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## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

### **Southern Sudan/ SPLM**

#### **SPLM in shock as spokesperson for the north resigns**

(*AlAyaam* – 26<sup>th</sup> Jun. **Khartoum**) Key SPLM figures in Khartoum were in meetings the whole day yesterday to try to convince SPLM spokesperson for northern Sudan, Mr. Waleed Hamid, to withdraw his resignation.

The SPLM is to convene a meeting of its General Secretariat today to address the issue.

A prominent member of the SPLM said that this resignation is a test of the institutions of the SPLM. He said Mr. Waleed should have first brought his grievances to the relevant institutions within the SPLM and then proceed to tender in his resignation should they not be addressed appropriately.

### **DPA/Darfur**

#### **Minnawi faction releases Jamous**

(*AlRai AlAam* – 26<sup>th</sup> Jun. **Khartoum**) Sources within the Minnawi faction of the SLM say that an advance delegation of the SLM was delayed from traveling to Khartoum due to complications in flight following the recent decision by the government to suspend UN operations in Darfur.

SLM Spokesman Mahjoub Hussein further revealed that field commander Suleiman Jamous who has been in detention for some time has been released as of last Saturday.

The Spokesperson added that Jamous was transported to Kadugli after giving guarantees that he would not obstruct the implementation of the DPA and that he will abide by the rule of law and the institutions of the SLM.

#### **SLM-Minnawi tours IDP camps around Omdurman**

(*AlAyaam* – 26<sup>th</sup> Jun. **Khartoum**) The SLM delegation currently in Khartoum visited yesterday some IDP settlements in Omdurman.

The spokesperson for the delegation who addressed the IDPs said that they decided to visit the IDP settlements to show solidarity with the IDPs.

Spokesperson Mahjoub Hussein said that the SLM took up arms to fight for the rights of the marginalised people.

He called upon the international community to pressure the government into abandoning its policy of using hunger as a tool against the people and to provide protection to the people.

He said that all people living on the peripheries in IDP settlements could be classified as “marginalised people” as they lack basic services while Khartoum is bustling with motorcar traffic.

He also said that the demand by the IDPs for international troops to deploy to Darfur is only evidence that they have tired of the life they have been forced in by the Khartoum government.

### **Abuja holdout groups to form alliance**

(*AlSahafa* – 26<sup>th</sup> Jun. **Asmara**) Leaders of the holdout groups to the Abuja agreement are headed towards forming a new alliance, sources in Asmara report.

Mohamed Direij (Federal Alliance), Dr. Khalil Ibrahim (JEM) and AbdulWahid Nur (SLM) are currently engaged in intensive meetings in Asmara to agree on a final format for the statement declaring the birth of this new body and sources report that AbdulWahid’s reservations over some clauses of the communiqué delayed the signing of the document which was supposed to have been signed yesterday.

Highlights of the document included a reiteration to compensations to IDPs and refugees and a call for a review of the DPA.

The rebel groups are also to maintain their armies and receive a share in power and wealth equal to that of the south as provided by the CPA. They also call for the deployment of international forces to monitor the implementation of any agreement that may be reached and that these forces be mandated to engage renegade elements such as the Janjaweed, monitor the movements of the SAF and secure return routes.