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## **UN/ Agencies**

### **UN rights committee tells Sudan to cut off support for militias**

July 27, 2007 (GENEVA) —The U.N. Human Rights Committee criticized Sudan on a range of issues Friday, demanding an assurance that no financial or material support will be given to militias engaged in ethnic cleansing in Darfur, and calling for the immediate abolition of slavery in the country.

The committee, in its first overall review of Sudan's rights record in a decade, condemned what it called "widespread and systematic" rights abuses throughout Sudan, including murder, rape, forced evictions and attacks against civilians.

Human rights violations "continue to be committed with total impunity throughout Sudan and particularly in Darfur," the panel of 18 independent experts said in a report.

"More or less covert assistance has been given to elements that have been pursuing gross violations of human rights," said Ivan Shearer, an Australian member of the committee, which takes turns examining the performance of each of the 156 countries which are parties to the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The panel made its conclusions and recommendations after reviewing information from Khartoum and the reports of United Nations bodies and numerous rights groups.

It said there continues to be "many cases of rape in Darfur," even if official numbers are low because women fear that their claims will be associated with the crime of adultery.

"Women do not trust the police," the report said.

(AP)

### **UN Security Council inches closer towards authorizing Darfur force**

Saturday 28 July 2007.

July 27, 2007 (KHARTOUM) —With Western nations dropping earlier threats of sanctions against Khartoum, the UN Security Council is edging closer to consensus on a draft text authorizing joint UN-African Union peacekeeping in Darfur.

"We are working intensively to finalize the text," said Britain's outgoing UN Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry, the lead sponsor of the draft resolution on Friday. "We would like to see the text adopted early next week."

A diplomat speaking on condition of anonymity said a vote on the toned-down text could come as early as Tuesday, the day when Britain's new prime minister, Gordon Brown, is due to visit UN headquarters to deliver a major foreign policy speech.

(AFP)

### **Voting on hybrid operation on Tuesday**

(*AlSahafa*) UN Security Council will resume Monday unofficial consultations on the comments of the GoS on the UNSC draft resolution on hybrid force for Darfur. It is expected that the Council members will vote on the proposed resolution on Tuesday this week.

## **GoNU (CPA; Darfur Peace Agreement; ESPA)**

### **Sudan Submits Response on Hybrid Operation**

**By: Mona al-Bashir**

Sudan Vision-- The Sudanese Government on Thursday submitted its official response to the modified draft resolution on the hybrid forces. The official spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Ali El Sadig, said the modified draft has been submitted to Sudan's UN ambassador in New York who will in turn pass it on to the Security Council members, including sponsors of the original draft resolution, France and Britain.

The Security Council is expected to discuss Sudan's response to reach a compromise before issuing the final resolution.

Sudan had informed the Council of some reservations on the deployment of hybrid forces in Darfur, particularly the clause that refers to application of Chapter VII of the UN Charter. China, Qatar and Indonesia opposed reference to Chapter VII while some African countries proposed amendments to the draft in an attempt to urge Sudan to withdraw its reservations on it.

China's Ambassador to the UN, the incumbent President of the Security Council, Tang Guoqiang, revealed that South Africa, Ghana and the Congo, have sought amendments of the draft resolution to make it acceptable to Sudan, adding that the proposed amended draft does not refer to imposition of sanctions on Sudan if it fails to meet its obligations or to implement the resolution in full.

Sudan's Ambassador to the UN, Abdel Mahmoud Abdel Halim, on Thursday stated that the government fears that the item on 'prohibition of arms in Darfur' referred to in the draft may trigger confrontation between the international troops and the Sudanese armed forces. He further explained that the clause relating to the mandate of the forces needs more consideration to avoid the ill consequences that may arise from the deployment of these troops.

**Sudan: AU Security Council to discuss Darfur hybrid operation 2 August**

*Text of report by Sudanese news agency Suna website*

Addis Ababa, 25 Jul (SUNA) - The African [Union] Peace and Security Council will conduct a special meeting on Darfur on 2 August to discuss details of the hybrid operation, which was approved at the Addis Ababa meeting on 12 June.

