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### **UN/ Agencies/ Partners**

#### **UN to organise medical camp in Blue Nile State**

*(Khartoum Monitor)* UN Pakistani peacekeepers organised yesterday at Regabe village in Gaisan, Blue Nile State, a free medical camp for the citizens.

Sector Commander Khalid Mohamed said that they supplied medical services to all parts of Blue Nile State and that they mainly target those who have no medical services in their areas. He said that the activities are being carried out in coordination with the Ministry of Health in the state.

Many citizens of Regaba who spoke to the Khartoum Monitor expressed concerns over the poor health situation in their area.

#### **UN Human Rights Council presents report on situation in Darfur**

*(Khartoum Monitor)* The UN Human Rights Council will today present a report to the UN General Assembly on the rights situation in Darfur.

The report has been prepared by a group of experts mandated by the Human Rights Council (Resolution 4/8).

### **The UN Support Package to the AMIS**

#### **Sudan accepts AU-UN force in Darfur**

*(AFP via SudanTribune.com)* Sudan accepted Tuesday the deployment of a hybrid African Union-United Nations force for Darfur, in a move to end the violence and bring humanitarian aid to the war-ravaged region.

A joint statement by the AU, UN and Sudan said the Khartoum government had "accepted the joint proposals of the hybrid operation" and that delegates at the three-way talks had agreed on the need for a comprehensive ceasefire accompanied by an inclusive political process.

"The proposed operation would contribute considerably to the stabilisation of the situation in Darfur, in its political, humanitarian and security dimensions," said the statement read by the AU Peace and Security Commissioner Said Djinnit in the Ethiopian capital.

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Sudan's delegate to the talks, Mutrif Seddik, said his government's position on an AU-UN force has been misunderstood, adding that Khartoum backed the proposal last November and what was needed were "some declarations and clarifications."

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UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon hailed the agreement saying he looked forward "to expeditiously implementing the three-phase approach to peacekeeping in Darfur," said UN spokeswoman Michele Montas in a statement.

Dimitri Titov, the head of UN peacekeeping operations in Africa, said the hybrid force will comprise some 17,500 to 19,600 troops in addition to more than 6,000 policemen.

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*World should remain cautious on Sudan's acceptance of the hybrid operations, says Abdul Wahid Nur*

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The UN envoy said the Darfur peacekeeping efforts would be a "lasting, daunting, dangerous operation," calling for "a lot of dedication."

"The peacekeeping operation is not the only solution, the only solution lays in the political sphere where an inclusive political process will be required," Titov said.

Meanwhile opposition SLM leader AbdulWahid Mohamed Nur says world should remain cautious on Sudan's acceptance of the hybrid forces and to keep pressures on Khartoum for full implementation of Addis Ababa agreement, reports *SudanTribune.com*.

Al-Nur Pointed out that Sudanese government had previously reneged on commitments about accepting such agreement. "They are used every time they feel huge pressure to sign deal but after they do not apply it." Al-Nur said.

Additional reporting from the AP reports that U.N. diplomats said the approval for a hybrid operation in Darfur came with difficult conditions, and there was widespread skepticism of any breakthrough.

U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack, expressing Washington's skepticism, noted that African countries lack the assets to provide the full number of troops without support from outside the continent.

"President Bashir has made promises before about accepting an A.U.-U.N. hybrid force, but there's always the fine print," he said Tuesday. "So, to say that the force would be limited to only African troops is, in effect, to say that you are not agreeing to the full 17,000 to 19,000 troops."

\* See text of Conclusions in separate attachment

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## ***COMMENTS:***

### **What next after Sudan's consent to a hybrid operation?**

(*AlAyaam*) Prominent columnist, Kamal el-Sadiq, welcomes government consent to the deployment of a hybrid operation in Darfur following 7 months of arduous talks. He points out however that the problem may be in the implementation of the agreement.

He pointed out that all sides should meet their obligations. The international community should expedite the provision of personnel and funds for the operation and this, he points out, requires that the Security Council issue a resolution on funding.

