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## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

### **GoNU**

#### **Dr. el-Khalifa refutes reports of conflict between President Bashir and V-p Taha**

(*AlRai AlAam* – 27<sup>th</sup> Jun. **Medeni**) President Bashir's advisor Dr. Majzoub el-Khalifa told the press in Gezeera State yesterday that there is no conflict in views between President Bashir and Vice-President Taha.

The advisor said that all institutions of the regime are in perfect harmony and that decision-making is not carried out by one person alone but through consultations with the relevant parties.

Reports going the rounds say Vice-President Taha is on a visit to Turkey probably following some conflict with President Bashir.

El-Khalifa pointed out that the Vice-President is free to go on vacation wherever he deems fit.

El-Khalifa said on the other hand that the forthcoming meeting between President Bashir and Mr. Annan in Banjul will not change Sudan's position towards the issue of international forces.

“We will not accept a United Nations role that infringes on state sovereignty and no foreign soldier will step on Sudanese soil.”

#### **Government accuses MSF of excesses**

(*AlSahafa* – 27<sup>th</sup> Jun. **Khartoum**) The Sudan government has asked MSF-Holland to explain why it destroyed large quantities of food and medicine in Darfur.

Sources say the problems sparked last year when MSF-Holland alleged that rape was being committed at a large scale in Darfur may be rekindled.

### **Southern Sudan/ SPLM**

#### **Ugandan army says killed 8 LRA rebels**

(*Reuters/ST* – 26<sup>th</sup> Jun. **Kampala**) Ugandan troops killed eight northern rebels in clashes last week, keeping up the pressure on fugitive guerrillas who have called for peace talks with the government, the army said on Monday.

There is no ceasefire and fresh clashes have broken out as Uganda decides whether to meet representatives of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in neighbouring Sudan.

"Eight LRA fighters were killed last week as they tried to raid camps in the north," said Uganda's army spokesman Major Felix Kulayigye. "Our position is clear: operations continue."

Four LRA rebels were also killed by Sudanese forces in southern Sudan last week, a state governor said.

Northern Uganda had been relatively quiet in recent weeks.

LRA leader Joseph Kony, who is wanted for war crimes by the International Criminal Court (ICC) with four of his commanders, met southern Sudanese officials in May and June, his first known meeting with mediators in years.

Sudan's southern regional government says it wants to broker an end to the 19-year conflict between the LRA and the Ugandan government, which has uprooted almost two million people in northern Uganda and destabilised southern Sudan.

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni is being urged by ICC supporters not to negotiate with any of the wanted men, but he has given Kony until July 31 to surrender and receive amnesty.

Last week the Ugandan envoy in the Sudanese regional capital of Juba said his government would soon send a delegation to meet LRA representatives waiting in the town, but did not say when.

Government sources said Kampala was waiting for an invitation from southern Sudan's President Salva Kiir. The talks have been organised by Kiir's deputy, Riek Machar.

Uganda's government blames the collapse of past talks on the rebels, saying they have used negotiations to rearm and abduct more recruits. But many people in northern Uganda say Museveni has always preferred force to negotiations.

He has urged United Nations peacekeepers in Democratic Republic of Congo to disarm the LRA, who crossed into the country from Sudan last year. LRA fighters killed eight Guatemalan U.N. troops there in January.

## **DPA/Darfur**

### **Darfur SLM delegation arrives to Sudanese capital**

(*ST* – 26<sup>th</sup> Jun. **Khartoum**) A vanguard delegation from the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)-Minawi faction led by Abdelkarim Al Sheikh and a number of senior officials arrived in Khartoum evening Monday.

The delegation was received at the airport by al-Fatih Mohamed Saeed, the State Minister at the Ministry of Health and the Head of the Joint Committee for the reception of the vanguard delegation.

In a press statement at Khartoum Airport, Al Sheikh has said that the delegation includes senior military and political leadership from the movement as well as secretaries of her various secretariats and member of the Revolutionary Liberation Council.

He conveyed the greeting of the chairman of the movement Minni Minnawi and his deputy and secretary general of the movement who, he said would soon be arriving in Khartoum for the full implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA).

He expressed hope that the delegation would find the credibility and the transparency so that the agreement would be fully implemented.

The head of the delegation has hailed the Sudanese people and the citizens of Darfur in particular, as well as the international community and friends and partners of the DPA. He said the delegation would begin its activities as of tomorrow Tuesday in Khartoum.

While Saeed has welcomed the delegation saying with the signing of the DPA the bleeding wound of Darfur has began to heal now. He pointed tout that the two sides have much in common to act upon for the implementation of the DPA.

He appealed to the holdout rebel groups that have not signed the deal to come forward and sign the agreement and join the peace march. He said the Sudan was now promised a huge progress that would need conversion of all the efforts and collaboration of its citizens.