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Envoys Eliasson and Salim expected in Khartoum and el-Fasher within the next two days

(*AlKhartoum*) Envoys Eliasson and Salim will arrive in Khartoum next Tuesday to follow up on efforts to unite the armed factions of Darfur.

The envoys will be briefed on the efforts exerted by the joint UN-African Union task force tasked with the issue and their contacts with the relevant parties to gain the necessary support for the success of the mediation.

Meanwhile, the AMIS called upon the armed factions of Darfur to unite their structures and views on dialogue with the government. Spokesperson Nouredine Mezni pointed out that the efforts being exerted by the partners for peace in Darfur will only be complete through the efforts of Sudanese parties.

He said that the tripartite mechanism awaits a new mandate to follow up on progress in the implementation of the third phase of the support package.

WFP welcomes €30m donation from European Commission to Darfur

(*SudanTribune.com*) The UN World Food Programme (WFP), the world's largest humanitarian lifeline, welcomes a €30 million donation from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) to WFP's major emergency relief efforts in Sudan's Darfur region.

"This generous contribution from the European Commission will save lives and help the hungry in Darfur, and at the same time help WFP achieve our aim of purchasing food in ways that benefit local markets and farmers," said WFP Executive Director Josette Sheeran. [*Follow the link to the full text [WFP welcomes €30m donation from European Commission to Darfur](#)*].

Rebel SLM requests aid workers to contact before entering Darfur

(*SudanTribune.com*) The rebel Sudan Liberation Movement has requested aid workers, journalists or independent investigators to contact the group before entering in the troubled region of Darfur.

In a press statement, the rebel group demands all the stakeholders – “NGO’s, the individual members working in Darfur to provide humanitarian assistance and relief or those seeking to get information from reliable sources about the situation on the ground” – to notify the SLM.

The rebels said such measure would enable the SLM to facilitate the mission of aid workers and the above mentioned people. Otherwise, the e SLM warned it would not be responsible for their safety or security.

Two million child vaccinated against measles in South Sudan

(*SudanTribune.com*) Some two million children in southern Sudan have been immunized against measles in a mass campaign spearheaded by the United Nations children’s agency, UNICEF said on Saturday.

The occasion was marked by a colourful celebration of mainly Dinka tribesmen and women and by speeches from government and UN officials hailing the achievement.

UNICEF’s Sudan representative, Ted Chaiban, said the campaign is targeting 3.5-four million children aged between six months and 14 years in a joint effort by his agency, the government of southern Sudan, the World Health Organisation and other partners.

"It is a massive and successful logistical undertaking," he said.

UNICEF hopes to reach the ultimate goal of up to four million children vaccinated by next July.

The campaign coordinator, Teresa Delatorre of UNICEF, said all of south Sudan has measles vaccination stations. [*Follow the link to the full text that also includes the UNICEF Press Release on the issue [Two million child vaccinated against measles in South Sudan](#)*]

50 internally displaced teachers return to South Sudan

(*SudanTribune.com*) Some 50 internally displaced (IDP) teachers and 200 of their dependents have been assisted home by IOM to South Sudan from Khartoum since November 2006.

Many of these teachers have spent almost two decades displaced in Khartoum after fleeing to the North due to the long running civil war between North and South, which ended with the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in early January 2005. The educators’ return and placement into teaching jobs was facilitated by IOM in close cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Government of South Sudan (GoSS).

An additional 28 teachers and their dependents are preparing to return to teaching jobs in Unity and Eastern Equatoria States in May.

This long term reintegration programme in Sudan, which is currently funded exclusively by Denmark's Development Agency (DANIDA), follows on IOM's long running experience of implementing similar programmes in other post-conflict countries such as Rwanda, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and Afghanistan.

The aim is to attract qualified and highly qualified IDP and Sudanese diaspora candidates from the health, education, engineering and vocational sectors wishing to return to Sudan, particularly to war-affected areas of the Three Areas and South Sudan, and match their qualifications with concrete job vacancies offered to them by public or private sector employers. [Follow the link to the full text [50 internally displaced teachers return to South Sudan](#)].

Prisoners on charges of bounced cheques request permission to petition the UN to intervene in their case

(*AlWatan*) Sources say that prisoners serving sentences as a result of bounced cheques are requesting prison authorities to allow them petition the UNMIS human rights to intervene.

The Civil Procedures Act rules that prisoners on such charges will remain in detention until such a time when they pay the amount charged on the bounced cheque.

The Transition Debate

US senators petition Chinese president over Darfur

(*SudanTribune.com*) Nearly the entire US Senate has signed a letter to Chinese President Hu Jintao asking him to step up pressure on the government of Sudan to end the bloodshed in Darfur.

