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#### **SRSJ Pronk says his return to Khartoum depends on “go ahead” from the SG**

*Rai AlShaab* quoting agencies: SRSJ Jan Pronk says his return to Khartoum will depend on the “go ahead” from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Pronk who was speaking to *AlHurra News* from The Hague said yesterday that there is diplomatic coordination between the United Nations and the Sudan government over the issue of his return to Khartoum. He said he will only return for a short period of time.

Mr. Pronk further said that his personal views on the issue of Darfur will not affect the work of United Nations Mission in Sudan and that he has proposed a number of points to the United Nations to help the Sudan government resolve the Darfur issue.

On UNSCR 1706, the SRSJ said that he proposed a larger United Nations support to the African Union and support from other states to enable it carry out its duties in the Darfur region.

#### **UNICEF urges armed movements to allow vaccination teams carry out their duties**

*AlHayat*: Speaking at the launch of the National Polio Eradication Campaign in Gedharef State yesterday, the head of the UNICEF in Sudan has urged armed groups in Darfur to enable vaccination teams carry out their work in those areas.

He pointed out that the eradication of polio in Sudan does not mean the whole of Africa is polio-free and insecurity could spread polio beyond the borders.

The head of the UNICEF commended the government for covering 40% of the cost of these campaigns and said this ensures sustainability for the program.

The governor of Gedharef State has vowed to turn Gedharef into a polio-free state.

#### **Sudan denies involvement in latest killing in Darfur, blames bandits**

(AP – 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. Khrt.) The Sudanese government denied any involvement in a new wave of violence in the country's western Darfur region that killed over 50 people, saying Sunday that reports on the incident contained "huge amounts of lies" and that outlaws should be blamed for the attacks.

The United Nations on Friday released a report charging the government-allied Janjaweed militia for the deadly raids against seven villages and a refugee camp in the Jebel Moon area of West Darfur on Oct 29 and Oct. 30.

The U.N. cited witnesses saying that men clad in Sudanese military officers' garb were with the horse-mounted militia when they attacked, killing at least 27 children and about as many adults.

"At the very least, the attacks demonstrated the government of Sudan's continued failure to disarm militia in Darfur, and at worst its use of militia forces that target civilian populations," said the U.N. report released in Geneva.

Khartoum dismissed the report as disingenuous. "We should be cautious about these reports, circulated by the western media, because they contain huge amounts of lies, manipulation and lack of credibility" Foreign Ministry spokesman Ali Sadeq told the official Sudan News Agency.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said that neither the Sudanese army nor regular pro-government paramilitary groups were at present fighting in Darfur, contradicting multiple reports by international observers in Darfur that the army and pro-government militia continue to regularly clash with rebels in the region.

"There are active outlaws in Darfur and it is not fair to accuse the government for all the looting, killing and violence," Sadeq said.

On Sunday, Mini Minnawi, the rebel chief who signed the peace agreement with Khartoum and has since become a senior assistant to the Sudanese president, said the government must take "appropriate measures" to quell the violence in Darfur if it wants to avert a U.N. presence.

### **Kony demands to meet UN chief**

([www.monitor.co.ug](http://www.monitor.co.ug) – 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. '06 - **Juba**) LRA leader Joseph Kony has asked for a meeting with the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Jan Egeland when he visits the region next week, a top LRA peace delegate has said.

Egeland, who is traveling to Juba, is scheduled to visit one of the two designated assembly areas in South Sudan. He has been rallying moral and financial support for the Juba peace process.

"Our chairman has asked us to tell Egeland that he wants to meet him during his visit over crucial issues concerning the peace talks," said Martin Ojul, head of the LRA peace negotiation team in Juba. The tentative program so far indicates that Egeland will visit Owiny-Ki-Bul after holding separate meetings with both delegations to the peace talks, as well as the mediator, South Sudan Vice-President Riek Machar.

Ojul said the rebels expect the UN chief to exert more pressure on the International Criminal Court to drop charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity against the top LRA leadership. It is still unclear how Egeland and Kony would meet.

The elusive rebel leader, who before the July 14 start of the peace talks hosted some cultural and political leaders at his forested hideout in the DR Congo, has refused to attend the peace talks citing safety reasons.

