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Secretary-General's report* on Sudan

(Akhbar Alyaum) The *Akhbar Alyaum* daily highlights the recent Secretary-General's Report on Sudan in which he said that the peace agreement for southern Sudan has not made the required progress but said that vowed that the un will maintain its impartiality as a referee between the National Congress Party and the SPLM and its commitments to realise peace for the people of Sudan.

The report focused on progress in the implementation of the CPA, respect for the ceasefire and the implementation of the UNMIS mandate.

He goes on to say that the Parties to the CPA should do more if they want to establish a comprehensive constitutional democracy in which unity would be the factor that draws southern Sudanese voters.

The s also said in his report that peace in Darfur will give a stronger impetus to the restoration of trust between the CPA parties while prolonging the conflict will only make it more difficult to convince southern Sudanese that unity would be more to their interest

He also said that the time is ripe for the enactment of an electoral law and the establishment of the elections committee ahead of the 2008-2009 elections.

The Secretary-General also welcomed the commitment by the parties to establish a professional police force and called upon them to stop using militias as proxy fighting forces and give priority to reintegration of the Other Armed Groups.

** Please refer to the full text of the Secretary-General's report attached separately*

** Please refer to separate attachment for a Special Media Monitoring Report on coverage of the SRS-CAAC press conference held on 1 January.*

UN complains of little protection to its workers

(*AlSahafa*, 2 February) UNMIS DSRSG, HR/RC Manuel Aranda da Silva says the UN is committed to joint work with the Sudan government and that the priorities of the UN are in conformity with those of the government.

He pointed out however is now at a crossroads after signing three peace agreements (in the south, west and east of the country) while stability is still at a distance.

Da Silva renewed concerns over the increasing armed attacks on humanitarian aid workers and called upon the government to provide more protective measures. “We are visitors to the country and the government has to protect us”, he adds.

He also expressed hopes that the peace agreement would be more comprehensive through acceleration of the political process that the UN and the African Union seek to push forward.

The DSRSG also revealed that an African Union team will be coming to Sudan next week to “put the process on the right track”. He said that humanitarian work can not accept delays and speed is of importance.

He also said that the UN operates within the legal framework and abides by total transparency in its work. He called upon the government to cut down bureaucracy and stop wasting time.

Da Silva also assured that the UN is committed to encouraging the purchasing of its relief supplies from the local market to support national income as well as benefit from the comparatively lower prices.

The Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs has meanwhile drafted its plan for the current year.

The plan presented by humanitarian minister Kosta Manibe before representatives of UN and other international agencies at the Friendship Hall yesterday would guarantee the flow of humanitarian assistance to all the needy in Darfur and southern Sudan and would facilitate implementation of the obligations as set forth in the peace agreements.

Eliasson and Salim Ahmed Salim expected in Khartoum on Saturday to discuss on preparations for talks with DPA non- signatories

(*AlSahafa*) The UN Secretary General Special Envoy for Darfur, Jan Eliasson, and the AU’s Salim Ahmed Salim are expected to arrive Khartoum next Saturday to discuss the peace process, and to for talks with DPA non signatories.

During the two days visit, Eliasson and Salim will meet President Bashir and senior government officials before flying to Darfur to meet DPA non-signatories.

The Transition Debate

China tells Sudan to give UN bigger role in Darfur resolution

(AP/ST) Chinese President Hu Jintao told Sudan's leader he must give the United Nations a bigger role in trying to resolve the conflict in Darfur and also said China wanted to do more business with its key African ally, Sudan state media reported.

In what appeared to be China's bluntest message to Sudan on the Darfur crisis, Hu urged President Omar al-Bashir in a face-to-face meeting Friday to boost the U.N.'s "constructive role in realizing peace in Darfur" along with the African Union, the official Sudan news agency SUNA reported.

Sudanese officials briskly ushered journalists out of the room Friday when Hu began voicing his expectations on Darfur to al-Bashir. Later, a Sudanese official told The Associated Press that Hu had told al-Bashir his government "should work more earnestly to get the rebels who did not sign the Darfur peace agreement to join the peace process."

Sudanese Foreign Minister Lam Akol insisted that Hu's words on Darfur were not hostile.

Akol told reporters after the meeting that Sudan was willing to see the mixed U.N. and African Union force deployed in Darfur "as soon as funding and troops were secured."

Click on the link below for the full text of this AP story sourced from SudanTribune.com

[China tells Sudan to give UN bigger role in Darfur resolution](#)

UK says Sudan has to accept UN force or faces coercive measures

(ST; AlRai AlAam et al) Britain sent a strongly-worded warning to Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, urging him to accept the deployment of hybrid peacekeeping force in Darfur or else Khartoum will face unspecified coercive measures.