In an indication of the widespread concern in Congress over the unending violence in Sudan's troubled west, the letter, signed by 96 of the 100 senators, called on Hu to prod Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir to halt military operations throughout Darfur, withdraw troops from the area and follow through on Khartoum's agreement to accept a joint UN and African Union peacekeeping force.

These steps were critical in enforcing a ceasefire, protecting civilians, ensuring access to humanitarian aid and beginning reconstruction and reconciliation in Darfur, the senators said. [Follow the link to the full text [US senators petition Chinese president over Darfur](#)].

Rwanda wants better equipment for Darfur peacekeepers

(*AFP*) The African Union peacekeeping mission in Darfur needs additional equipment to function properly, Rwanda's defense minister said on Friday.

"If peacekeeping soldiers are better equipped, then can Assure their own security and protect the civilian population which is currently forced to look for refuge in displacement camps," said the minister before the departure of two Rwandan battalions for the Darfur region.

CPA

Ex-rebels to resolve war prisoners' issue "before end of May"

(SMC via BBC Monitoring, 5 May) The SPLM has announced its determination to solve before the end of May the issue of National Congress Party's prisoners held in the south.

In a statement to SMC, presidential adviser and NCP secretary for the southern sector, Dr Riek Gai, said that the SPLM had admitted that they were NCP detainees in their prisons and pinpointed where they were being held in the south.

He said that the SPLM had said that they would resolve the issue before the meeting between the NCP leadership body and the SPLM political office before the end of the month.

Commander Daldoum promises to demobilize his forces

(Rai AlShaab) Commander el-Toum el-Nour Daldoum of the National Sudan Peace Forces has promised his forces will soon be demobilized and that the Bahr-el-Ghazal area will be free of arms.

He said that he will not join the SPLA and has not advised any of his troops to do so but added that the choice is up to the individuals. As for himself, he adds, he will remain a member of the NCP.

Government of National Unity

President Bashir holds keynote meeting with opposition leaders

(AlSahafa et al) The Suwar-el-Dahab committee tasked with charting a way towards reunification of national ranks managed yesterday to bring together President Bashir and opposition kingpins Dr. Turabi (PCP), Nugud (Sudan Communist Party), Sadiq el-Mahdi (National Umma Party), Ali AlRayaha (Baathist Party), Ahmed el-Mirghani (DUP) and Sheikh el-Hadiya of the Ansar el-Sunna sect.

The spokesperson for the committee pointed out that the meeting held at Suwar-el-Dahab's house marked the culmination of contacts the committee had the last few months with a number of political forces.

He said that the committee gave the political leaders an overview of the outcome of their efforts.

Southern Sudan

South Sudan president reshuffles Upper Nile Government

(SudanTribune.com) In a clear indication of his determination to fight corruption in the oil rich state, the President of the Government of Southern Sudan has issued a resolution for the

dismissal of a number of responsible in the Upper Nile State government and appointment of news ones.

The First Vice President and President of the Government of Southern Sudan. Salva Kiir Mayardit, has increased his campaign against corruption by issuing on Thursday May 3, a republican resolution discharging a number of SPLM ministers district governor and county commissioners in the government of the south and the appointment of others.

Lok Diok, the Finance Minister of the Upper Nile state was replaced by Stephen Dhieu of the South Sudan Bank.

Kiir further issued a resolution appointing a number of SPLM Ministers, district governors and county commissioners in Upper Nile state. [*Follow the link for more including the names affected in the reshuffle* [South Sudan president reshuffles Upper Nile Government](#)]

Southern Sudan government sacks five ministers over corruption

(*AlAyaam via BBC Monitoring, 5 May*) The Government of Southern Sudan [GoSS] has increased its campaign against corruption by issuing a resolution yesterday for the dismissal of five ministers and 12 commissioners from the government of Upper Nile State and appointment of new ones, informed sources report.

The source who requested anonymity, said the ministers included those of local administration, health, education and finance, besides 10 county commissioners out of a total of 12. The source told *AlAyaam* that the GoSS had appointed new ministers and commissioners according to Decree No 44.

The sources added that citizens in the state welcomed the decision saying it was a step towards reforms and fight against corruption.

South Sudan oil revenues for March amounts to \$44 million

(*SudanTribune.com*) The share of the Government of Southern Sudan from oil revenues for the month of March 2007 amounted to 44.53 million dollars out of the total revenues of oil of 129.74 million dollars, the state-run SUNA reported.

