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Highlights

Ex-president Nimeiri accorded state funeral

Local dailies report thousands of Sudanese took part in a state funeral for ex-president Jaafar Nimeiri yesterday.

According to **Sudan Tribune website** 31/5/09, President Bashir led the funeral procession to Ahmad Sharfi cemetery where the body was buried. Nimeiri's body, wrapped in a Sudanese flag, was carried by military officials.

SRSG Qazi expresses condolences over the death of Nimeiri

Al-Akhbar reports SRSG Ashraf Qazi yesterday extended his condolences to the bereaved family and the people of the Sudan on the death of Sudan's ex-President Nimeiri. Mr. Qazi extended the condolences on behalf of the United Nations.

UN news centre 31/5/09 reported the Secretary-General's Special Representative to Sudan yesterday commiserated over the passing of the African nation's former President Jaafar Nimeiri.

According to media reports, Government officials announced on Saturday that Mr. Nimeiri, who ruled strife-torn Sudan for 16 years between 1969 and 1985, died at the age of 79 after a long struggle with an unspecified illness.

Death rate in south higher than Darfur – UN

SRSG Ashraf Gazi has expressed concern over increasing violence in Southern Sudan, **Al-Ahdath** reports. Qazi said after a visit to the Jonglei and the Upper Nile States that the death rate in southern Sudan from violence has been higher than in Darfur. According to UNMIS press release, Qazi has urged the international community to address the situation as an utmost priority to ensure success of the CPA implementation. Qazi met with the political and military leaders in the areas he visited and discussed with them the recent tribal clashes as well as the issues relevant to the CPA implementation.

UN representative warns of insecurity in Jonglei, Upper Nile

Sudan Tribune website 31/5/09– Jonglei and Upper Nile states are insecure and thus offer major cause for concern, said the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative, Ashraf Qazi, during a visit to the two states.

Cattle raids among tribes in the southern Sudan have reportedly left over 1,000 dead this year, though Qazi said yesterday the figure was "hundreds." The UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) had weeks ago deployed 120 civilian and military personnel to affected counties of Akobo and Pibor to help stabilize the situation.

Other motives for the fighting are political and retaliatory, with women and children bearing the brunt of some murderous attacks. The violence includes fighting between the Lou Nuer and Murle groups. Some peace efforts in the state led to easing of violence.

According to a statement from UNMIS, Qazi met recently with political and military leadership in Malakal, Bor and Pibor to discuss the recent fighting in the area as well as issues pertaining to

the implementation of the CPA.

"Both Jonglei and Upper Nile States Governors acknowledged the major role that UNMIS played in calming down the tension between the rival tribes by establishing two temporary operating bases in Akobo and Pibor," said the statement in reference to the deployment of UN personnel in Akobo and Pibor counties.

Qazi also highlighted the importance of enabling the state authorities to draw and implement their own stabilization plan.

The UN official urged the international community, the regional and the local actors to address the situation as an utmost priority. "A secure environment is extremely important for the conduct of elections and the referendum. The successful implementation of the CPA must be peaceful," he added.

SPLM rejects charges of restricting political activity in the south

Al-Ahdath reports an upsurge of mutual criticism and recriminations between the SPLM and NCP after President Al-Bashir has lashed out against the SPLM manner of functioning in the south. SPLM SG Pagan Amum, speaking to *Al-Jazeera* TV has dismissed claims that the south is ruled by the SPLA military intelligence, saying the claim "is unfounded". Amum said SPLA had no intelligence apparatus and it does not restrict freedoms, citing the existence of ten NCP offices in the southern States. However, he pointed out that the NCP isn't welcome in the south.

Meanwhile, State Minister for Information Kamal Obeid reacted by explaining that President Al-Bashir's speech to the NCP Shura Council was in the context of analyzing the political situation, adding that NCP leaders in the south reported that their political activities had been restricted and that some SPLM influential leaders could not move freely in southern Sudan.