There are mixed reports on his exact hideaway, with most reports speculating that he is still hiding at the Garamba National Park base where he hosted some 80 guests to a rare meeting. Egeland, on a recent visit to Uganda, spoke out on how the ICC's warrants of arrest were becoming the major stumbling block to achieving peace in the north. He called for a review of the indictments.

The UN Security Council has put on hold the passing of a crucial resolution that would have garnered regional military support to disarm the LRA rebels and improve prospects for arresting the indicted LRA commanders.

The resolution, sponsored by the British government, was calling for a regional approach and empowerment of UN forces in DRC and Sudan to disarm the LRA. "If the UN is fully backing these peace talks, then they should do away with the indictments so that by the time we sign this peace deal, our leaders are free," Ojul said.

### **Sudan urges the Security Council to intervene for an end to the plight of Palestinians**

*Alwan:* The Office of the Spokesperson of Sudan's foreign ministry says Sudan is closely following the atrocities meted out on the people of Palestine by Israel.

In a statement yesterday, the foreign ministry has urged the Security Council, the international community, human rights concerns and all peace-loving peoples of the world to act urgently to condemn these atrocities and do all they could to put a stop to it.

## **United Nations and the Transition Debate**

### **International pledges and incentives are a farce, says President Bashir**

*ALRai AlAam:* President Bashir says Sudan has received generous pledges and offers of incentives following the signing of the CPA and the DPA but, he points out, all these have not materialized and the Sudan has instead been sanctioned.

The president further said at a meeting in Peking that African leaders have discussed an initiative they presented for an end to the deadlock on Darfur but Sudan has heard such promises of guarantees before the signing of the CPA.

### **Salva Kiir says President Bashir approval necessary for a deployment**

*AlRai AlAam:* First Vice-President Salva Kiir says President Bashir's approval and that of the NCP are required for any deployment of international forces to take place in Darfur.

Kiir who presided over yesterday's session of the Council of Ministers briefed the council over his visit to the UK and said he had warned the British Prime Minister that the country risks going back to war should the party's to the CPA not reach a mutual understanding over the issue of UNSCR 1706.

He said that the SPLM does not want to go back to war and so it is important that any talk of a United Nations military role in Darfur should have the backing of the President of the Republic and his NCP.

Meanwhile and in what *AlIntibaha* has described as a major change in the position of the SLM-Minnawi on whether or not an international force is needed in Darfur, the paper reports that Senior Presidential Aide, Minni Minnawi, says what Darfur needs at the moment is an improvement in the security and humanitarian situation and not international forces. He said that the international forces are not an aim in themselves but a path towards better humanitarian conditions.

## **CPA**

## **Rev. Philip Gaboush of the USNP says if south secedes, so will the Nuba Mountains**

*The Citizen:* The leader of the United Sudan National Party, Rev Philip Abbas Gaboush, in a statement yesterday expressed his people's absolute rejection of the marginalization and injustice that has befallen Sudanese people in the hinterland.

Rev. Philip praised the efforts exerted by the Governor of Southern Kordofan despite existence of some cliques that are working hard to undermine his efforts by denying his government its rightful share from oil revenues intended for the development of the region. He disclosed that his party has started contacts with SPLM to coordinate measures for the next elections, affirming that his united Sudan National Party is willing to form a coalition with other New Sudan parties. He maintained that if the referendum scheduled for 2011 resulted in separation of South Sudan, the Nuba people would claim for their own republic to manage their own affairs.

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- ❖ *AlRai AlAam* an *AlAyaam* report that the political parties will be discussing on 16<sup>th</sup> November the Political Parties' and Organizations Act while the chief of National Security and Intelligence says the security laws will be tabled for review by the political parties (according to the chief of National Security and Intelligence)

## **GoNU**

### **President Bashir appoints members to Darfur institutions**

*AlAyaam:* President Bashir has issued decrees yesterday appointing Mustafa Mohamed Tirab to the position of state minister, AbdelJabbar Dousa as head of the Darfur Rehabilitation and Development Fund and Adam AbdelRahman Mohamed as head of the Lands Commission for Darfur.

### **Minnawi hopeful of convincing others to join the DPA**

*AlSahafa:* Speaking at the *SUNA* forum, Senior Aide to the President of the Republic, Minni Minnawi, said he would continue in efforts to bring the DPA holdout groups on board.

