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### **United Nations**

#### **Jan Egeland expected here next week**

(*AlRai AlAam*) UN humanitarian coordinator Jan Egeland is expected here next Wednesday on a visit during which he will get acquainted to the humanitarian, health and food situationa in the IDP camps in Darfur.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Ali el-Sadiq told *SUNA* that the UN chief will be visiting Darfur and southern Sudan and will be holding talks with senior government officials including foreign minister Lam Akol.

#### **WHO confirms polio vaccines are safe**

(*AlSahafa; AlSudani*) *AlSudani* reports that 6 children ranging from 2-3 months old are being treated for brain tumours at the el-Buluk Hospital in Omdurman, reports a high rank health official who opted for anonymity.

The official cited an overdose in the vitamin A supplement used in the polio vaccines as the reason for the tumour.

Most of the cases brought for treatment were from the Karari area north of Omdurman and hospital officials said that the patients are now in a stable health condition.

In support of the polio vaccines, Dr. Salah el-Haithami, the WHO consultant, said that the vaccines are safe to use and that what happened to the (*by the time of his statement*) two infants was a swelling of the upper parts of their head due to the fact that they were below the age of 6 months when the vaccine should be given. He said that the swelling is a side-effect of this but assured *AlSahafa* that it is not life-threatening and urged citizens not to heed to rumours that the vaccine is a danger to health.

On the other hand, el-Haithami said that the vaccination campaign is proceeding on well and that they are still waiting for the government and the armed groups to declare tranquillity to allow vaccination teams carry out their jobs in conflict areas.

#### **Darfur militia attack civilians, aid workers everyday — UN**

(*UN News – 7th Nov. New York*) Militia are continuing to attack civilians, burn houses and destroy crops every day in Darfur region, while targeting non-governmental workers trying to assist an estimated 2 million people displaced by the violence, a UN spokesman warned today.

“The UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) continue to receive daily reports of militia attacks on civilians, as well as attacks against humanitarian vehicles on key roads and even inside camps housing displaced persons,” spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters in New York.

Citing one report indicating that yesterday militia attacked villages southwest of Al Fasher in North Darfur, he said they apparently have burnt houses, destroyed crops and taken animals. “A number of people were wounded, and an unknown number of civilians have been displaced as they were forced to flee their villages.”

Also in North Darfur on Monday, armed men attempted to hijack two vehicles belonging to a non-governmental organization (NGO) from within a displaced persons camp, Mr. Dujarric said.

In South Darfur, vehicles belonging to the African Union force (AMIS) and NGOs were forced to return to Nyala after being attacked by villagers accusing AMIS of failing to provide protection, he added.

“There are still serious concerns about further militia attacks in areas of West Darfur,” Dujarric warned, referring to the recent deadly militia violence in the Jebel Moon area that killed around 50 civilians and affected up to 7,000 others. He also said there were fears that inter-tribal conflicts in several areas could increase with the end of the rainy season.

Scores of tens of thousands of people are estimated to have died in Darfur as a result of the conflict between Government forces, allied militias and rebels seeking greater autonomy, and more than 2 million others have been displaced.

However the Government has rejected the expansion of UNMIS to the troubled region and at present the UN assists an African Union mission (AMIS) there. Dujarric said that material support to AMIS has been identified and will be made available immediately after the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding with the African Union and the Government of Sudan.

As part of the immediate UN support package to AMIS, nine military officers and nine police advisers were deployed to El Fasher and Nyala in mid-October, Dujarric said, adding that eight military officers and nine police advisers are in Khartoum, ready for deployment, and 13 additional police officers have been recruited and will deploy soon.

The UN has also agreed to provide eight fly-away kits, 36 Global Positioning Systems, 36 armed personnel carriers and public information services equipment, as well as pharmaceuticals.

UNMIS has also acquired land and has started to move equipment to El Fasher, while the mission has confirmed that close to 200 night vision goggles had arrived in Khartoum, he said.