Lord Triesman, the British minister in charge of African affairs told BBC Arabic that the world will not stand still while atrocities occur in Darfur.

Triesman further added that the world will not allow massacres similar to those of Rwanda, when the international community has been unable to intervene during the genocide that took place there in 1994.

Lord Triesman refused to rule out the possibility of direct military intervention against the Khartoum government, but he said that any move requires the approval of both the United Nations and the African Union.

CPA

200 IDPs start trip to Nuba Mountains

(Khartoum Monitor) The first group of displaced persons from S. Kordofan started yesterday their trip back to their homes in the Nuba Mountains.

This group composed of 200 persons started their trip from Jabarona and Wad-Albashir Camps for IDPs, said Kuku Alnour, Vice Chairman of the New Sudan Sultans' Council and supervisor of the Nuba Mountains Sultans.

He added that their destination would be Kadugli from which they would be transported to Shat and Sharaf Aljamous in the Nuba Mountains.

The humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) in collaboration with the civil Society Organizes is set to transport some 330,000 IDPs to Nuba Mountains this year.

GoNU

Sudanese presidency discuss Darfur authority, CPA implementation

(ST, AlRai AlAam) Sudanese president and his two deputies today examined the set up of the Darfur Interim Authority and the implementation of the DPA and the CPA.

President Omar al-Bashir, First Vice-President Salva Kiir and Vice-President Ali Osman Taha were briefed on the outcome of consultations for the formation of the Interim Authority for Darfur and on progress in the formation of commissions of the CPA, endorsement of the Statute of the Civil Service Commission, establishment of a Council for the Affairs of Political Parties and preparations to nominate members to the council.

The State Minister at the Presidency, Telar Reng Deng, told official *SUNA* that the coming period will witness the establishment of the Rights of Non-Muslims in the National Capital.

He indicated that the coming meeting between the President and his two deputies on Tuesday will review a report on the performance of the Committee for the North-South Boundaries of 1956, a report of the Bank of Sudan on the change of currency, especially in south Sudan, and a third report on implementation of projects of the Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) and donor commitment to the pledges made in the Oslo Donors' Conference.

Also discussed was the outcome of the visit by the Chinese leader.

President Al Bashir issues decrees on appointment of 12 MPs, one minister and head of commission

(*Akhir Lahdha et al*) In order to implement the DPA, President Al Bashir issued yesterday evening a presidential decree appointing the representatives of the TDRA, the National Assembly and the National Unity Government. The appointees are as follows:

National Assembly:

- 1- Dr. Al Rayah Mahmoud
- 2- Ali Hassan Dossa
- 3- Trayo Ahmed Mohammad Ali
- 4- Mohammad Ibrahim Abdul Allah
- 5- Engineer, Mohammad Nour Adin
- 6- Amir Bakheet
- 7- Mohammad Adam Amin
- 8- Mohammad Abdul Allah Adam
- 9- Ismail Agabash Abbakar
- 10- Dr. Alsanousi Mohammad Asanousi
- 11- Abdul Rahim Hussein
- 12- Mariam Abdul Rahman Takas

This decree shall come into effect to implement the DPA.

The President also issued another presidential decree appointing Prof. Abdul Rahman Musa Abakar as state Minister at the Council of Ministers, and Ibrahim Musa Madibu as Chairman of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Commission.

Chinese president in Sudan on landmark visit

(*AP/ST*) Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday kicked off a landmark two-day visit — the first ever of a Chinese president — to Sudan, amid high expectations he would push China's longtime ally to better cooperate with the United Nations in solving the Darfur crisis.

Cheering Sudanese, some dancing to drums, lined the road to the airport while police beefed up security across the capital. State-run television broadcast the red carpet and fanfare reception at the Khartoum airport.

Official Khartoum said Hu's visit was geared toward "bilateral relations and other important issues of common interest," without specifying if these would be commercial matters or would include human rights issues.

Click on the links below for more on President Hu's visit sourced from the SudanTribune.com

[Chinese president in Sudan on landmark visit](#)

[China's Hu visits Sudan, presses on Darfur](#)

[China, Sudan strengthen economic ties](#)

[China's Hu visits Sudan, sees strong economic ties](#)

[China's Hu tells Sudan it must solve Darfur issue](#)

[President Hu invites Sudan's Salva Kiir to visit China](#)

[China, Sudan ink seven cooperation accords](#)

Southern Sudan/ GoSS/ SPLM

Salva Kiir stops GoSS officials from talking on the \$60 million pending meeting of SPLM politburo

(Akhbar Alyaum) Vice-President Kiir has ordered GoSS officials not to continue statements on the controversy surrounding the \$60 million issue pending an emergency meeting of the SPLM's politburo next Thursday in Juba.