Al-Rai Al-Aam reports Amum has described the NCP's statements on elections as an expression of a state of fear over the growing support of the Sudanese people for the SPLM. Amum, who was addressing a ceremony marking 26th Anniversary of the SPLM yesterday, threatened to mobilize the Sudanese people against the NCP's policy and called for the establishment of a democratic and secular government to address marginalization.

He accused the NCP of withholding the referendum law, saying the National Assembly's session will never end until the law is passed. "Any attempt by the NCP to renege on the agreement will mean going back to war," he warned. "They are seeking to reignite war. The NCP is obstructing democratic transition," he added.

Meanwhile, SPLM Deputy SG Yassir Arman has downplayed the NCP's popular support, saying the NCP is always seeking to derail the CPA. "A new Sudan can not be built without Darfur. Dividing the movements will not benefit Sudan and will not be in the interest of the country," he added, citing Darfur as an example.

NCP, SPLM to discuss security and referendum laws

Al-Raed reports the NCP and SPLM Higher Committee co-chaired by VP Taha and GoSS VP Riek Machar will resume meetings today in Khartoum for discussion on controversial issues. Machar revealed that the two Partners have reached an agreement on a final version of the national security bill but said there was still a disagreement on the power to arrest entrusted on NISS. He said the meeting would also discuss the referendum law for southern Sudan. Machar has also reiterated SPLM commitment to the prospective Abyei Arbitration Tribunal decision.

Meanwhile, Machar revealed that FVP Kiir will visit the US on 23 June for consultation with President Barak Obama.

SPLM invites Darfur movements to forum in Juba– Amum

SPLM SG Pagan Amum told reporters upon return from Juba yesterday that the SPLM discussed in Juba a range of issues including elections, Juba forum, democratic transition and possible party alliances, *Ajrash Al-Hurria* reports. He said the NCP was trying to bar the political parties from participating in proposed Juba meeting. Amum revealed that SPLM also invited Darfur movements to take part in the Juba forum, saying the FVP Kiir was making efforts to improve relations between Khartoum and N'djamena.

Meanwhile, Amum said the SPLM's rejection of the census results was based on the GoSS' reservations, saying the results have been tampered with. He called on the central government to sit with the SPLM to address the census dispute, adding that SPLM would hold a meeting with the NEC to discuss alternatives for constituency delimitation.

On the other hand, *Al-Khartoum* reports SPLM admitted disgruntlement amid some of its leaders but did not elaborate about the reasons. However, the National Assembly Deputy Speaker and SPLM leader Atem Garang accused the NCP of seeking to take advantage of the disgruntlement within the SPLM to promote its agenda.

Former SPLM figure to lead splinter group

Asharq Al-Awsat 31/5/09 - A leading member of the splinter group that has split from the SPLM, who asked not to be identified, has revealed that the new movement, named "the Sudan's People's Movement -- Democratic Change," which has been formed by this group would be led by Dr Lam Akol, a prominent former leader of the SPLM. He told *Asharq Al-Awsat* that other prominent leaders from the SPLM would join the splinter group but he did not give names.

Salva Kiir, the SPLM chief, held a series of meetings with SPLM leaders in Juba, the southern Sudan capital. Sources said that during these meetings the leaders discussed "developments in the situation in the country and preparations for the meetings of the political forces in Juba." This splinter group leader revealed that their movement will be allied with the NCP against the SPLM, led by Salva Kiir. He said that this alliance will be declared in a later stage in order to arrange for the elections scheduled for February. He expected their nascent movement to receive broad support from citizens in southern Sudan and that it will win a majority over the SPLM in the north.

This splinter group leader denied that their movement was born in coordination with the ruling NCP. He said: "We are a people's movement and we advocate the principles of the movement for which we have fought. We found out that the administrative failure and corruption in southern Sudan under the chairmanship of the current SPLM leadership requires the establishment of this movement to put things right in southern Sudan and implement the peace agreement in a sound manner."

A statement released by the People's Movement -- Democratic Change, said that Dr Lam Akol is "the only leader qualified to lead the nascent movement." The statement, which was signed by Jamal al-Sarraj in his capacity as the official spokesman for the nascent splinter movement, said that "the leaders of the Sudan's People -- Democratic Change are waiting for Akol's decision to come to southern Sudan. He is not just a president; he is a spiritual, historic leader and a veteran politician." The statement added: "We are in dire need for Akol's leadership."

