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UN/ Agencies

UN chief urges Sudan to approve Darfur force composition

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 7 Nov. UNITED NATIONS) UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called on Sudan on Wednesday to quickly approve the makeup of a U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force in Darfur, but Khartoum faulted donor states for delaying its deployment. "The situation in Darfur is at a crossroads," Ban said in his latest monthly report on implementing a July Security Council resolution authorizing the U.N.-African Union force.

He said peace talks in Libya launched last month presented a unique opportunity that must be seized by all parties, and timely deployment of the peacekeeping force was critical.

Ban warned that preparations for the joint UNAMID peacekeeping force to take over from a hard-pressed AU force at the end of this year were being hampered by poor security and because Sudan has yet to approve the composition of the force. "I am concerned that the security incidents over the past month and the continuing delays in the deployment of UNAMID could lead to a further deterioration in the situation on the ground," he said. *Read more:* <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24644>

Serious accusations against UN planes, UN aircrafts accused of commercial activities

(*AlWatan*) The National Chamber of Commerce has submitted a memo to the Director-General of Civil Aviation indicating that the commercial air cargo companies were harmed due to the role being played by the UN planes in transporting passengers and commodities in return of money.

The chamber said in a memo addressed to a number of concerned parties, it had notified Foreign State Minister, AlSamani AlWaseela, on this flagrant violation on the part of the international organization, but, it maintained nothing was taken so far the memo added that the UN carry each passenger against sum ranging between \$ 40 to 100.

South Darfur governor expels UN humanitarian official - UN

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 7 Nov. UNITED NATIONS) The governor of South Darfur ordered the U.N. humanitarian director to leave the state, which has been the scene of recent fighting and where the United Nations plays a key role in coordinating aid to almost 1 million people, the U.N. said Wednesday.

U.N. deputy spokeswoman Marie Okabe said the U.N. official has not been ordered to leave the country by the government in Khartoum, "but rather has been forced to leave South Darfur."

"This is a directive from the state governor and is being taken up ... with central authorities in Khartoum," she said. "The United Nations is extremely concerned about the potential ramifications of this decision" because the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, known as OCHA, "plays a pivotal role in South Darfur."

OCHA spokeswoman Stephanie Bunker identified the director of OCHA's office in South Darfur as Wael Al-Haj Ibrahim, a Canadian. She said he left the state capital, Nyala, earlier this week and was now in Khartoum.

South Darfur's Governor Ali Mahmood Mohammed said in a letter asking Ibrahim to leave that "he was not complying with the rules of humanitarian action," Bunker said.

She said the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Sudan, Ameerah Haq, will take up the governor's order with the government in Khartoum.

Eliasson announces conference for all Darfur rebel factions in Juba

(AlSahafa) The UN Special Envoy for Darfur, Jan Eliasson, revealed that a conference for all Darfur rebel factions will be held at the beginning of December in Juba. Eliasson, who was speaking in a lecture on peace in Darfur in London, said that the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was hesitant before issuing the invitations for the peace talks in Libya but after consultations with his aides decided to go ahead by beginning the process of negotiations.

GoS demands UN to make public report on rape of children in South Sudan

(AlHayat) The issue of abduction of the Sudanese children from the refugee camps by a French NGO has renewed the story of the UN troops who raped children in South Sudan.

The Head of the GoS Department of Combat of Violence Against Women, Dr. Attiat Mustafa, demands that the UN makes public the report on rape of children by UN personnel in South Sudan. She said the UN made efforts to bring an end to this issue but without considering the rights of the children which have been abused according to international charters. Instead, Dr. Attiat explained that the UN did not release the report which proves that its personnel were implicated during a period of two years in this crime before the Daily Telegraph published its report on this issue.

Attiat said the abduction of the children in Darfur proves that the international community does not recognize the rights of these children so that such rights could be respected similar to those of the children in western societies. "They make the international charters, violate them and ask others to respect them (the charters)".

The source quoted by AlHayat is the Sudan Media Centre (SMC). Please see SMC report below.