Government, he points out, should also meet its obligations as set out in the agreement. He said that this is the last chance the government has to preserve the country's unity. On top of all this, he goes on to say, the government must adhere to the ceasefire and work to bring about a conducive climate for talks on Darfur.

The armed movements should also adhere to the ceasefire and at least unify their negotiating position for the talks.

The main issue remaining is that all parties expedite measures to complement the peace process with the political process.

## **CPA**

### **Parties to the CPA to resume meetings today**

(*AlRai AlAam*) The joint executive committee of the parties to the CPA resume meetings today after having earlier tasked two committee to carry out necessary consultation and draft proposals on Abyei and issues pertaining to its boundaries.

Committee member Deng Alor said that the committee spent the whole of yesterday discussing issues pertaining to representation of the two parties in an interim authority for Abyei.

President Bashir who had chaired a meeting of the National Congress Party consultative office earlier yesterday told the meeting that 95% of outstanding issues between the two parties to the CPA have been resolved.

## **SPLM and NCP agree to integrate police and security forces in South Kordofan**

(<http://Miraya> website on 12 June) The governor of South Kordofan State, Ismail Khamis Jallab, has said that the National Congress Party and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) had agreed to integrate the Police and Security Forces in the State.

Speaking to Miraya FM Jallab said that the committees formed in the State to supervise the implementation of the Naivasha agreement has reached to a compromise. "Initially the two partners agreed on integrating the police and appointing members from the SPLM as security offices," Jallab said. Jallab added, "the two partners had agreed to establish two commissions of disarmament in the two states but details will be discussed and the meetings are still continuing".

## **GoNU**

### **Good progress made in voluntary returns in Darfur, says humanitarian affairs minister**

(*Sudan Vision; Khartoum Monitor*) Speaking before the National Assembly, humanitarian affairs minister Kosta Manibe admits that humanitarian work is facing some challenges like security concerns.

He said that in its 2007 plan, the ministry aims to develop politicise for humanitarian work in collaboration with the concerned bodies. Top objectives of the minister also include the review legislation and laws governing humanitarian activity to make them consistent with the Humanitarian and Voluntary Work Act 2006 and the National Interim Constitution.

He said that the ministry is cooperating with stakeholders to improve the humanitarian situation in Darfur and that the situation has indeed improved.

He also pointed out that voluntary repatriation of IDPs and refugees is making progress and that the ministry will continue cooperating with stakeholders to carry out voluntary returns programs to southern Sudan and the Three Areas.

### **Sudan denies any intelligence cooperation with US on Iraq**

(*SudanTribune.com*) Sudan's spy agency issued a statement today denying reports that it is assisting the US in tracking down insurgents in Iraq.

The Los Angeles Times published a report on Monday highlighting the cooperation between the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) to infiltrate armed groups in Iraq.

The report was quoting CIA officials who said that Sudan has "assembled a network of informants in Iraq providing intelligence on the insurgency". The role of NISS acting as a proxy for CIA has also extended to Somalia where the US believes that al-Qaeda suspects are hiding.

The spokesman for NISS stressed that all cooperation with CIA is conducted exclusively on Sudanese soil and “never had been extended beyond boundaries to reach territories of other states particularly those countries which have mutual interest with Sudan based on exchange respect to national sovereignty”.

The statement by NISS contradicted sharply with those made by Sudan’s former foreign minister Mustafa Osman Ismail who acknowledged in an interview that his country has “served as the eyes and ears of the CIA in Somalia”. [Follow the link to the full text [Sudan denies any intelligence cooperation with US on Iraq](#)].

### **Sudan, Ethiopia plan to defuse Nuer border communities tensions**

(*IRIN via SudanTribune.com*) Authorities in Akobo, Southern Sudan, and Tiergol in the Gambella region of Ethiopia are planning talks to defuse tensions between communities living in the border region, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Ethiopia reported.

The tension around Akobo is between two subgroups of the Nuer ethnic group – who predominantly live in Sudan but also have significant numbers in Gambella - the Lou Nuer and the Jikany Nuer.