Of the DPA, Minnawi said that the SLM remains committed to the implementation of the agreement but the government is delaying implementation of the same. Minnawi also lashed out on JEM leader, Dr. Khalil Ibrahim over recent statements that the DPA is dead and pointed out that Dr. Khalil was among those who contributed to the agreement.

Minnawi reiterated rejections to any alternatives to the DPA and pointed out that the recommendations of the Darfur-Darfur Dialogue will be binding on the government but will not replace the DPA.

Of contacts with the NRF, the SLM leader revealed that these have made positive progress in that a ceasefire has been reached and the difference in views of the two sides have been greatly narrowed.

He rebuffed reports that some elements are planning to oust him through a general conference of the movement.

## **National Congress Party southern chapter complains of marginalization**

*The Citizen:* National Congress Party Southern Sector Spokesperson and Secretary for Information Khamis Agar, in a press release accused both NCP Northern Sector and SPLM of not being serious in the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement with regards to National Congress Party members in Southern Sudan.

The release emphasized that there are some circles within the National Congress Party who still cling to the totalitarian dictatorship, overlooking others and practicing marginalization.

## **GoSS/ Southern Sudan**

### **New “LRA” group emerge in southern Sudan**

*The Citizen:* Ugandan and South Sudan security officials have told Sunday Monitor that recent killings of civilian in Southern Sudan signals the birth of a “new LRA” with support from the Khartoum regime of President Omer el-Bashir .

Officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said Khartoum is renewing support for several militias it supported prior to its January 2005 signing of The CPA.

### **Governor of W. Bahr-el-Gazal asks PDF to either join the local police force or to redeploy north**

*AlHayat:* The governor of the West Bahr-el-Gazal State has asked the PDF to either join the local police force or to redeploy north.

He said that it is the responsibility of the local police to protect citizens and added it is high time that the police is unified according to the terms of the CPA.

## **Darfur**

### **Dr. Khalifa says Eritrean role for Darfur is welcome on condition of compliance to the DPA**

*AlSudani:* Dr. Majzoub el Khalifa, the Presidential advisor for African affairs said that an Eritrean role is welcome in the peace process for Darfur but this should be on the confirmation of commitment to the provisions of the DPA.

Dr. el-Khalifa revealed contacts between the Government and some non-signatory groups. He added that they will join peace. He denied referring the file of Darfur to Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail as some newspapers said yesterday.

### **SLM nine engineers abducted in South Darfur**

*Sudan Tribune:* Engineer Ramadan Salim, Minister of Construction and planning in South Darfur State has reported that the SLM Minnawi’s faction has abducted about nine employees.

They were abducted after being sent by the SLM Minnawi’s faction. In a press conference yesterday Salim said that they were surprised about the abduction of the first group of five engineers. These engineers had been sent to the Selea area in South Darfur to assess the situation of 350 displaced persons facing difficulties in obtaining drinking water and lacking

health services. Their mission followed a letter sent by the SLM to these people warning them to not to go to Nyala like the IDPs from western Gouz.

### **80,000 IDPs in Abu-Shouk camp wait for \$5,000 each in compensation and as an incentive to return to their villages**

*AlSudani:* About 80,000 IDPs in Abu-Shouk camp in North Darfur State are waiting for \$5,000 each in compensation and as an incentive to return to their villages.

The head of the legislative council in North Darfur State, Mr. el-Nor Mohamed Ibrahim considered the IDPs return to their homelands as a big problem facing the States Government for most of the IDPs belong to the SLM-Abdul Wahid who promised to pay them the compensation.

### **700 Chadian families flee to Darfur due to unrest**

*AlHayat:* 700 Chadian families arrived yesterday el Geneina in West Darfur State. A reliable source revealed that the Government has received 3933 Chadian refugees in Arminkel area near Tendelty.

Sources say that most of the Chadian refugees belong to Tama and Arnaga Chadian tribes. The refugees fled from killings and conflicts taking place currently in Chad.

## **Editorials and Commentaries:**

### **Voluntary returnees to Southern Sudan [AlAyaam editorial]**

A voluntary returns program has started for displaced people from the north to the south and the Nuba Mountains under the sponsorship of the GoNU, the GoSS and the United Nations.

The editorial says that preliminary estimates of those willing to return stand at millions while the first phase targets about 150,000 IDPs.

The paper urges authorities to make sure that preparations are complete for receiving these IDPs at the areas of return so as not to spark conflicts.