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Highlights

UN/ Agencies

UN reiterates commitments to implement the support packages

(*AlHayat*) The UN says funding for AMIS operations by donor states is important to preparations for the implementation of the hybrid operation in Darfur.

UNMIS Spokesperson Radhia Achouri says the UN is most concerned with the implementation of the support packages for the African Union in Darfur as agreed upon with the African Union and the Sudan government but not everything is in the hands of the UN alone.

Achouri who was speaking to the *Sudan Media Centre* admitted there are logistical difficulties concerning the situation in Darfur that have to be taken into consideration. Prime among these are the security and environmental concerns, she said. She also called for guarantees for the safety of the elements participating in the Heavy Support Package.

On Sudan government fears on attempts to change the Addis Ababa agreement, the UNMIS spokesperson pointed out that the reports of the Secretary-General of the UN and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission set the basis for the draft resolution that the Security Council is expected to soon look at. She pointed out however that the contents of the resolution are the preserve of the Security Council.

Proposal before UN Secretary-General on the establishment of a special court for Darfur

(*AlSahafa*) International lawyer, el-Hadi Shalouf, who is also a member of the ICC staff says he has proposed to the UN Secretary-General that the UN establish a special court for Darfur sitting in Sudan or any of the neighbouring countries as a way out of an ICC trial for perpetrators of crimes in Darfur.

The lawyer says he sent a memorandum on 27th June to the UN and members of the Security Council to halt the trial of Sudanese before the ICC and proposed alternative trials

He said that copies of his memorandum mentioned above were copied to Sudan's foreign ministry and its embassies in The Hague, Paris and The Netherlands. He said the proposal is an attempt at coming out of the tug-of-war on the issue of an ICC trial for Sudanese suspects of war crimes in Darfur that, he said, may not continue long in light of Sudan's continued refusal to

cooperate with the ICC despite Sudan's rights to try its citizens within its territories for lack of an ICC jurisdiction.

Media persons advise government to open up on access to information

(AlSudani) The Director for Organisations at the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs says that there are 2,180 international humanitarian agencies as opposed to 202 national humanitarian agencies operating in Sudan. He said that the international agencies receive UN support to the tune of \$180 million while their national counterparts only receive \$192,000. The director said 50% of the budgets of these foreign organisations go towards administrative costs.

Media specialists participating at a recent workshop organised by the Tayba Press in collaboration with the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs stressed the need to activate the role of the media in humanitarian work, access to information, expediting the information management project for the media with regards to the humanitarian situation in Darfur, the need to report on the activities of international and national humanitarian agencies operating in Darfur and the provision of the necessary facilities to enable national agencies pursue their objectives.

Some media figures participating at the workshop also underlined the shortfalls of some organisations that they say have deviated from their mandates.

The Minister of Humanitarian Affairs was also there and underlined the need for the media to come up and shed light on what is happening in areas like Darfur so that the public may be informed. This, he said, will move the community and push it to work towards providing humanitarian assistance for Darfur. He pointed out that the media could also play a negative role and has to coordinate with the ministry for better output.

Ahmed Haroun, State Minister for Humanitarian Affairs, said on his part that the realities brought about on humanitarian work as a result of the CPA, the Darfur Peace Agreement and the ESPA have reflected on the political, economic and social life. The state minister noted there is an increase in the numbers of those willing to return but pointed out that landmines and lack of development programs in the areas of returns remain obstacles to the returns operations despite everything being done.

GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)

Sudan denies intelligence cooperation with US

(SudanTribune.com) President Omar Hassan al-Bashir has denied reports about close cooperation between the Sudanese intelligence service and the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Iraq and Somalia.

He said the cooperation between the Sudanese intelligence Services with the CIA did not exceed Sudan's commitment not to support terrorist groups and to control the movement in Sudan, saying the government had foiled many attempts to establish training camps for such organizations in Sudan. [Follow the link for the full text [Sudan denies intelligence cooperation with US](#)].