A study released on Monday by the Geneva-based Small Arms Survey concludes that despite efforts by the Southern Sudanese military to disarm Nuer-dominated militia, loosely known as the ‘White Army’ in southeastern Sudan, "the pacification of South Sudan has brought the social crises within Lou and other peoples increasingly to the fore". [*IRIN via SudanTribune.com*].

### **New Press law rules out censorship on newspapers**

(<http://Miraya> website on 12 June) The Press Committee in the Interim National Assembly has passed the drafted law on Press and Publications. The draft was prepared by the Centre for Future Studies. The new law out rules press censorship with the exception in the state of war and emergency. The law also says that the license for printing houses or newspapers should not be withdrawn without a court decision.

Speaking to Miraya FM the director for the Centre of Future Studies, Mohamed Mahjouj Haroun, said that a journalist should not be considered a journalist by registrations but with experiences. "A law should not be a condition that a journalist should be registered because a journalist is a journalist so far as he or she is dedicated and has functional capacity as well as academic preparations," Haroun said. Haroun said that for a journalist to be certified in the country he or she should obtain a certificate from the press institution indicating that he or she is working with that institution.

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### ***EDITORIAL:***

The *AlAyaam* editorial piece for today is under the heading *Preparations for the forthcoming elections*. The paper commends the initiative by the National Constitution Review Commission to invite key media

figures for a discussion over the role of the press in the forthcoming elections. The paper laments the fact that despite the great importance of the forthcoming elections and the fact that the timeline is drawing close for the elections, the elections itself does not feature much in the agenda of political parties and organisations.

The editorial points out preparations for the elections would take quite some time given the fact it is the first multi-party democratic elections to be held in two decades of totalitarian authority barricaded with “an arsenal of tough legislature”.

The census from which the demographic divisions and the electoral constituencies will be identified is yet to kick off, IDP voluntary returns are yet to pick pace, the peace deal for Darfur has not been given the important it warrants as an instrument for peace through which the people can participate in the elections and the “arsenal of legislature” that puts obstacles to democratic and political practice is yet to be scraped, the paper laments.

On the procedural side, the electoral law is yet to be enacted and without it no step can be taken to form the independent electoral commissions or draw the electoral list.

He wonders whether the media can succeed in tackling the task of rejuvenating the process and encouraging the political forces in seriously tackling these issues.

## **Southern Sudan**

### **GoSS with World Bank launches \$42 million five-year project**

*(The Citizen)* The Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries in the GoSS in collaboration with the World Bank launched a “Livestock and Fisheries Development Project” yesterday at the Heron Campsite in Juba.

Addressing the opening session of the ceremony, the Minister of Animal Resources and Fisheries at the GoSS said that the project is being jointly financed by the GoSS and the World Bank administered Multi-Donor Trust Fund.

### **GoSS finance minister welcomes idea of an independent revenue authority**

*(The Citizen)* The GoSS finance minister has admitted yesterday that the idea of having an independent revenue authority of southern Sudan is welcome.

He made the admission following a presentation on the legal framework for taxation in his office recommended and adopted by civil society groups after two days of deliberation and consultation.

The finance minister disclosed that his ministry has already drafted a legal framework regarding the establishment of an independent revenue authority in southern Sudan that includes an independent board that would cover all the areas and all levels of government.

### **Uganda and LRA rebels merge their position on reconciliation and accountability**

(<http://Miraya> website on 12 June) The government of Uganda and the Lords Resistance Army (LRA) peace delegations have merged their position papers on the reconciliation and accountability. The two peace groups have been in the past week separately scrutinizing the agenda on reconciliation and accountability. The spokesperson of the LRA, Justin Labeja, said that the two parties had agreed that any party will be held responsible for what it has committed during the conflict. Labeja further said the parties will today present their proposals to the chief mediator, Dr. Riak Machar to decide when the two groups will start discussing the paper. Labeja said the parties will cross examine incidents of violations of human rights by the two parties since war started. A member of the LRA delegation said the round table discussion will convene next Thursday.