GoSS finance minister Arthur Akwoein is meanwhile in Khartoum on his way to some gulf states to discuss investment in southern Sudan.

When approached by the press, the minister said that they will all respect the instructions of Vice-President Kiir and will give no further comments on the issue.

He also revealed that he is in Khartoum to also hold talks with his GoNU counterpart on a number of issues including requests for an urgent food assistance to Jonglei, Aweil, Warrap and East and North Bahr-el-Ghazal which are all suffering acute food shortages.

SPLM not shaken by media campaign, says Pagan Amum

(Khartoum Monitor) SPLM Secretary-General Pagan Amum said the SPLM was not shaken by the media campaigns launched to plant rifts among its ranks.

The media campaign falsely claimed that the SPLM is divided into "Garang's boys" and "Kiir's boys" he said.

Amum added that all SPLM's leaders respect Garang and Salva as their superior leaders.

He went on to say that they joined the SPLM at will and not for power which they could have attained in Khartoum. The SPLM will strive to release freedom for the people, and expects to face more challenges in the way ahead, stated Amum.

The people have demonstrated patience in the hope that the SPLM would change their lives for the better, but they will not keep their patience anymore, he added.

Therefore the SPLM should spare no effort to live up to the expectations of the people, he stated.

He announced their support to the Chairman of the SPLM, Salva Kiir, in order to carry on the mission which started in May 1983, that being the building of "the New Sudan", a Sudan in which freedom and peace prevail and ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity is respected.

Lakes State celebrates signing of inter-clan reconciliation deal

(ST) Lakes States celebrated today (2 February) in Rumbek the signing of an inter-clans reconciliation agreement. This was a result of important efforts exerted by the state and religious authorities in the state.

The occasion was witnessed by hundreds of your people.

SPLM to hold first leaders' conference of its northern sector

(AlAyaam) Key SPLM government officials and legislators are expected to participate today at the launch of a two-day conference of leaders of the SPLM's northern sector.

The conference is expected to dwell on issues pertaining to the building of the organisational structure of the SPLM's northern sector and will be attended by, among others, Vice-President Kiir, Pagan Amum and Yassir Erman.

Four murderers escape from Police Custody in S. Sudan's Torit

(ST) The President of high court of Eastern Equatoria state, Justice Geri Raimondo Legge, has ordered Torit County Police to bring all pending cases and their files to his office for scrutiny. His directive came at a time when four people accused of killing eight people escaped from police guard in the compound of police Officer mass last night.

He said the state has seven sitting judges distributed to handle cases in all parts of the state; four judges in Torit town; one in Kapoeta, one in Narus and one in Magwi will be commuting between Magwi and Nimule. Therefore, it is immaterial for any one to claim that there are many pending cases before court. Besides, it is illegal for police to take a suspected murder for working in their compound, declared Justice Legge.

Justice Legge said he has advised the governor to recruit a legal advisor for the state secretariat to handle legal issues. Adding that it is necessary also for the ministry of Physical Infrastructure, Agriculture and State Parliament should each have a legal advisor to advice them especially on issues regarding land among others. Nevertheless, my role is only to advice and it's up to the governor and his ministers concern to either accept or reject the advice, remarks Justice Legge.

Justice Legge observed that Kapoeta prisoners are being kept in a container that was used for transporting stationery from Kenya. "This is inhuman", how could you keep people in such a condition" asked Justice Legge. He ordered the transfer of the prisoners to Torit County prison.

Click on the link below for the full text of this SudanTribune.com story
[Four murderers escape from Police Custody in S. Sudan's Torit](#)

Sudan's CPA is the bible of marginalized people - Rebecca Garang

(New Sudan Vision) The Minister of Roads and Transport in the Government of Southern Sudan has called on the Sudanese people to support the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), saying the CPA is the bible of the marginalized people in the country.

Madam Rebecca Nyandeng called out for the people of Sudan to rally behind the CPA. "CPA is the Bible of the marginalized communities and people who need peace have to work for peace," she said.

Click on the below link for the full text of this story sourced from the SudanTribune.com
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US backs South Sudan mediation for peace in Uganda

(AP) The United States expressed opposition Thursday to efforts to end the South Sudan government's role as mediator and host of peace talks aiming to end a long war in Northern Uganda.

"We are concerned that demands to change the mediator and venue of the talks will only delay peace in the region and further the suffering of displaced northern Ugandans," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

He added that the United States continues to provide humanitarian assistance to victims of the Lord's Resistance Army in Northern Uganda.

In addition, he said, the United States has been promoting reconciliation and supporting the reintegration of former abductees and ex-combatants into their communities.

Ugandan army secures road to Juba

(The New Vision) Uganda has deployed troops all through the Sudanese border in a bid to secure Juba road and prevent rebel LRA from crossing to Uganda, the New Vision reported.