Government Demands Release Outcome of Investigations on UN Troops case of reaping Children in the south

(*smc* – 6 Nov. KHARTOUM) The Unit for Eradication of Violence against Child and Woman (UEVCW) headed by Dr Atiat Mustafa reiterates government demand of announcing the outcome of investigation related to the case of raping of Children by UN troops working in southern Sudan. Dr Atiat said the UN has tried to terminate the case without consideration to violation of children rights stated in international charters. She noted that UN has hiding evidence against its troop for two years until the case was reported by London based newspaper (Daily Telegraph).

Dr Atiat highlighted that the abduction of children of Darfur indicates clear evidence that the international community doesn't respect rights of children from nations not belong to western communities. She adds that "The western countries create international charters then violate them and demand other nations implement those charters."

GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)

Salva Kiir accuses NCP of hindering democratic transformation meets Rice today

(*AlRai AlAam*) The FVP and the President of the GoSS Salva Kiir has accused in Washington the NCP of hindering the process of democratization in Sudan. Kiir said the NCP lacks the political will to implement the CPA. Kiir is scheduled to meet today the US Secretary of State Rice.

Sudan's SPLM boycott of government remains - leader

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 7 Nov. WASHINGTON) South Sudan leader Salva Kiir warned Wednesday that his former rebels would stay out of the national government in Khartoum until a 2005 peace deal is fully implemented.

Kiir, who is first vice president of Sudan's government of national unity, said in Washington that the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) was staggering "like a drunken person" but remained on the table.

In September, ministers with Kiir's Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) quit the Khartoum government in protest at slow progress in implementing the CPA, which ended Africa's longest-running civil war in 2005. Kiir said that Khartoum would have to respect "the will of the people" in the future referendum, "but we will not declare any unilateral independence" beforehand.

Read more: <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24641>

The six-member joint committee summons Joint Forces commanders; committee agrees on security issues, committee discusses Abyei today

(*Sudan Vision, AlRai AlAam, AlAyam*) The Joint Defense Board concluded yesterday its meeting in Khartoum and briefed the NCP-SPLM six-member committee which is discussing the obstacles facing the implementation of the CPA. A source told AlRai AlAam that the six-man committee has agreed on a number of issues related the Protocol on Security Arrangements.

The six-man committee welcomed the setting up of a fact-finding team which will visit the border areas such as Alkwiak area in the White Nile State. The Committee will continue today discussions on Abyei and will be briefed by some officials on certain points including the agreed time table for addressing the pending issues.

150 JIU troops died because of lack of medicines in South Sudan

(*AlSahafa*) A report presented at the meeting of the Joint Defense Board (JDB) revealed that 150 soldiers from the Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) have lost their lives due to lack of medicines in South Sudan. The JDB resolved to establish a committee to agree on a plan for ensuring the safety of the oilfields in Upper Nile and Western Nuer.

Interior Ministry keen to cooperate with hybrid force

(*Khartoum Monitor*) The Ministry of Interior underlined that it will cooperate with the hybrid forces in Darfur said the Interior Minister, Professor AlZubair Bashir Taha. The Interior Minister has trained 68 officers in the field of human rights, family protection and police social programmes in order to be prepared to cooperate with the hybrid forces in Darfur.

Meanwhile, the peacekeeping mission in Darfur was transferred to the commander of the hybrid forces following the inauguration of the general command of the hybrid forces by the African Union and the United Nation missions in El Fashir. The new Mission (UNSAMID) (United Nations African Union mission in Darfur) will start its job at the beginning of the next year.

Seized vehicles released upon instructions by Vice-President

(*Khartoum Monitor*) With the continuous efforts to resolve the economic sanctions imposed by the White Sate on the people of Upper Nile State by seizing vehicles loaded with consumer goods and preventing them from entering the town of Renk, a member of Joint Defense Board (JDB), Major gen. Bior Ajang, revealed to Khartoum Monitor that a team has been formed from the joint forces to stabilize the situation along the borders.

The delegation contacted the Commissioner of Renk to know whether the SPLA is present as claimed by the White Nile authorities to the North of line 1/1/1956, mentioning that the town's people complained that the armed forces penetrated south of line 1/1/1956. Bior revealed that the White Nile State authorities released the seized vehicles and allowed them to enter Renk. The seizure of the vehicles was

carried out on Tuesday, November 1st 2007 and their release was done upon instructions from the Vice President.