Sudanese deputy ambassador to Ethiopia Akwei Bona Malwal said that the Council to be held at the level of the permanent delegates will discuss the arrangements for the preparations of these forces, the states participating in it, and the assessment of the Sudanese government's implementation of the understandings reached at the Addis Ababa meeting.

He added that the meeting would also touch on the discussions circulating in the UN Security Council about the hybrid operation and would call on African countries to contribute to these forces

*Source: Suna news agency website, Khartoum, in Arabic 25 Jul 07*

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### **Sudan officially rejects revised UN text on Darfur force**

By: Wasil Ali

July 28, 2007 (KHARTOUM) — The Sudanese government officially informed members of the UN Security Council that it rejected any reference to Chapter Seven in a resolution for the Darfur peacekeeping force.

An unidentified Sudanese official speaking to Al-Hayat newspaper published in London said that his government rejects any mandate for the peacekeepers enabling it to use force in the areas they are deployed.

The Sudanese government main objection is the mandate allowing the force to “use all necessary means” to protect civilians. Khartoum also rejects any resolution under Chapter VII of the UN charter

Earlier Sudan’s presidential adviser Mustafa Osman Ismail told BBC Arabic service that the revised UN text is a replication of resolution 1706 issued last year and was rejected by Khartoum.

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### **Sudanese minister blames Darfur crisis on US administration**

*Excerpt from report by Sudanese radio on 27 July, BBC Monitoring--* [Presenter:] In his address at the civil society forum at Friendship Hall on current challenges, Interior Minister Prof Zubayr Bashir Taha reviewed the [Nile's] floods situation and warned that there this year's inundations were likely to be the worst ever. [Passage omitted]

The interior minister also touched on developments in the Darfur issue and stated that it was a conflict which drew momentum from foreign forces.

[Zubayr:] We hold the US administration responsible for the conflict in Darfur, just as it was responsible for the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. We hold it responsible for hindering development projects. [Passage omitted]

### **Sudan to appeal verdict in USS Cole bombing case**

July 27, 2007 (KHARTOUM) —Sudan said on Thursday it would appeal a U.S. court verdict that ordered Khartoum to pay some \$8 million to the families of U.S. sailors killed in the bombing of an American naval destroyer seven years ago in Yemen.

"We will appeal the ruling," Sudan's Justice Minister Mohammed Ali al-Mardi told Reuters.

He said his ministry would review the court verdict and ask Sudan's lawyers to challenge it.

(Reuters)

### **Recommendation on withdrawing SAF and SPLA from oil areas**

AlSudani—The CPC has fourth meeting has recommended redeploying SAF and SPLA from the oil areas in Upper Nile State. SPLA Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) Maj-Gen Bior Ajang said the oil fields will protected by the JIUs.

### **Joint committee to identify issues of conflict between two partners**

(*AlSahafa*) The NCP and the SPLM have formed a joint committee to agree on a practical vision for identifying the political and executive issues that hinder the partnership between the two CPA parties. The NCP-SPLM political committee was briefed on Thursday last week on the views of the political parties on elections law.

### **Federal Ministry of Defence welcomes appointment of Southern Minister of Defence for South Sudan**

AlIntibaha—The Federal Ministry of Defence said any opposition to the appointment of the Minister of Defence for South Sudan will provoke the SPLM. The Ministry welcome naming General Dominic Dim Deng Minister of Defence for GoSS. The Ministry has sent a high level delegation to congratulate General Dominic.

### **Head of Revenues Commission says he has been relieved through a phone call**

AlSudani—Head of National Revenues Commission Ibrahim Moniem Mansour confirmed report on being relieved from position by the Presidency. Mansour explained to AlSudani that he received the decision relieving by a phone call from the Minister of Presidential Affairs, Bakri Hassan Salih.

## **Census technical committee workshop kicks off in Rumbek**

Sunday 29 July 2007.

By: Manyang Mayom

July 28, 2007 (RUMBEEK) — The Governor of lakes State H.E. Lt. General Daniel Awet Akot inaugurated a three day workshop for the census committee in Palm tree hotel in Rumbek, South Sudan.

