on top of my priorities" he said

GoNU

280 SLA-Minnawi soldiers join Sudanese Armed Forces

Allintibaha reports that the SLM- Minnawi has disclosed that 280 of its soldiers have joined the Sudanese Armed Forces. Out of list including 500 SLA soldiers, the Sudanese Armed Forces accepted only 280 mostly in lower ranks, the SLM spokesman has said.

MPs accuse the executive authorities of hindering the legislative role of the Parliament

AlSudani, reports that some MPs have accused the executive authorities of hindering the parliament legislative role particularly in regard to the national security, Human Rights Commission (HRC) and elections. The MPs demanded the extension of the current sessions that are supposed to be finished after three weeks.

Darfur

Darfur SLM leader says hybrid force deployment not enough.

SudanTribune.com A Darfur rebel leader criticized deployment of AU-Un force in support of the existing African Unions forces. He said this step could be considered as “complaisance towards genocide in Darfur”.

A Rwandan UN Peacekeeper waits to board a UN plane at Kigali Airport in November 2005 to be dispatched to Sudan’s capital Khartoum.

Abdul Wahid al-Nur the leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement, said that the deployment joint AU-UN force under the command pf the African Union is not a sufficient measure to re-establish security and to protect civilians in Darfur.

Al-Nur told Sudan Tribune by telephone that the current mandate of the AU force would not allow the protection of the civilians in Darfur. He added that their demand for international forces in Darfur is justified by the fact that UN resolution 1706 clearly stipulated the protection of Darfur people.

“We want a clear disposition stipulating the protection of the civilians and particularly women and children and internally displaced persons as it provided in article 9 of the UN Security Council resolution 1706.”

“Under Addis Ababa agreement the hybrid force’s mandate is toothless” Al Nur said.

The rebel leader expressed fears that Sudanese government would not implement the 16 and 30 November agreements on the hybrid force. He further urged the world to maintain pressure on Khartoum.

“The international community should be aware to Khartoum manipulations “There are more that 10 resolutions on Darfur but all of them are not implemented.” He also said that that Khartoum while manoeuvring with the international community continues to attack civilians.

He accused Sudanese government of carrying out more than 50 attacks against civilians this month. In deference to Khartoum’s opposition, the United Nations scaled back its plans — adopted in UN 1706 — to replace the African Union force of 7,000 troops in Darfur with the

20,000 U.N. force and, since early November, has been pushing to reinforce the existing AU force with smaller numbers of U.N. personnel as well as technical and financial assistance.

Al-Nur renewed his call to the international community to support the reunification of the SLM. “Serious efforts are going on to achieve the full unity of the movement; and we need political, diplomatic and material support of the international community;” he stressed.

Rwandan president, AU chief discusses Darfur force

SudanTribune.com The Rwandan president discussed with the chairperson of African Union Commission, during his one-day working visit, the improvement of the African forces in Sudan’s troubled Darfur region.

Rwandan President Paul Kagame and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Alpha Omar Konare, held talks on ways of improving security in the war-torn Sudanese region of Darfur and the deteriorating situation in Somalia, the Rwandan radio reported Monday.

President Paul Kagame and his visitor also talked about the need for African leaders to adopt strategies that would stop any conflict that could lead to genocide on this continent. They agreed that the Rwandan genocide should serve as a lesson for the international community.

Speaking to Radio Rwanda after his meeting with President Paul Kagame, Alpha Omar Konare said there is hope that security situation in Darfur region could improve if the government in Khartoum were to allow deployment of United Nations peacekeeping troops.

Sudanese government agreed last week to implement an agreement on the hybrid U.N.-AU force. However, the number of foreign troops to be deployed in Darfur is to be negotiated in a meeting between the three parties Tuesday.

JEM group plans for Dr. Khalil dismissal

All Press reports that the DPA signatory JEM announced holding an emergency conference next Thursday in Addis Ababa to review a number of issues concerning the JEM. The JEM field commander Abdullah Bakheit in a statement to BBC has said that 58 JEM military and political leaders will participate in the conference to dismiss head JEM Dr. Khalil Ibrahim.

Dr. Khalil Ibrahim is accused of practicing marginalization, abusing JEM resources to achieve other goals. They also accused Khalil of being unable to realize peace in Darfur.

Fierce clashes between Abdul Wahid armed groups and Janjaweed W. Darfur

Rai AlShaab reports that fierce clashes took place yesterday in Trenti W. Darfur between SLM-Abdul Wahid and the Janjaweed Militias. The clashes which started early morning resulted in burning 17 Janjaweed vehicles after the Janjaweed had attacked Kotrum Market, eye witnesses said. They added that the SLM- Abdul Wahid repulsed the attacks causing gross losses among Janjaweed militias.

