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Khartoum says ready to protect UNAMID, UNMIS convoys

According to the daily English newspaper (**Sudan Vision**), the Spokesman of the Sudan Ministry of Foreign Ministry Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig has affirmed the government's readiness to take all steps to assist the deployment of the hybrid operation and restoration of security and stability in Darfur.

The spokesperson was reacting to the request made by the USG for protecting convoys carrying equipments and requirements of the two international missions in Darfur and southern Sudan. Mr. Al-Sadiq said Khartoum had earlier offered to protect the convoys of the international organization but UN turned down the offer, arguing that such protection might prejudice its neutrality.

CPA and UN role

(Al-Sahafa) This is an article written by Mohamed Akasha on the CPA and UNMIS role towards implementation. The writer has commended efforts by UNMIS PIO to disseminate the CPA, following is summary of the article:

UNMIS Public Information Office (PIO), as part of its efforts to ensure effective implementation, organized an intensive training workshop for Sudanese journalists on the CPA signed between GoS and SPLM on 9th January 2005 in Kenya. The workshop witnessed dialogue and debate on the importance of the CPA and its implementation.

The workshop was a useful opportunity for journalists to discuss CPA provisions in details. The profound understanding of the CPA by the workshop organizers proved helpful and encouraged free and fruitful discussions. The CPA was meticulously formulated by experts from both sides and others from the International Community, IGAD and UN.

The participants emphasized the importance of CPA dissemination. UNMIS, since its inception, has been organizing workshops involving a wide range of society sections particularly university students and professors, relevant bodies and specialists but the focus should be on journalists as they will in turn raise the awareness of the public about the agreement. The participants stressed the need for continued workshops and feel should involve all society sections in villages and workplace.

The workshop was constructive and useful work, the journalist made maximum use of it. The organizers have played a great role in explaining some important CPA provisions and their cooperation with the journalists during the workshop was also commendable. There is a need for a workshop on Abyei and another on capacity building.

On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank Mr. Jordan Dakamseh and his team for organizing the workshop.

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[Minni Minnawi says his return to Khartoum depends on DPA implementation](#)

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The Senior Assistant to the President and Chairman of the Darfur Transitional Authority Minni Minnawi told **Al-Rai Al-Aam** newspaper that he would return to Khartoum whenever there were positive signs of DPA implementation. Minnawi is currently in Kamu area in Darfur and said he would remain in Darfur for sometime, adding his movement was committed to the DPA.

Minnawi has threatened strict disciplinary measures against some of his movement's leaders whom he described as "traitors, cowards and agents" because of telling a lie that he paid a secret visit to Chad.

According to **Al-Intibaha** newspaper, the Presidential Advisor Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail has called upon Minni Minnawi to remain committed to agreed DPA mechanisms and direct dialogue to tackle differences and disputes facing DPA implementation. He said DPA was alive and NCP was ready for dialogue to dislodge obstacles encountering implementation adding that SLM (MM) was to blame for the delay of implementation.

[Arrest of 27 suspects for investigation on Omdurman attack](#)

Sudan Vision reported that Security authorities yesterday arrested (27) JEM suspects for investigations in connection with attack on Omdurman of May 10th 2008. NISS Information Director told SMC that investigations on Omdurman incidents have unearthed facts that required the arrests of those suspects. He pointed out that (16) of these were once released after spending 4 years in jail following the second sabotage attempt in September 2004.

[SPLA impounds plane in Juba, says carrying military personnel](#)

(**Al-Intibaha**) SPLA impounded at Juba airport a plane carrying SAF personnel (southern Sudanese) who traveled to southern Sudan on leave, arguing that the plane was carrying additional force. The SPLA prevented SAF soldiers from entering Juba city.

The newspaper has learnt that the plane, owned by Azza airlines, was chartered by JIUs to transport the personnel desirous of traveling to southern Sudan on annual leave. A source told the newspaper that the plane was still detained at the airport.

[Thousands IDPs to be repatriated to Abyei within a week](#)

(Al-Sahafa) Repatriation of thousands of IDPs to Abyei will begin within a week. Many NGOs which visited the area are presently working to clean the area of bodies and debris resulting from SAF and SPLA clashes.

NCP official Zakaria Atem said the return will occur within a week.

On the other hand, informed sources said SPLM leadership responded to the Dink request by removing Edward Lino from the list of candidates for Abyei administration top post.

Ten-day training sessions for JIUs before Deployment in Abyei

JDB spokesperson: Accommodation and transportation obstacles facing JIU deployment

(Sudan Vision/Al-Ahdath) Second-in-Command of the Joint Forces in Abyei, Lt. Col. Ali Abdullah, revealed that joint training for SAF and SPLA units would continue for ten days after which the forces will be deployed in accordance with roadmap reached under the recent Abyei agreement.

He explained that joint training is a different process from integration since integration will take place once the troops reside in one camp as individuals whereas joint training takes the form of executing a joint task following the agreement made after the Abyei incidents.

He pointed out that the joint forces will undertake the security of the region along with other security forces after SAF, SPLA troops have left the area, revealing that implementation of the first phase of Abyei agreement was started day before yesterday by joint training for SAF and SPLA forces which had arrived in the region on the 18th of the current month. SAF units, he said, have started deploying northwards following the provisions of the Abyei agreement.