Columns of soldiers patrol the dusty road up to about 30 km from Juba. Other soldiers stand quietly at the border crossing points, their guns at the ready. Whereas the Nimule crossing previously had no UPDF presence, Sudanese nationals now have to line up at a Ugandan detachment to buy a permit before they can enter into Uganda.

They also have to register at a newly-created customs point at a Uganda military outpost in Bibiya, one km from Nimule.

Sudanese have to pay 20 dollars (about 36,000 Ugandan shillings) for a travel permit, while Ugandans pay three dollars for an exit permit. Until last week, the border was a free-crossing zone.

** Also see separate attachment for more on the LRA*

SPLA bars cattle-keepers of S. Darfur from Bahr-el-Ghazal

(*AlIntibaha*) Informed sources have revealed the SPLA is dispatching troops to patrol the area bordering between S. Darfur and Bahr-el-Ghazal in order to bar the Darfurian cattle-keepers from crossing over to Bahr-el-Ghazal.

Sources said that these SPLA forces are moving through Western Equatoria State claiming that they have a security task to attend to but are in fact on a mission to bar the Baggara and Fellata cattle-keepers out of Bahr-el-Ghazal.

Sources also add that these forces are led by one James Makok.

Darfur/ DPA

MPs call on government to reveal the extent of the Libyan role in the Darfur conflict

(*AlRai AlAam*) A number of speakers at a workshop on Darfur stressed the need for government to reveal the extent of the Libyan role in the Darfur conflict and to carry out a study on the effects of cross-border influences and conflicts with the neighbouring states on national security in Darfur.

The workshop organised by the parliamentary peace committee saw MPs complaining that the Libyan role has not been made known.

AMIS CivPol Commissioner calls on government to investigate AMIS Police killing

(*Khartoum Monitor*) The Civilian Police Commissioner, Director Daniel Moenyana, is calling on government authorities to expeditiously investigate the killing of the AMIS civilian Police Monitor on Thursday February 1, in Kassab Camp in Darfur Sector 4.

He said the AMIS Civilian Police component strongly condemns the callous attack. “This wicked and barbaric act of killing an unarmed peacekeeper, who was on official duty as part of efforts by the international community to help bring peace to the people of Darfur, is most uncalled for and runs counter to the ceasefire agreement in the Darfur peace process”, Commissioner Moenyana said.

“AMIS Civilian police re-emphasizes its strong objection to this development as well other attacks on AMIS personnel and property”, he added.

The Commissioner also calls on the good people of Darfur especially those in Kutum to discourage and stop such attacks because AMIS is not party to the conflict in Darfur, pointing out that the role of AU peacekeepers is to assist the people of Sudan in restoring peace to Darfur.

Postponement of Minnawi visit to Darfur spurs argument and may cause new splits within the movement

(*Alwan*) Rifts have emerged within SLM-Minnawi after a memo submitted to the SLM leader by the people of W. Darfur calling for comprehensive reforms.

The memo accuses Minnawi of marginalizing all the Darfurian tribes, and taking individual decisions without consulting his advisors.

Some W. Darfur leaders threaten military confrontation with the SLM-Minnawi if the SLM leader does not commit to the representation of all the Darfurian tribes in the Interim Authority.

Central Africa signs peace deal with rebels - Libya

(*Reuters/ST*) The Central African Republic signed a Libyan-brokered peace accord on Friday with two rebel groups, Libyan officials said.

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi watched the signing in his home town of Sirte in Libya alongside Central African President Francois Bozize, they said.

Under the deal, the government and the two rebel factions — the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity (UFDR) and the People's Democratic Front — agreed to stop hostilities and allow the rebels to integrate the ranks of government security and military forces or public service administration.

Other Developments

U.S Issues Alert of Insurgency Strike in Sudan

(*Middle East Newslite*) The United States has issued an alert of an imminent insurgency strike against Westerners in Sudan.

The U.S. embassy in Khartoum has warned Americans in Sudan of an imminent insurgency strike by an Islamist group. In a warden message on Thursday, the embassy said it was informed by the United Nations Mission in Sudan that an "extremist group based in the country is likely to target Western interests."

"Given the focus of extremists on the UN presence in Sudan, it is possible that the primary target of this threat is the UN," the warden message said.

Neither the Sudanese government nor the UN confirmed the threat cited in the warden message. But UN diplomats have warned of increasing threats by Al Qaida and other Islamic fighters against the Western presence in the country.

Justice ministry overturns suspension of *AlSudani*

(*AlIntibaha*) The Ministry of Justice has overturned the suspension of *AlSudani* daily newspaper which had been ordered earlier by the prosecutor.

The competent prosecutor pointed out however that this does not mean that the investigations on the case have been halted.