EU envoy meets Justice and Equality Movement leaders in Cairo

AlHayat. The EU envoy in Sudan, Keba Vesto, has met a number of JEM leaders in Cairo to discuss a political solution for the Darfur issue.

Head of JEM office in Cairo, Gabriel Adam Bilal, has revealed that meeting has also discussed beside the political solution, the issue of a mediator for the coming negotiations.

Civilians reportedly killed by Darfur militia

SudanTribune.com reports that seven civilians were killed by the pro-government Janjaweed militia and one policeman was shot dead in separate incidents in north Darfur, Sudanese media reports said on Sunday.

The independent daily *Al-Ayam* said the Janjaweed attacked villages near the town of Kutum on Saturday, killing four teachers and three women and wounding an unknown number of people.

The attacks, which according to *Al-Ayam* forced dozens of people to seek refuge in Kutum, have not yet been officially confirmed by the African Union peacekeeping force or the United Nations.

Also on Saturday, one Sudanese policeman was killed and three others were wounded in an attack in the war-torn western region, the official SUNA news agency reported.

The attackers seized the police vehicle and drove off southwards, the agency said, adding that the police unit was tasked with manning a checkpoint sealing off a neighbourhood of El-Fasher which has witnessed recent violence.

DPA signatories to submit a list of candidates to Bashir within 48 hours.

AlSudani reported that the presidential advisor Majzoub el Khalifa has said that the DPA signatories are expected to submit their lists of candidates for political portfolios within 48 hours according to power sharing agreement. El Khalifa revealed that a short list of federal posts will be submitted to President Bashir. Lists of other posts will be submitted to the States.

GoSS

Kiir stresses on the importance of the consent of the GoS for deployment of international forces.

AlHayat First Vice President of the Republic, President of South Sudan Lt. General Salva Kiir Mayardit assured the importance of having the government approval prior to arrival of any international troops to Darfur. Kiir has warned that any clashes with the international troops may replicate the Iraqi scenario in Sudan. He added that peace cannot be achieved in Sudan unless it is done first in Darfur. Other than stopping killings and delivery of the humanitarian aids the SPLM has no interest in the arrival of international troops in Darfur Kiir said in a press statement. "We are on the same boat with the NCP" he added.

Kiir: Retroactive oil calculations after boarder demarcation

AlRai AlAam First Vice President of the Republic, President of South Sudan Lt. General Salva Kiir Mayardit has considered North-South boarders demarcation as important for the issue of redeployment of troops and oil sharing. He added that the Government of Southern Sudan will ensure retroactive calculations of oil revenues with Government of Sudan since signing the CPA.

Other developments

DUP leader EIMirghani arrives Asmara, meets the DPA non-signatories to discuss the DPA implementation.

AlSahafa reported that the Democratic Unity Party leader EL-Mirghani has arrived yesterday in Eritrea to activate his initiative for the DPA implementation and engaging the non-signatories. A reliable resource said that EL-Mirghani has arrived Asmara yesterday on his way to Musawa where he is supposed to spend the Eid vacation. EL-Mirghani will start a series of negotiations with the Eritrean Peoples Front over the Sudanese Eritrean bilateral relations.

Chadian rebel Mohamed Nur and Deby arrived N'djamena yesterday; Nur says the meeting contributes to the Darfur peace, Chadian rebels downplay the meeting.

AlRai AlAam; SudanTribune reports that Chad's President Idriss Deby and rebel leader Mahamat Nour Abdelkerim have arrived in N'Djamena after signing a peace deal in Libya, a government source has said.

The peace accord, signed after talks arranged by Libyan leader Muammar Gadaffi, provides for a ceasefire, an amnesty for the rebels and a place for them in government, with the release of prisoners by both sides, participants in the Tripoli meeting said.

Chadian government sources, asking not to be named, said Nour's force of an estimated 600 men with their 60 vehicles were currently based at Gereida, a town in the east of Chad under government control about 30 kilometers (20 miles) from the border with Sudan.

Minister of Infrastructure Adoum Younousmi, who was a signatory of the accord, told AFP that Nour's force in all totaled between 3,000 and 4,000 men, some of whom would be integrated into the Chadian army.

Under the Tripoli accord, a follow-up committee will be set up with Libya's help to implement the deal with Nour, which Deby called "a big gift for the Chadian people" that would pave the way towards stability.

The governments of Chad and the neighboring Central African Republic accuse Sudan of backing different insurgent groups that launched attacks in the two countries from late October, while

Chadian villagers have been prey to brutal attacks by Arab militias like those in Sudan's Darfur region across the border.

Gadaffi hosted a mini-summit in Tripoli last month in a bid to ease tensions between Chad and Sudan, which have accused each other of attempts at destabilization.