Meanwhile, the Governor of the Unity State, Taban Deng, expressed his satisfaction at the radical solutions reached by the two partners on Abyei and asserted that the step would lead to stability of conditions in his State which is adjacent to Abyei.

"After this agreement, Abyei citizens will enjoy an administration that will provide the necessary assistance and services for them, particularly in the fields of education and health," he said.

However, Al-Ahdath newspaper reported that JDB spokesperson Pior Ajang has complained of obstacles hindering JIUs deployment, citing accommodation and transportation as the main problems.

US says no early resumption of normalization talks with Sudan

(ST) The US ruled out a quick resumption of dialogue with Sudan on normalizing ties that were suspended unexpectedly earlier this month.

The US charge d’Affaires to Sudan Alberto Fernandez was quoted by the official news agency (SUNA) as saying that “it is too early to talk about the next steps to continue the US-Sudan dialogue”.

“Of course we know that sooner or later we will see continuation of talks for the benefit of both sides,” he added following a meeting with the Sudanese presidential adviser Mustafa Ismail.

Government delegation to visit US

(Al-Rai Al-Aam) Government officials and leaders representing two Darfur’s rebel movements will take part in meetings tomorrow in Washington focusing on Darfur crisis.

Quoting Alsharq Alawsat news paper on Monday, the paper said that President’s Advisor Dr. Ghazi Salaheddin, Paris self-exiled SLM Leader Abdulwahid Mohamed Nur, Speaker of JEM’s Legislative Council Tahir Alfaki, Minister of International Cooperation Dr. Altigani Salih Fidail , President’s Advisor Bona Malwal and former Foreign Minister Lam Akol will participate in the meetings.

The discussions, organized by Manchester Trade and Executive Research Associate Institutes, will be under the title “Darfur Problem and its reflections on Sudan and the Area”.

GoSS

Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly unanimously endorses air force law

(Al-Sahafa) Southern Sudan Legislature unanimously passed a law allowing SPLA to establish a strong air and defence forces for southern Sudan.

GoSS Ministry of Finance issues statement on oil revenues

Al-Ayyam newspaper reported that GoSS Ministry of Finance issued statement on shares of oil revenues GoSS received as per CPA.

According to the statement, Sudan’s total oil revenues for the period January – March 2008 amounted to \$1.461 billions out of which \$ 834 millions was the share of Federal Government while GoSS share was \$627 millions out of which GoSS received \$563 millions and the balance still lying with the Federal Government.

Darfur

Arab League chief to visit Sudan for talks on Darfur, CPA

(ST) The Secretary General of Arab League Umro Musa plans to visit Sudan soon for talks on Darfur’s latest developments as well as to follow the implementation of the CPA after the signing of Ayei roadmap agreement.

Arab League envoy on Sudan, Ambassador Salah Halima said yesterday that he handed a message in this regard from Musa to the Sudanese Foreign Minister Deng Alor

According to Arab League Envoy on Sudan Ambassador Salah Halim, Musa — during his visit to Sudan — would visit a number of important sites in Darfur, Juba and Khartoum aimed at maximizing the role of the Arab League in the areas of political, humanitarian and reconstruction concerns in Sudan.

Sudanese authorities ban a novel on Darfur atrocities, say permission was not obtained

(ST) Sudanese authorities confiscated an Arabic novel on Darfur atrocities under the pretext that the Canada-based publisher had failed to obtain the appropriate permission

The Key Publishing House said in a statement issued yesterday that Sudanese security confiscated a novel (Desirable Glance) written by Yagoub Adam Saed Al-Nour because it failed to produce the appropriate documented permission for the book

The Desirable Glance narrates the frustration of the hero "Nour Al-Din" who tries to understand "the unimaginable horror that transformed his beloved country into the current political dilemma."

"The crux of this eloquent novel explains the how, why, and what motives govern the decision making process in Nour Al-Din hopeless homeland and his hope for new beginnings." The Key said in its statement.

The publisher refuted the claims of the Sudanese authorities saying its representative had obtained all the legal permissions for the book from the Censorship Department, Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sports, The Federal Council for Literary and Artistic Work.

Despite constitutional guarantees for the respect of freedom of expression in accordance with the Interim National Constitution, Sudanese authorities continue to control the media and the content of printed publications.

Last Thursday, Ajras al-Huriya, an independent newspaper suspended work saying censorship by authorities had made it impossible to function. The deputy editor of the daily told Reuters that "the security elements are replacing the role of the editor-in-chief."

Lawyer of Darfur rebels to challenge legality of special courts

(Reuters) Lawyers for 36 people accused of involvement in a Darfur rebel attack on Sudan's capital said on Monday they would challenge the legality of special courts formed to try them, arguing that they violate the constitution.

Kamal al-Jazouli, a member of the defence team, told reporters: "We will go to the constitutional court and ask for them to stop all of these proceedings completely and we will await their decision."

"How can we cross-examine witnesses or the accused if we've not met them yet?" said Amin Mekki, lead counsel for the Khartoum court.

Mekki said the defence team would lodge its case with the constitutional court to stop all three courts working in the coming day or two on the basis that the rules of the special tribunals contravene the constitution and criminal procedures.

The three courts will sit again on Tuesday, the lawyers said. Sudan's prosecutor general was not immediately available to comment on the rationale for the special courts.

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