Civil society joins chorus against Darfur child trafficking

(The Citizen) International civil society organizations yesterday joined the chorus of condemnation of the attempt to remove children from Chad by non governmental organization. “This activity is not representative of the work that is conducted by INGOs in Darfur or our colleagues in Chad” the NGOs said according to a joint statement.

The Darfur children said to be orphans but the UN has since said that some of them had parents. The NGO statement by the Non-Governmental Organizations comes a day after a similar statement by the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in the Sudan.

CPA signatories critical of media unbalanced coverage of national issues

(Juba Post) The government’s joint committee of six from the NCP and the SPLM to resolve the crisis that recently triggered the SPLM withdrawal of SPLM ministers from the Government of National Unity has condemned newspapers for disseminating false information in regard to the withdrawal of SPLM ministers.

Yasir Arman who is the spokesperson of the SPLM side in the committee told journalists on Wednesday in Khartoum that Sudanese newspapers posted many things which are not true. He also called upon the mass media to carefully scrutinize the news they publish in their newspapers and appealed to the entire mass media to be advocates of tranquility and peace.

Hassanein and Mubarak go on hunger strike

(AlAyam) The lawyer and opposition DUP leader Ali Mahmoud Hassanain and the President of the Umma Party (Reform and Renewal) Mubarak al Fadil al Mahdi have began yesterday a hunger strike. The two opposition leaders, who completed almost four months in detention, were accused of plotting sabotage against the government. They have not yet been charged.

Flow of goods, movements of barges between north and south resumed

(AlAyam) The NCP-SPLM six-man committee said the security tensions at the borders of the White Nile and Upper Nile States have been contained. As a result, the committee said, the flow of goods and movements of barges from the north to the south have been resumed.

Justice Minister Raps UNHRC, UNHCR Stance on Child Kidnapping

(Sudan Vision) Sudan has deplored the stance of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the Sudanese and Chadian kidnapped children operations perpetrated by the French organization L'Arche du Zoe. Justice Minister Mohammed Ali Al-Mardi sent communiqués to the

heads of the two organizations strongly criticizing their organizations for failure to respond to the atrocious crime committed by the French organization for non-humanitarian ends.

In his letter to the Human Rights Council, the Justice Minister pointed out that the crime was committed at a time when the Council and the Human Rights Rapporteur, Sima Samar, were busy issuing false allegations against Sudan, accusing it of ethnic cleansing, mass rape and human rights violations in Darfur. Al-Mardi further asked the two organizations to adopt urgent steps for protecting Sudanese children's rights.

GoSS

Salva Kiir denies death of Ugandan rebel leader

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 7 Nov. KAMPALA) The President of Southern Sudan government, Salva Kiir, yesterday told journalists at the UN headquarters in New York that he believes Vincent Otti, the rebel LRA's second most senior commander who is rumored dead, may be simply ill.

Gen. Kiir, who began his trip to the US with a stop UN stop on Tuesday, told a journalist from the Inner City Press (a US news agency) - who asked him whether he knew if Vincent Otti is alive, that; "There are reports that Otti is dead; some of these reports say that Joseph Kony killed him. These are rumors; someone can be sick and then become restored."

Talking about the South Sudan-mediated talks between the LRA and Kampala, Kiir said there is almost peace in Uganda, that an LRA delegation is in Kampala, and that if a peace agreement is signed, "the local community" will ask the ICC to drop the indictments (against the LRA leadership).

South Sudan parliament summons ministers, SPLA over Yambio killing

(*Sudan Tribune.com, The Citizen* – 7 Nov. JUBA) Southern Sudan parliament decided to summon the South Sudan ministers of Interior and Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) affairs to brief the assembly on the killing of three senior police officers by SPLA elements in Yambio last week.

The Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly has today afternoon voted unanimously and directed the newly sworn in Deputy Speaker, Lawrence Lual Lual to summon the Southern Sudan Minister of Interior, and of SPLA affairs to appear before the Assembly by Monday November 12th together with the SPLA Joint Integrated Unit (JIU) Commander in Yambio to answers questions on Yambio shooing that led to killing of three senior police officers from among Equatorian on November 4th 2007, including the deteriorating insecurity in the ten states of Southern Sudan.

The lawmakers' decision came following a motion raised by MP Pascal Bandindi Uru, SPLM, representative of Nagero county of Western Equatoria state who requested the parliament under the urgent and important matter to seriously deliberate over the killing of three senior police offices by SPLA soldiers of JIU.

State of alert declared in southern Sudan town after killing of police officers

(BBC Monitoring) -- Radio Miraya FM The Government of Southern Sudan is investigating the killing of three police officers in Yambio and the UN raised the state of security alert in the town.

A UN source in Yambio, Western Equatorial State, told Miraya FM that the town was almost deserted following yesterday's shooting of three high-ranking police officers by a soldier from the Joint Integrated Unit. There are reports that most people fled the town when the shooting erupted yesterday evening. Our source said a high level of security has been declared by the UN raising it to Face Two. In another development, the funeral of one of the victims Col Abud Abdallah has taken place in Juba.

Sudan's Kiir, UN secretary-general discuss peace pact, Darfur

(BBC Monitoring) -- Sudanese Radio First Vice-President of the Republic and the President of the Government of Southern Sudan Gen Salva Kiir Mayardit and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York yesterday assessed the progress of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in the country. They also discussed the Sirte peace talks on Darfur and the role of the international community to push the Darfur peace process forward.

Nuba Mountains part of the north: ex-rebels reportedly decide

(BBC Monitoring) -- Akhir Lahzah Members of the political bureau of the [former rebel] Sudan People's Liberation Movement [SPLM] and other leading SPLM members in the Nuba Mountains have concluded a closed-door meeting that was shrouded in secrecy and held under tightened security measures at the SPLM HQ in Kawda south-east of Kadugli [in southern Kordofan]. During the meeting a number of recommendations and decisions were issued.

Akhir Lahzah has learnt that the SPLM leadership in the Nuba Mountains has permanently settled the issue of the identity of the Nuba Mountains if Southern Sudan opts for separation. Those meeting in Kawda reached the decision that the area of the Nuba Mountains is not part of the south, following discussions which extended from 27 October to 1 November. According to the peace agreement, the right of south Sudan to self-determination left the area with two options; to remain part of the north or to establish self governance.

Darfur

Russia praises Ethiopia important contribution to Darfur force

(Sudan Tribune.com – 7 Nov. MOSCOW) Russian Foreign minister commended the Ethiopian government for important contribution in the African Union and UN hybrid peacekeeping operation for Darfur. "We appreciate the fact that Ethiopia is planning to send a considerable contingent to take part in the operation." Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Wednesday after talks with his Ethiopian counterpart, Mesfin Seyourm.

Ethiopia pledged to send 5,000 peacekeeping troops to Darfur under the African Union and United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID). The majority of the hybrid force, authorized by Security Council resolution 1769, is expected to be African. The force will comprise some 26,000 personnel.

Read more: <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24643>

South Africa to send more 100 peacekeepers to Sudan

(Sudan Tribune.com – 7 Nov. CAP TWON) South Africa is to send an extra 100 peacekeepers to the strife-torn Darfur region of western Sudan, the government said Wednesday after talks between the heads of state from the two countries. "We will have 800 troops in Sudan by the end of December," Defence Minister Mosiuoa Lekota said after a joint press conference by South African President Thabo Mbeki and his Sudanese counterpart Omar al-Beshir in Cape Town.

South Africa currently has about 700 troops on duty in western Sudan, forming nearly 10 percent of an African Union force that has battled to keep the peace there and is due to be boosted by blue-helmet United Nations troops.

Read more: <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24639>

36 INGOs condemn the French NGO

(AlHayat) A group of 36 INGOs operating in Darfur have yesterday condemned the French NGO for its attempt to abduct Darfur children to send them to France. The INGOs issued a statement to this effect.