### **UN officials can not be declared persona non-grata**

*(Sudan Vision, Khartoum Monitor)* The *Sudan Vision* and *Khartoum Monitor* dailies and the *SudanTribune.com* reproduce in full the text of Weblog No. 37 from SRSG Pronk's personal weblog dated 4<sup>th</sup> November in which he highlights some facts about Persona Non-Grata.

The full text of the article could be accessed through Mr. Pronk's personal log on [www.janpronk.nl](http://www.janpronk.nl) and is also posted in today's MMR as a separate attachment.

### **UNMIS organised media visit to Kadugli**

*(Akhbar Alyaum – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. Kadugli)* UNMIS organised recently a visit to Kadugli for a media delegation to attend a function on the dissemination of a Culture of peace organised by an NGO in collaboration with the Oum Sirdiba Association.

The occasion was held under the theme, "The Hakkama (*pl. Hakkamat*. These are women singers in the Darfurs and Kordofan who have played a major role in moving their men folk through their poems and songs during times of conflict), tenets of the peace".

The director of the Humanitarian and Development Aid Organisations, Sudan Program, addressed the ceremony and said that women have been greatly affected by the war. He said the Hakkamat have played a vital role in the conflict in the region and it is now high time that women play an active role in consolidating the values of peaceful coexistence and cooperation between all sectors of the society.

Maha Fridjoun, focal point for gender and HIV/AIDS at the DDR commission and UN representatives also spoke at the function highlighting the important role of the Hakkamat in preserving the peace and conflict resolution in society and on the UN role in capacity-building.

Also present at the function were a number of senior officials in the Government of South Kordofan State and a number of senior UN representatives in the region in addition to a large number of citizens.

## **United Nations and the Transitional Debate**

### **Next U.N. chief pledges swift action on Darfur**

(*Reuters* – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. **Seoul**) The U.N. secretary-general elect, South Korea's Ban Ki-Moon, said on Tuesday he aimed to meet Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir as soon as possible to break the deadlock over U.N. peacekeepers going to Darfur.

Ban, who takes office on Jan. 1, said the international community and the United Nations in particular needed to halt the violence in Sudan's western Darfur region "before it's too late".

"I'm going to meet Sudanese leaders and other African leaders to help resolve this Darfur crisis before it's too late," Ban told Reuters in an interview in Seoul. He said that he will try to meet Sudan's foreign minister first.

Ban, South Korea's minister for foreign affairs and trade, also pledged to concentrate on resolving the situation in Somalia, where tensions continue between Islamists controlling Mogadishu and the Western-backed interim government in Baidoa.

"Somalia's people should also be able to enjoy political and social stability," he told Reuters.

"I will literally pour down my attention and passion towards Africa to resolve the problems inherent in the continent," he told four African presidents at a dinner in Seoul to mark the first Korea-Africa Forum. "The African continent still faces a multitude of challenges in the 21st century."

Ban, who has quietly resisted U.S. pressure for the secretary-general to adopt a less political role, had earlier thanked African states for supporting his candidacy for the job.

He acknowledged, however, that the United Nations had mishandled crises in Africa, such as the 1994 Rwandan genocide in which more than 800,000 people, mainly from the minority Tutsi ethnic group, were killed in just over three months.

### **Ireland warns Sudan over Darfur deaths**

(*Irish Examiner* – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. **Dublin**) The Sudanese Government will be held personally responsible for any further deaths in Darfur, Irish Foreign Affairs Minister Dermot Ahern warned today.

The minister will raise the issue with Amnesty International general secretary Irene Khan in London tomorrow.

Amnesty claims that human rights violations, especially sexual violence against women and girls, must be stopped in Darfur.

Speaking ahead of the meeting with Amnesty, Mr Ahern said: “We have common cause with Amnesty in trying to end this suffering and I will continue to raise the plight of the poor people of Darfur at every opportunity.

“Giving up on Darfur is not an option. The international community needs to do more.”

Ahern added: “Ultimately, the Sudanese regime has a clear responsibility to protect their citizens – they must live up to that responsibility. The message has to go out loud and clear that they will be held collectively and individually responsible for what may happen to the people of Darfur if consent to UN deployment continues to be withheld, and the humanitarian situation further deteriorates.