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy Al-Sheikh Al-Mak pointed out following the regular meeting of the joint committee for sharing of oil revenues that the share of the Government of Southern Sudan from export revenues amounted to 15.92 million dollars while its share from crude used by the local refineries amounted to 28.61 million dollars.

Payments to the oil producing states for the same month totalled 3.98 million dollars at a payment rate of 150%, compared to their dues which amounted to 2.65 million dollars.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of Southern Sudan, on his part, described the meeting of the committee as fruitful and constructive, lauding the accurate

technical details included in the reports of performance discussed during the meeting, SUNA said.

GoSS to compensate northern Sudanese traders

(AlWatan) A committee representing northern Sudanese traders operating in southern Sudan says recent talks with GoSS Vice-President Dr. Riek Machar has resulted in pledges by the Vice-President to see to it that their property is returned and that they are compensated.

The GoSS Vice-President said that their shops, houses and other property will be returned to them and that they will be free to move about and carry out their activities like any other citizen.

Acting finance minister unveils new measures for financial control for GoSS funds

(Khartoum Monitor) The Acting Minister of Finance and Economic Planning at the GoSS has revealed that the ministry is not informed of the operations of White Nile Petroleum Company in Block Ba, Jonglei State.

Unveiling a number of financial measures of control on public resources yesterday, the minister told the press that the ministry has issued an administrative statement to all government institutions not to get involved in any financial commitment before consulting the Ministry of Finance. He said that this was in an effort to re-arrange and centralize the financial procedures of government.

He also pointed out that the ministry will request other government institutions to submit final reports on the purchase of assets and, if not convinced of these reports, will ask for more details with the possibility of detaining the forthcoming annual budget of the institutions concerned.

He also announced that the next fiscal budget will be calculated in terms of the Sudanese Dinar instead of the US Dollar.

Southern Sudan government invites journalists to oil site

(AlWatan vai BBC Monitoring, 4 May) The Government of Southern Sudan has invited a limited number of journalists to attend the inauguration of petroleum exploration operations in Bor [southern Sudan].

The operations are independent from the activities taken at the federal level, in the field of petroleum exploration and marketing.

Bahr Elghazal witnesses wide scale demining operations

(SudanTribune.com) The Aweil region of North Bahr-al-Ghazal state has witnessed the greatest mine action operation since the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in January 2005.

A high-level federal delegation participated in the North Bahr-al-Ghazal celebration of this important project which strengthens the opportunities of national unity by reactivating the rail line linking North and south after protracted cessation period due to the war.

The Minister of State for Humanitarian affairs described the project as an important national scheme that targets the Balanoosa-Aweil-Wau rail line, covering a distance of 446 km from Babanoosa to Wau, 228 km from Babanoosa to Miram with only 31 km remaining of the first phase.

The minister indicated that the landmine removal operations will allow rehabilitation of the railway and bring it back to its normal condition. The operation itself, he said, represents a unique experience in which the armed forces, the SPLA and the joint forces join efforts to finalize this task with pure Sudanese expertise inspired by all the international experience and human heritage in the field of removing mines.

The Governor of Ariat District, Ngong Deng Guom, said that citizens have expressed their satisfaction with the project, maintaining that it will have a considerable impact on their lives as well as aid in the development process and scaling down prices of commodities in the state's markets.

Lakes State minister heads to Juba for talks on radio

(SudanTribune.com) Lakes State minister of information and Culture has headed to Juba today to discuss extension of the coverage of state radio, and training of local journalists.

The State Minister of Information, Culture, Youth and Sports Adak Costa Mapuor departed to Juba where she is expected to hold talks with Government of South Sudan (GoSS) minister Samson Kwaje on the extension of the Radio Rumbek FM-98 to cover all the eight counties of the Lakes State before the end of this year.

Further, the minister will discuss with Kwaje, the training of Radio journalists. "We want to secure good qualification to radio and TV staff in Lakes State", Adak said. She further added she is keen to convince Juba of the importance of this issue.

On the other hand, Adak Costa is due to meet GoSS Telecommunications Minister, Gier Chuang Aluong, to present a proposal of Hicom Communication Network Company for telephone that was expected Lakes State community to operate in Rumbek after GoSS approvable.

Adak pointed out that she will discuss with the minister in Juba to give her go head.

The state minister is accompanied by Acting Director General William Madong Mading, Director of Administration and Finance, John Madhang Toch, and Deputy Director for Culture and Flokllore, Adom Mosesa Suleiman, Including Senior reporter and Press publication.

Strong Southern Sudan said occupying part of territory in northeastern DR Congo

(*Radio Okapi website via BBC Monitoring, 5 May*) The information was confirmed by the administrator of Aru, a territory situated 260 km from Bunia, in Ituri District [northeastern DR Congo], radiookapi.net has reported.