ICC report carries nothing new – Sudan Ambassador

Asked about the ICC Prosecutor visit to Qatar and his report to the SC on 5 June, the Sudanese Ambassador to UN, Abdul Mahmoud Abdul Haleem said Ocampo was disappointed by the repeated blows directed by the Sudanese diplomacy to his arrest warrant for President Al Bashir, **Akhbar Al Youm** reports. He said Sudan mission in NY obtained a copy of the ICC report to the SC but the report carries nothing new, it only repeats the same allegations. He hoped that the SC members would be realistic and abide by the statement of their envoys to Sudan who stressed in Doha that peace in Darfur should be given priority.

ICC prosecutor: Al-Bashir to face justice sooner or later

Sudan Tribune website 31/5/09 – Luis Moreno Ocampo, who won an arrest warrant against the President of Sudan, said that Omer Al-Bashir would face justice whether sooner or later.

Ocampo, chief prosecutor of the ICC, emphasized that the ICC is a permanent institution, and therefore that the warrant would not be going away.

He will submit a report to the UN Security Council within the coming week; he told **Al-Jazeera satellite TV** in an interview aired Saturday.

"By order of the arrest warrant against him, Al-Bashir should stand before court. The (UN) Security Council referred the case to us, and I will be going to the council within the week to submit my report."

He added, "We respect the government of Sudan, but Al-Bashir has to face the justice to explain his actions. He is desperate; he is a fugitive president. Al-Bashir's fate will be to face justice. We are a permanent court and we can wait a couple of years."

The prosecutor was speaking on the sideline of a legal forum in Doha in which he is participating.

NCP welcomes Obama's visit

Al-Rai Al-Aam reports the NCP has welcomed US President Obama's visit to the Sudan if so decided. However, the Presidential Assistant Nafie Ali Nafie has denied knowledge about an invitation extended by the political parties to the US President to visit Sudan. Speaking to reporters yesterday, Nafie stressed the importance of ongoing dialogue between Khartoum and Washington. According to **Akhir Lahza**, Nafie has welcomed the US President Barak Obama's visit.

Salva Kiir reshuffles South Sudan cabinet

Local dailies report GoSS President Salva Kiir issued presidential decrees yesterday conducting ministerial reshuffle in GoSS. According to **Sudan Tribune** 31/5/09, the decree is effective from 31st May 2009.

RELIEVED MINISTERS:

- 1- Mr. Paul Mayom Akech, Minister of Internal Affairs
- 2- Mr. Kuol Athian Mawien, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
- 3- Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Minister of Regional Cooperation
- 4- Mr. David Deng Athorbei, Minister of Transport and Roads
- 5- Mr. Anthony Lino Makana, Minister of Commerce and Industry
- 6- Professor Philip Yona Jambi, Minister of Cooperatives and Rural Development

- 7- Mr. Gabriel Changson Chang, Minister of Information and Broadcasting
- 8- Mr. Gier Chuang Aluong, Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services
- 9- Ms. Mary Kiden Kimbo, Minister of Gender, Social Welfare and Religious Affairs
- 10- General (Rtd) Albino Akol Akol, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports

APPOINTED MINISTERS:

- 1- Mr. Gier Chuang Aluong, Minister of Internal Affairs
- 2- Mr. David Deng Athorbei, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
- 3- Mr. Oyai Deng Ajak, Minister for Regional Cooperation
- 4- Mr. Anthony Lino Makana, Minister of Transport and Roads
- 5- Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Minister of Commerce and Industry
- 6- Mr. Peter Abdel-Rahaman Sule, Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development
- 7- Mr. Paul Mayom Akech, Minister of Information and Broadcasting
- 8- Mr. Madut Biar, Minister for Telecommunications and Postal Services
- 9- Mr. Gabriel Changson Chang, Minister for Culture, Youth and Sports

The newly appointed ministers include Mr. Oyai Deng Ajak, who served as the Chief of Staff for the SPLA, Mr. Peter Abdel-Rahaman Sule, chairman of the UDF party, and Mr. Madut Biar.