Mr. Isaiah Chol Aruai the chairman of workshop told Sudan Tribune that the census in Southern Sudan is proceeding satisfactorily given the difficult conditions faced by the census staff.

The fifth Sudan Population and Housing Census is a joint project sponsored by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) and the Southern Sudan Commission for Census, Statistics and Evaluation (SSCCSE).

In addition, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) provides the technical support for the implementation of the census programme.

Under the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), the census is a national requirement that will determine power sharing and the distribution of resources.

The CPA mandates that the census should be undertaken in all of Sudan at the same time using the same methodology, procedures, definitions, and concepts.

The census Technical Working Groups (TWG) was established in 2005 consisting of representatives from both CBS and SSCCSE, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) as well as some ministries from both North and South.

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## **Kenya appoints former president as special envoy to Sudan**

**Khartoum Monitor**—Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki on Wednesday named his predecessor daniel Arap Moi as Special Peace Envoy to Sudan, to help facilitate a peace deal in the South that Kenya has a strong economic interest in seeing being carried out.

Kenya's presidential press service said in a statement that KIBAKI had made the appointment after consulting Sudanese president omer Al Bashir, and that Moi's focus would be on South Sudan but would involve regional diplomacy also.

## **Kiir seeks assistance from Kenya to redeploy SAF from oil areas**

AlSahafa—The former Kenyan president, Daniel Arap Moi, who has just been named by the Kenyan prewsident as a special envoy for sudan, said Salva Kiir has requested president Kibaki to mediate so as to convince Khartoum to redploy SAF from South Sudan as stated in the CPA.

### **Ministry of energy says Sudan exporting 425,000 bpd of crude**

**The Citizen, AlSudani**—Sudan is exporting around 425,00 barrels per day (bdp) of crude and 30,000 tonnes a month of petroleum products, a senior ministry official said Saturday. The official also said deepened US sanctions earlier this year had not hurt Sudanese exports, except in administrative banking procedures.

### **ICC, Sudanese journalist to tackle government propaganda**

*Text of report in English by independent USAID-funded Sudan Radio Service on 27 July*

To counter what it says is misleading information from Sudan's Government of National Unity [GONU], the International Criminal Court [ICC], is talking with Sudanese journalists living abroad about the role of the court.

According to Middle East newspaper reporter and conference participant Mustafa Siri, the ICC hopes the conference will encourage journalists to report that the ICC is not a political court, but a court of law. The four-day conference, which started yesterday in Kampala, Uganda, is set to counter what the ICC said is inaccurate information from the GONU.

[Mustafa Siri]: "The International Criminal Court is aiming to organize a campaign to enlighten Sudanese people through the media about the ICC and the way of following a legal procedure, as well as enlighten them that the ICC is not a political court. Because the Sudanese government is making a campaign against ICC and it thinks it's a political issue. Also the ICC will present things about the Sudan law and its appropriateness with issues of crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide."

Mr Siri also said that most of the journalists attending are Sudanese living in the Diaspora because those based in Khartoum, at least, are banned from reporting anything related to the two Sudanese officials accused by ICC prosecutors of committing crimes against humanity in Darfur.

*Source: Sudan Radio Service, Nairobi, in English 0000 gmt 27 Jul 07*

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### **Jailed Sudanese opposition leader's health deteriorating**

By: Wasil Ali

July 28, 2007 (KHARTOUM) — The Sudanese government allowed the son of a jailed opposition leader to visit him for the first time since his arrest. Sudanese security services arrested Mubarak al-Fadil, leader of the Umma Reform and Renewal opposition party and his deputy over allegations of planning sabotage actions in the country.



A statement issued by Al-Fadil's office said that his eldest son Yusuf visited him in prison last Wednesday in the headquarters of Sudan's security services. Al-Fadil's family and attorneys filed numerous visit requests since his arrest two weeks ago but were all turned down.

The statement alleged that Sudanese security services denied medical attention to Al-Fadil. The latter was supposed to undergo some tests on the day of his arrest. According to the statement Al-Fadil suffers from stomach and colon problems requiring a strict diet not available in prison. As a result Al-Fadil "lost so much weight".