The Aru territorial administrator says that Southern Sudan leaders have put in place its services and erected tollbooths in some localities of the Aru territory under the jurisdiction of the local administrator of Aru in Ituri District of North-Eastern DRC.

He however said that issue would be discussed during a meeting between authorities of the two countries on 30 May.

Darfur/ Darfur Peace Agreement

Sudan and Chad reconciliation agreement

(*SudanTribune.com*) Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir and his Chadian counterpart Idriss Deby Itno inked Thursday a reconciliation agreement to end tension between the two countries under the auspices of the Saudi King Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz, in the Saudi capital Riyadh. [*Full text of the agreement as sourced from the SudanTribune.com is attached separately*].

But the Chadian rebel Union of Forces for Democracy and Development (UFDD) has fought a hit-and-run war against Deby's forces in east Chad since last year, and a UFDD spokesman said the Saudi-backed peace deal would not stop the rebel campaign.

"It's a fools' agreement. It changes nothing ... We are going to continue to confront the Deby regime," Makaila Nguebla, an UFDD spokesman based in Dakar, said. [*Follow the link to the full text of the story* [Chad. Sudan pact will not halt war - Chadian rebels](#)]

Rebel SLM factions reportedly to unify commands

(*AlAyaam via BBC Monitoring, 5 May*) The Sudan Liberation Movement [SLM] and other non-signatories of Abuja Peace Agreement have announced the integration of their field leadership and formation of a [unity] commission.

The commission will represent all the military sectors and meet the political leaderships of the movement in order to unite their views and channels in their relations with the international community.

The military spokesperson of the SLM, Jar-al-Nabi Abd-al-Karim said that after intensive consultations and despite attacks and military escalation by the government, they had reached an acceptable, unified formula. Jar-al-Nabi added that the field commanders had agreed on the formation of a delegation to meet the political leaders living abroad like Abd-al-Wahid Muhammad Nur, Ahmad Abd-al-Shafi and Khamis Abkar in a bid to unify the movement.

He added that the mission of the commission would be concluded within 15 days.

Japan reportedly backs internal Darfur dialogue

(SMC via BBC Monitoring, 5 May) The government of Japan has declared its support to the proposed Darfur-Darfur dialogue for completion of peace process in the region.

Following his meeting with the representative of the Japanese Foreign Ministry for African Affairs Saturday [5 May], the presidential advisor, Dr Madjhub al-Khalifah, said in [a] statement to Suna that the Japanese envoy affirmed that his country will extend financial support through the African Union for peace process in Darfur.

Dr Khalifah added he assured the Japanese diplomat of Sudan government's commitment to the three support packages, and that the government of Sudan, the African Union and the United Nations are sharing identical views in this regard.

Sudanese leader forms panel to implement Riyadh pact with Chad

(Sudan TV via BBC Monitoring, 5 May) The president of the republic, FM Umar al-Bashir, has issued a decree on the formation of a higher committee headed by the defence minister and whose membership includes the foreign minister and head of national security and intelligence, to implement the Riyadh agreement signed between Sudan and Chad.

The state minister at the Foreign Ministry, Ali Karti, said that the committee would begin its work immediately by arranging a meeting with the Chadian side so as to begin implementing the Riyadh agreement.

Egypt and Sudan hold summit in Cairo on Monday 7 May

(MENA, Cairo – via BBC Monitoring, 5 May) Sudanese President Umar al-Bashir will visit Egypt on Monday for talks with Egyptian President Husni Mubarak.

Sudanese ambassador Abd-al-Mun'im Mabruk told MENA on Saturday that the talks would take up a host of issues of mutual concern, especially developments in the troubled region of Darfur.

The Sudanese ambassador said Bashir's visit to Egypt is part of consultations between the two countries. The talks will take up progress in Egyptian-Sudanese relations, he added.

A number of regional and international issues of mutual concern will also be discussed during the talks, he noted. Mabruk said that there were continued consultations between the Egyptian and Sudanese leaderships

MPs, signatory factions discuss Darfur

(AlSahafa) MPs representing the three states of Darfur and representatives of the DPA signatory factions held discussions yesterday in a bid to chart a common view on the Darfur issue and help give impetus to solutions to resolve the crisis.

An MP on the NCP ticket said that the meeting did not result into a unified view. He adds that the meeting was in an effort to arrest the deterioration in the security situation in the region through agreement on a common view.

On the other hand, the Parliamentary Committee on Peace and Reconciliation is organizing a workshop to be held tomorrow on the prospects for the Darfur-Darfur Dialogue.