Sudan's Bashir warns against 'Iraqification' of Darfur

(AFP via SudanTribune.com) Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on Sunday warned against an "Iraqification" of the crisis in Darfur saying he would rather export no oil at all than be forced to accept a humanitarian oil-for-food programme.

"We will never accept an oil-for-food program, even if we have to keep our oil deep in the bowels of the earth," he told journalists, accusing the West of hyping the Darfur crisis precisely because of its interest in Sudan's oil.

Human Rights Watch has called on the UN Security Council to create a mechanism in Sudan similar to the Iraqi oil-for-food programme set up in 1995 that was aimed at assisting humanitarian needs without allowing Iraq to rebuild its military.

Bashir said that the US — which says genocide is taking place in Darfur — wanted to repeat the mistakes it made in Iraq in Sudan and that current US sanctions against Khartoum would not ease the suffering in the war-ravaged western region.

Bashir suggested that threats of sanctions were counterproductive, asking: "Will these sanctions help Darfur's displaced leave the camps and find the means to subsist?"

While Beshir has accepted the deployment of a hybrid UN-led peacekeeping force in Darfur, although this has yet to happen, he vowed resistance to any further bid to strengthen the force.

"We will fight against any attempt to impose international or Western forces ... if the West intervenes, we will have the right to resistance," he insisted.

"The situation on the ground in Darfur is improving. Now IDPs (internally displaced persons) are voluntarily returning to their villages," he said.

The Sudanese President also accused his French counterpart Nicolas Sarkozy of "riding the American wave" by turning his back on the "pro-Arab" stance of his predecessor.

"Nicolas Sarkozy's France has different orientations to that of Jacques Chirac," Bashir told reporters. "With Chirac's departure, the Arabs have lost a loyal friend."

He said Sarkozy, who made dealing with the crisis in Darfur a priority after taking over from Chirac in May, was "riding the American wave", in reference to a French-sponsored international conference in June aimed at ending the violence in the western Sudanese region. [*Follow the link to the full text [Sudan's Beshir warns against 'Iraqification' of Darfur](#); [Sudan accuses Sarkozy of 'riding American wave'](#)].*

Council of Ministers asks justice minister to table the Police Bill before parliament

(AlWattan; The Citizen) The Council of Ministers has finally instructed the Ministry of Justice to table the Police Bill before parliament following controversies over the bill.

A meeting of the Sovereignty Section of the Council of Ministers discussed yesterday the bill in its final form before parliamentary approval.

On the other hand, a political discussion organised by the SUDO organisation and held yesterday at the Sharjah Hall in Khartoum saw a number of politicians express disappointment and criticise government and the National Assembly's lack of seriousness to repeal or amend undemocratic laws which they considered contrary to the National Constitution.

Parliament forms commission of inquiry into Kajbar incidents

(*Alltibaha*) Parliament decreed yesterday the formation of a commission of inquiry into the Kajbar Dam violence.

The committee will travel to the site in the next two days.

In another development, citizens to be affected by the nearby Meroe Dam have demanded that government grant them free university studies for 1,200 students as compensation for this year's harvest.

\$376.2 million in oil revenues for May

(*Sudan Tribune*) The Under-secretary of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy has declared that revenue from oil for the month of May totalled \$376.2 million – with \$266.7 of this amount reaped from oil exports.

He said that the south received the amount of \$120.4 million from this revenue.

Sudanese president names SPLM's Agar as governor of Blue Nile

(*AlRai AlAam*) President Bashir issued yesterday a number of decrees relieving of duty AbdulRahman Abu-Madyan (Governor of Blue Nile State), Ismail Khamis Jallab (Governor of South Kordofan State), Malik Aggar (Minister of Investment) and Omar Sulaiman Adam (Minister of State for Roads and Bridges) of their respective positions.

The president also issued other decrees appointing Malik Aggar and Omar Sulaiman to the positions of Governor of Blue Nile and Governor of South Kordofan respectively.