### **Prices for public transportation in Juba town increase**

(<http://Miraya> website on 12 June) The price for Public Transport in Juba town has risen from fifty piaster to one Sudanese Pound. However, some passengers continue to insist on paying fifty piaster. Transport owners and fuel dealers said fuel prices had increased from fifteen Sudanese Pounds to twenty-five Sudanese pounds per litre. They also said the latest blaze that destroyed thousands of litres of fuel in Custom Market led to the increase of the prices in the town.

A public transport driver in Juba town, James Michael Angelo, said that the income for running the bus does not cover the expenditure. "We were buying a gallon of gasoline from the Mobil Gas Station in Juba with 9 Sudanese Pounds and within two days the price went up to 25 Sudanese Pounds," Angelo said. Angelo added, "Therefore we held a meeting and raise the transportation tariff to one pound, but it can be retained if the fuel prices come down".

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- [Boomtown Sudan's Nimule under strain](#)
- [Massive animal herd survives in South Sudan](#)

## **Darfur**

### **IDP representatives say will boycott Juba conference on Darfur**

(*AlAyaam*) The spokesperson for refugees and IDP camps in Darfur has revealed that a group of 21 camp leaders meeting yesterday have declared they will not participate at the Juba conference due next week.

They have called instead for Vice-President Kiir to tour the camps to see the situation there for himself.

Spokesperson Hussein Abu-Shartai disclosed that the camp leaders have sent a memorandum to the GoSS to that extent and have requested the VP to urge Khartoum to stop bombarding their villages and camps.



“We want to tell the Vice-President that the SPLM/A was once a friend to the people of Darfur and is now a partner in the GoNU. It is aware that the government bombards our villages but we have never heard a single word of condemnation to these acts from the GoSS,” he said.

### **Sudan reiterates rejection of Paris Conference on Darfur**

*(Xinhua via SudanTribune.com)* The Sudanese government announced on Tuesday its refusal of the invitation to attend an international conference France proposed to host in Paris on June 25 to discuss the crisis in the western Sudanese region of Darfur.

The announcement was made by the Sudanese Foreign Ministry one day after French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner concluded a two-day visit in Khartoum where he conveyed the invitation to the Sudanese sides.

Before Kouchner’s arrival in Sudan, the Sudanese Foreign Ministry said in a statement that similar invitations had been sent to the United Nations, the African Union, the European Union and the United States, South Africa, China as well as other countries except Sudan.

"In the context of its preparation for this conference, the French government has not made contacts or consultations with Sudan," the statement said.

It added that any conference on Darfur was a matter concerning Sudan, and that "the outcome of this conference will be useless without the agreement and blessing of Sudan."

The statement noted that an recent international meeting in Tripoli had stressed the necessity to unify the existing initiatives and draw a road map for reaching peace through negotiations under the sponsorship of the African Union and the United Nations.

It expressed expectation that the envoys of the United Nations and the African Union, Jan Eliasson and Salem Ahmed Salem, will pay a visit to Sudan soon to continue their mediation efforts.

"Any initiative outside this framework will only break up the efforts and not serve the peace cause in Darfur," the statement added.

### **Chad can't refuse troops on Sudan border for long time - Deby**

*(AP via SudanTribune.com)* Chad may allow international peacekeeping troops to deploy along its border with Sudan to create safe passage for humanitarian aid to the war-torn Darfur region, the president of the African country said Tuesday.

President Idriss Deby said Chad was under intense international pressure to accept such a plan, but he wouldn't provide specifics nor confirm if he would allow U.N. troops to be deployed on Chad's border.

"Chad is a poor country and it cannot stand up to the pressures by the world's major powers and the United Nations," Deby told reporters Cairo after talks with the Arab League's top diplomats.

"In the past, we refused the international troops, but now the situation does not allow that and if there will be further deterioration we won't be able to resist," he said. [[Follow the link to the full text Chad can't refuse troops on Sudan border for long time - Deby](#)].

### **Local administration in West Darfur calls for opening of migration routes**

*(Rai AlShaab)* Local administration figures in West Darfur have called on the concerned parties to open up migration routes and said they are running out of patience as they wait for the convening of a comprehensive peace conference of the tribes of the region.

They insist that the migration routes be opened before the rains set in to avert clashes between pastoralists and cattle keepers.