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## **GoSS**

### **SPLM Secretary General accuses Khartoum of genocide in Darfur, PAGAN SAYS Government responsible for forced migration of millions in Darfur**

Sudantribune.com, Al-Sahafa-- July 28, 2007 (KHARTOUM) — A senior official with Sudan's former southern rebels has accused Khartoum of genocide and ethnic cleansing in the troubled region of Darfur, local press reported on Saturday. Pagan Amun of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, which joined a national unity government after a 2005 peace deal, was speaking on the second anniversary of the death of SPLM leader John Garang, who died in a helicopter crash in Uganda two years ago.

"The government has committed crimes of genocide, ethnic cleansing, forced displacement and armed tribes against each other in Darfur," Amun said in comments reported in several papers, including the Al-Sahafa independent daily.

His remarks come a day after the UN's Human Rights Committee (HRC) officially condemned "ethnic cleansing" in Darfur and sharply rebuked Sudan's government for failing to prosecute militias involved in the killings.

(AFP)

### **Pagan calls for eradication of Jallaba nation**

### **Ex-Sudanese rebels to propose new partnership deal with ruling party 26 July**

*Text of report by Sudanese newspaper Al-Sahafah on 26 July*

[Report from Khartoum by Ahmad Fadl: "SPLM proposes today to NC a new concept of partnership"]

The SPLM was due to propose today to the [ruling] National Congress [NC] a new strategy for decision-making with the aim of enabling it to participate in the formulation of political decisions. Meanwhile the Presidency Establishment decided at its meeting yesterday to form a commission to follow up the implementation of the Blue Nile and the South Kordofan agreements and to form a national civil service commission.

A meeting was due to be held this afternoon at the premises of the SPLM for the joint political committee headed by NC deputy chairman Nafi Ali Nafi and SPLM secretary-general Pagan Amum. Deputy Parliamentary Speaker Atim Garang, a leading SPLM member, said that a shroud of fogginess is enveloping the partnership between the Naivasha partners, something which makes the Sudanese people doubtful about the sincerity of the two sides on the peace agreement.

He added in statements to Al-Sahafa that they would explain to the NC representatives the SPLM perception of partnership, as spelled out in the activation of partnership procedures, through consultations among partisan bodies when any decision is taken.

He said that the meeting would discuss in addition to this unification of the media dissertation, especially in view of the recent media exchanges between the two parties, exchanges which he described as light, in addition to studying the deployment of forces and the importance of armed forces and popular army commanders refraining from making political statements. He said the two sides will not deal with the Abyei issue, considering that the Presidency alone is entitled to decide on settling this dispute.

In a related development, a meeting comprising President Umar al-Bashir and his two vice-presidents Salva Kiir Mayardit and Ali Uthman Muhammad Taha agreed to form a commission to follow up and assess the implementation of the Blue Nile and South Kordofan Agreements, in accordance with the stipulates of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, and to form the National Civil Service Commission since the National Council [Parliament] has approved the law on its establishment.

The Presidency Establishment's meeting was briefed on progress in implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, according to Minister of State at the Presidency Tillar Rinq Denq who said that the meeting was briefed on the outcome of the visit by the President of the Republic to Darfur's three provinces and the visit by the First Vice-President to China. He stressed the need for effective follow-up of the directives and recommendations resulting from the visit. The minister said the next Presidency meeting will be briefed on the progress in assignments related to the security and military arrangements by the Joint Defence Council; on the achievements and actions taken by the National Council for Population Census, and the report of the committee for demarcating borders between the North and South in line with the borders prevailing on January 1, 1956.

*Source: Al-Sahafah, Khartoum, in Arabic 26 Jul 07*

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### **SPLM MPS boycott session of Khartoum State Legislative Assembly, refuse apology by Interior Minister**

Rai Alshaab—The Head of the SPLM parliamentary group in the Khsartoum State Assembly refused accepting an apology from the Minister of Interior for banning him from travel to Egypt last week. The SPLM parliamentarey group says it will continue boycotting the sessions of assembly pending lifting of travel ban against its Chairman.