The relieved ministers without new portfolios include Mr. Kuol Athian Mawien, Professor Philip Yona Jambi, Ms. Mary Kiden Kimbo, whose replacement is not yet appointed and Gen. (Rtd) Albino Akol Akol.

The rest of the ministers have been in the cabinet, but re-appointed in different portfolios.

Voter registration to be postponed

Al-Akhbar reports the NEC is expected to meet today to announcement the postponement of registration of voters, supposed to kick off today. NEC SG Jalal Mohamed Ahmed told the paper by phone that the issue of commencement of voter registration will be decided by the NEC meeting today.

Samar visits areas beyond government control

Al-Sahafa reports the Special Rapporteur for Human Rights Sima Samar has said the humanitarian situation in Kalma camp was not good especially in the areas of services, health and drinking water. She said after meeting with Kalma IDPs yesterday that she was informed by the IDPs that their situation was deteriorating after the INGOs were expelled and that the government did not compensate the victims of the incidents in the camp occurred in August last year. Samar revealed that she visited some areas which are not under the government's control. According to **Al-Intibaha**, Samar said the situation in south Darfur was improving.

Six foreigners expelled

Al-Ahdath reports authorities have expelled six foreigners for various reasons. Informed sources said yesterday those expelled had actually left the country. According to the source, the expulsion could be part of ongoing campaign to verify legality of stay of aliens in Sudan.

Regional meeting fail to settle Sudan-Chad dispute

A meeting of a regional organization (Desert and Coast Group) in Libya which was concluded yesterday failed to defuse tension between Sudan and Chad, reports **Al-Ahdath**. A statement issued by the Group deplored failure of efforts to address the problem between the two countries and called on Presidents Al-Bashir and Deby to facilitate the mission of the mediation.

Sino-Sudanese consultations ahead of ICC report to the SC

Al-Ahdath reports the Chinese envoy will hold important talks today with President Al-Bashir and VP Taha on the situation in Darfur and the ongoing international efforts to contain the crisis to counter the ICC move.

Parties Council dissolves 50 political organizations

Al-Ahdath reports the Chairman of the Political Parties' Affairs Council Mohamed Bushara Dossa as saying that a total of 50 political organizations which used to exercise political activities in the past had been dissolved because of failure to complete their registration. Dossa told a press conference yesterday that the Council would hand over registration certificates today to about 36 political parties which will bring the total number of the registered political parties to about 68.

Sudan rejects to release JEM prisoners before ceasefire

Sudan Tribune website 31/5/09 — Sudanese government reiterated yesterday its rejection to release rebels imprisoned in Khartoum as Darfur rebels request in a peace talks held in Qatar.

Delegations from Sudanese government and rebel Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) started since last Wednesday a second round of talks on the implementation of a goodwill agreement signed last February.

Sudanese government has some reserves over the release of JEM Prisoners of War and considers that their release should intervene following the signing of a cessation of hostilities, said the Sudanese ambassador in Qatar, Ibrahim Faqiri who is a member of government delegation in the ongoing talks.

Faqiri stressed that the need for the cessation of hostilities in order to provide humanitarian aid to the civilians. He also asserted that the confidence goodwill agreement provides to release POWs in stages during the different rounds of negotiations.

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"We cannot release JEM fighters before they sign a cessation of hostilities," he added.

Police have role to play in election, Salva Kier says

Miraya FM 31/5/09 -The first vice president and president of the government of Southern Sudan ,Salva Kier Mayardit, has said that the police has a role to play in ensuring that the upcoming elections is free and fair. Speaking in Juba during a graduation ceremony of police-force, President Kiir said that police should ensure that there is no rigging during the coming elections.

Blue Nile demobilizes 2600 PDF

Al-Watan reports the Blue Nile State PDF Coordinator Ali Abu Aagla as saying that the state is witnessing a major demobilization and reintegration process of PDF, saying over 2600 PDF elements have been demobilized and that preparations were also underway to r demobilize 6100 more.