Kassala State authorities to take control of villages surrounding Hamshkoreib

(*AlWihda*) The Acting Governor of Kassala State addressed yesterday at Hamshkoreib a number of officials of the regional government as they prepared to take administrative control over the villages surrounding Hamshkoreib.

This follows the withdrawal from those areas of the last batch of armed factions and comes as one of the fruits of the peace agreement signed for the east.

Khartoum University students strike

(*AlSudani*) The Association of Students of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Khartoum have declared an all-out strike starting today until their demands for a timetable for union elections, a representative at the University Senate is made, and for a representative of the union at the University Senate, that the academic committee formed by the university administration be dissolved and that no student should be barred from exams on the grounds of non-payment of tuition fees or absence from lectures.

Their decision to go on strike has the backing of the Khartoum University Students' Association.

Rabak, Kosti and Medeni in floods

(*AlAyaam*) The heavy downpour last Saturday that covered many parts of Sudan has spelt destruction in areas east of Medeni and in the towns of Kosti, Rabak and el-Dueim.

Rabak has been hardest hit with preliminary counts by the emergency committee there putting 900 houses under the water and reporting that a number of bridges have been swept by the water while the main Rabak-Khartoum highway and railway have been cut off. The rains have also caused a power blackout in Rabak while the main water system is also down.

Wau-Babanousa track clear of landmines

(*AlAyaam*) The Director-General of the National Center for combating landmines has declared the Babanousa-Wau railroad free of landmines.

The 446-kilometre track is an important link between north and south of the country.

The DG said that de-mining was carried out by qualified elements from the SAF, the SPLA and the JIUs, took from the 1st of March this year to 10th June and cost about a quarter of the cost projected by the UNMAO for the same operation for a longer duration of 3 years.

Reporters strike

(*AlAyaam*) The journalists fraternity, Sudan Journalists' Solidarity, has declared a 24-hour strike and will hand a memorandum to the Constitutional Court demanding the release of colleagues from the *Rai AlShaab* and *Iylaf* dailies.

All members of the media corps have been asked to participate.

GoSS

GoSS Legislative Assembly urges ministers to present their reports before parliament

(*AlHayat*) The Legislative Assembly at the GoSS has called on all ministers to table their reports before the House goes on recess.

The Deputy Speaker of the GoSS legislative body said that only four ministers had presented their reports.

He went on to say that the current round of parliament focused on discussing and endorsement of a number of bills including the Criminal and Civil Procedures bills.

Darfur

AU chief wants new UN resolution on Darfur

(AFP via SudanTribune.com) A new United Nations resolution is needed to ensure that Sudan accepts the deployment of a long-awaited hybrid force to Darfur, the head of the African Union commission said Sunday.

Alpha Oumar Konare said in his opening speech at an AU summit in Ghana that progress had been made since the last heads of state meeting in January when Khartoum's ambitions to assume the presidency of the organisation were effectively scuppered by the continued bloodshed in Darfur.

"We have made progress (on Darfur) because Sudan has accepted the hybrid force" of troops from the African Union and the United Nations, he said.

"Now we need to implement it, persuade our Sudanese brothers to implement it. What is lacking today is a UN resolution and fresh resources to deploy our troops on the ground."

UN Deputy Secretary General Asha Rose Migiro said the AU should be praised for how it had tried to address the situation in Darfur even though it "lacked the capacity... to bring stability".

"The violence in Darfur has been allowed to continue for far too long," she told the summit.

Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa was confident however that the crisis was coming to an end.

"We feel that the Darfur issue has gone a long way towards a possible settlement after an arrangement has been reached between the Sudanese government and other countries," he told the Accra summit.

"The African Union should play its role fully in promoting this tendency and also call for efficient talks with all the remaining parties in Darfur. For durable peace to be reached, it is necessary that certain quarters stop financing these organisations, backing them or arming them."