## **SPLM apologizes to northern civilian war victims**

**(Sudan Tribune, AlSudani)**—The SPLM made a formal apology to northern civilians hurt in the South during the course of the war acknowledging wrongdoing a time when renowned journalist Alhaj Warag issued a similar admission of guilt on behalf of the northerners for horrific misdeeds including torching and shelling of villages pleading for forgiveness by his compatriots from other ethnic groups. Speaking yesterday during a seminar held by the SPLM in the Friendship Hall, General Secretary Pagan Amum apologized for atrocities committed against upright northern citizens some of whom were teachers in southern schools killed in a surge of anger and bigotry.

## **Darfur**

### ***Political:***

#### **Egyptian envoy for Darfur**

According to the Egyptian AlSharq AlAwsat the Egyptian president has named Ambassador Ahmed Hajaj as a special envoy for Darfur.

#### **Darfur rebel leader calls for a strong resolution on Darfur force**

July 27, 2007 (LONDON) — A key Darfur rebel group leader called on the UN Security Council (UNSC) to adopt a strong resolution on Darfur peacekeeping force. Abdelwahid al-Nur, leader of Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM), told Sudan Tribune that any resolution without a Chapter Seven mandate is “simply unacceptable”.

Al-Nur blasted attempts by some UNSC members to remove or weaken language on the use of Chapter Seven in the resolution. “Why are they desperately trying to accommodate and reward Khartoum? Does the suffering of the Darfurian people mean anything to them?” Al-Nur said.

“Without a strong mandate how can these forces protect the people of Darfur? This is exactly why the SLM boycotted the Arusha talks; because I want to see security for my people on the ground first”.

Al-Nur expressed disappointment over South Africa, a non-permanent member of the UNSC, position on the hybrid force. “The South Africans have felt what it is like to be oppressed during the apartheid years and we expected them to stand firmly by our people in the tragedy they are going through”. Al Nur said. Al Nur called on South Africa to reverse its support of Khartoum on the issue

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## **INTERVIEW-Darfur mediators must not forget rebels in field**

By Opheera McDoom

KHARTOUM, July 26 (Reuters) - U.N. and African Union Darfur envoys should unite rebel field commanders to avoid infighting and chaos before any peace deal is signed to end the bloodshed, a senior rebel member said on Thursday.

Suleiman Jamous, the rebel Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) humanitarian coordinator, added rebel political leaders who lived outside Sudan's war-torn west should hurry to achieve peace and not forget the millions of civilians suffering because of the revolt.

U.N. Darfur envoy Jan Eliasson and his AU counterpart Salim Ahmed Salim hope to unite rebel factions and agree on a negotiating position and venue in a meeting in Tanzania in August. But Jamous said any deal would be worthless if field commanders were not on board.

"It is better to work towards unity for the SLA at least before ending the peace talks with any sort of agreement," he told Reuters by telephone from a U.N. hospital in South Kordofan, a region that neighbours Darfur.

"It can work simultaneously with the efforts towards the negotiating table but the unification should end before a peace deal is signed."

Dozens of field commanders control the ground in Darfur and have often expressed differences with their political leadership outside the region, who they say do not consult them enough.

During previous talks, the disconnect between the political leaders negotiating and the commanders on the ground hindered discussions on security arrangements because clashes continued.

After a peace deal signed by only one of three rebel negotiating factions last year, the rebels fragmented with infighting between signatories and non-signatories.

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Jamous warned this would repeat itself if there was no field unity conference.

Jar el-Neby, a senior SLA field commander, also wants U.N. and AU support for unity talks before the meeting in Tanzania.

Previous unity meetings have been spoiled as political leaders outside the region did not attend.

"We should neglect our personal agendas for the agenda of the conflict and how to solve it for the sake of the civilians suffering for our years," Jamous added.

"They need to think of the future of Darfur after the peace -- how we can keep our community together with the killing we created."

Jamous has been virtually imprisoned in the U.N. hospital for 13 months after he was rescued from Darfur in need of urgent medical treatment. Khartoum calls him a "terrorist" and says he will be arrested if he leaves the hospital.