Bashir was not in Accra following the death of a close advisor but he accused the West on Saturday of hyping the crisis in the Darfur because of its interest in his country's oil reserves. *[Follow the link for the full text and a related story [AU chief wants new UN resolution on Darfur; Lack of money can derail Darfur peacekeeping operation - AU](#)].*

West Darfur State welcomes hybrid operation

(*AlAyaam; AlIntibaha*) Undersecretary Muttrif Sidiq of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has embarked on trip to Darfur to brief officials there on the hybrid operation soon to take root in the region.

Sidiq who headed the government delegation to the Addis talks that led to agreement over the hybrid operation was in West Darfur Stat yesterday where he briefed the governor and others on the issue.

Governor Abu-el-Gassim Imam said his state is ready to cooperate with the hybrid forces mandated to help realise peace and stability in the region. The governor stressed the need for suspects of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur be handed over to the ICC and called on non-signatory factions to come aboard the peace process.

In the meeting that was also attended by the head of the security arrangements committee and others, the governor said that as a movement, his SLM faction is ready to hand over to the ICC any person proved to have been involved in war crimes in Darfur.

He said the security situation in the state is improving.

Talks in Tripoli fail to bridge views of Chad opposition and government

(*AlSudani*) One week of talks between representatives of the Chadian government and opposition meeting in Tripoli under a Libyan-Sudanese mediation effort ended yesterday with the opposition waling out of the talks and threatening a return to war.

The opposition declared the talks as having reached a dead end after the Chadian president rejected a 10-point demand they tabled.

Political:

Nafei and Dr. Khalil of the JEM meet

(*AlRai AlAam*) Sudan has turned down a Libyan offer to host talks between President Bashir and JEM leader Dr. Khalil Ibrahim but sources within the JEM report that preparations are in its final stages for a meeting between Dr. Khalil and a high-rank government delegation headed by Dr. Nafei Ali Nafei.

The same sources also revealed details of the outcome of a recent meeting between Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman and high-ranking figures of the JEM in Tripoli.

A high-ranking Eritrean delegation visiting the country has meanwhile briefed the Sudan government on the outcomes of contacts between the Eritrean government and the Darfur Peace Agreement non-signatory groups. Presidential Advisor Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail told reporters following the meeting with the Eritrean delegation yesterday that Asmara intends to coordinate

its efforts with the SPLM in order to bring about a suitable climate for talks between the Sudan government and the non-signatory groups.

Ruling party in consultations to hand the Darfur file to Intelligence chief, Salah Gosh

(Alwan) A high-ranking member of the National Congress Party has intimated that the political leadership in the country is holding consultations to name someone to fill in the political vacuum that the death of Majzoub el-Khalifa has caused in terms of the Darfur file.

Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail expects the Darfur file to be split between a couple of officials but with one official as an overall head due to the complexities of the issue. He intimated that National Security and Intelligence Chief, Salah Gosh, is strongly tipped for the position.

Security:

Khartoum rules out presence of training camps for people of Kordofan in Libya

(AlRai AlAam) Khartoum has completely ruled out the presence of training camps in Libya for people from South Kordofan.

Sudan's ambassador to Libya says Sudan's relations with Libya are far deeper than would allow for such a thing.

The ambassador also revealed that Libya is planning an international conference next week to discuss the developments in Darfur.

Developing story: Son of Chad president found dead in France

(Reuters via SudanTribune.com) Chadian President Idriss Déby Itno's son, Brahim, was found dead on Monday morning in the underground parking lot of a building he lived in near Paris, police and court officials said.

President Déby sacked Brahim as his adviser in June 2006 after the then 27-year-old was arrested in a Paris discotheque for possessing an illegal firearm and drugs. He was given a six-month suspended sentence by a French court.

Investigators at the scene in Courbevoie, west of Paris, found a wound on his head but have not yet determined the cause of death, a spokesperson for the public prosecutor's office in the western suburb of Nanterre said.

"The body was found by the caretaker of his residence at about 7am [local time] in the area between the stairs and the underground parking lot. The time of death is unknown," the spokesperson said.

An autopsy is due to be carried out by Tuesday.