However, he is still in telephone contact with commanders and said if were released he could help unite the field.

Jamous said any new peace talks needed to address the weaknesses of last year's deal, which included the disarmament and reintegration of the Janjaweed militias, mobilised by the government and accused of rape, murder and looting.

"Any kind of presence of armed men in undisciplined ranks is the cause of this conflict and the failure of any peace deal," he said.

He said the international community needed to guarantee the implementation of any agreement, especially dismantling the militias. A U.N.-AU joint force under discussion could play that role.

Jamous coordinated access for the world's largest humanitarian operation to hundreds of thousands in need of aid during the conflict. His work earned him the respect of many groups and kept rebel looting of aid convoys to a minimum.

Experts estimate 200,000 have been killed and 2.5 million driven from their homes since mostly non-Arab rebels took up arms accusing central government of neglect in early 2003.

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### **Bashir announces plan for moving IDPS from camps in Darfur**

**AlAyam**-- President Al Bashir has urged the national NGOs to better organize themselves in order to provide assistance to the people in Darfur and take the IDPs from the camps to their villages.

**Minni Minawi reviews situation in Darfur with AMIS leadership, promises vechiles will be returned (see AMIS PR attached)**

### **France, UK issue joint statement calling for "complete cease-fire" in Darfur**

*Excerpt from report by French news agency AFP*

Paris, 27 July 2007: Today, Friday, Paris and London issued a joint call to the Sudanese government and the rebels in the Darfur region to honour a complete "cease-fire" to give a concrete sign of their "commitment to the political process" to resolve the crisis in the region.

"We call on the Sudanese government and the rebels to show their commitment to the political process by stopping all hostilities and by pledging to honour a complete cease-fire," said British and French foreign ministers David Miliband and Bernard Kouchner, in a joint statement.

[Passage omitted: background]

Messrs Kouchner and Miliband urge "all those invited to participate in the meeting in Arusha (Tanzania), called by the special envoys of the African Union and the United Nations, from 3 to 5 August, to attend. By not participating, they would be expressing a refusal to solve the suffering in Darfur and would be hindering the political process".

The two ministers emphasize that their countries "are working persistently in New York to see to it that the African Union/United Nations hybrid peacekeeping force is approved rapidly, in such a way as to ensure its rapid deployment".

They call on "all of the parties to honour the commitments they made in Tripoli", where a conference on 16 July last made it possible to relaunch a political process in order to restore peace to this region of western Sudan.

[Passage omitted: further background]

*Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in French 1249 gmt 27 Jul 07*  
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### ***Security:***

#### **Justice Minister says Rizeigat-Tarjam conflict may escalate further**

Al-Rai AlAam-- Minister of Justice, Mohamed Ali al Mardhi, who visited Darfur, said the conflict between the Rizeigat and Tarjam tribes might escalate further. The minister said he is discussing this issue with the Defence Minister so as to take required precautions.

#### **16 killed as tribal clashes erupt in Darfur**

Khartoum-- At least 16 people were killed and 20 wounded in a clash between rival Arab tribes in the war-torn Darfur region, local authorities said on Wednesday.

### ***Humanitarian:***

#### **45% of IDPs in Darfur return home, 30 million dollars for completing compensations**

*(Alwihda)*-- The Government has allocated 30 million US dollars so as to complete the compensations for the victims in Darfur. The Head of the Darfur Compensations Commission, Adam al Nour al Amin, said the Government will provide more funds for this purpose.

- **Eastern Sudan:**

*Political:*

**Beja Congress boycotts workshop in Asmara on capacity building for Eastern Front**

**Alkhabar--**The Beja Congress decided to boycott a capacity building workshop organized by the Eritrean Government for the leaders of eastern Sudan who have been nominated for position the GoNU. He said organizing such a workshop at this particular time seems like imposing non Sudanese agenda.

*Security:*

**Assassination attempt on Eastern Front Chairman reported**

**The Citizen--** A senior leader of the Eastern Front, who preferred not to be named, disclosed an unsuccessful attempt, lead by some factions and supported by a neighbouring country, to assassinate EF leader Commander Musa Mohamed Ahmed.