“And any sanctions will be focused on the regime and the militias and not the ordinary people.”

## **CPA**

### **Presidency summons governor and deputy of S. Kordofan on row over constitution**

(*AlSahafa*) The Presidency of the Republic has requested the Governor of South Kordofan and his deputy to come to Khartoum within next week in a bid to resolve the conflict between the two over revolving the leadership of the regional legislative assembly between the National Congress Party and the SPLM.

The Minister of Federal Government says the issue of the leadership of the legislative body in South Kordofan has delayed the ratification of the state constitution.

### **MP warns rebellion could again erupt in the Nuba Mountains**

*The Citizen.* The National Assembly in yesterday’s session chaired by the deputy speaker Ali Yahia broke into a procedural dispute when by-laws were distributed in Arabic only, as SPLM MPs referred to the stipulations in the Interim National Constitution and CPA that call for business of the national legislature to be conducted in English as well as Arabic.

When business resumed, South Kordofan state (Nuba Mountains) came under discussion with MP Naiel Edam of the NCP expressed concern that the region might resume rebellion if its constitution is not ratified and called for more attention to development there.

## **GoNU**

### **SPLM calls for the evaluation of performance of the police in Khartoum**

*Sudan Tribune.* The SPLM has asked the Governor of Khartoum State to effect a complete evaluation of the performance of the local police force arguing that it exceeds its jurisdiction and violates rights of the citizens by terrorizing them and stirring fear through displaying force.

Khalid Jaden, member of SPLM in Khartoum State legislative assembly talked about the security situation after address of the Governor which called for the deployment of police in the markets and roads, said that the governor should apply article 100 of the constitution of Khartoum state.

He wondered why the D-G of Police was not summoned before parliament during its last round despite calls by some MPs to that end.

## **Goss /Southern Sudan**

### **Juba-Nimule bridge caves in**

(*New Vision* – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. **Juba**) Transport to Juba via the Nimule road was strained on Monday when part of the key bridge connecting it to Uganda gave way under a heavily-loaded trailer.

The quarter-century-old bridge over River Nile outside Juba town was overwhelmed by tonnes of cement on a Ugandan registered Benz trailer.

As the iron plates curved-in, the metallic railings held the huge trailer from dropping into the river. A pick-up closely following it, whose registration could not be established, got trapped.

The white trailer lay in the thick metallic bars, its rear shielding the pick-up and lapping the flowing Nile waters. The front was peering towards the end of the bridge.

Immediately after the accident, SPLA soldiers and military police from the nearby barracks were deployed to guard and guide motorists and pedestrians.

The officer heading the mission said no deaths were recorded and the driver and turn-boy were not injured.

Yesterday morning the South Sudan president, Salva Kiir and his deputy Dr. Riek Machar visited the scene. They inspected the scene and walked across the remaining structure as if to assure travellers that it was safe. They stood for sometime at the gap created by the accident. Kiir said the bridge was 25 years old and “its lifetime had expired.”

Residents gathered near the bridge in groups, taking stock of the accident as security personnel tried to keep them at bay.

Juba town and a large section of southern Sudan residents now use a single lane of the bridge, which is too narrow for vehicles to overtake.

The Juba-Nimule road is the shortest conduit of merchandise from Uganda on which Juba dwellers largely depend.

The alternative route of Arua-Kaya-Yei-Juba is massively gullied. Heavy rains in past weeks have worsened the potholes.

Travellers said over 200 trucks with merchandise were stuck on the road.

### **Former Communist told not to disrupt the SPLM**

*(The Citizen)* A leading member of Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) warned the former members of the Communist Party of Sudan who joined the SPLM to abandon their old ideology and go for the vision of a New Sudan.

“Communist should not take their disease to SPLM” said Shaki Mohaned Ali, one of the SPLM members from the party's Northern sector.

### **Darfur**

#### **Minnawi tour of Darfur**

*(The local press)* Addressing supporters in Nyala yesterday, Mini Minnawi deplored the health situation in the states of Darfur and pointed out that insecurity has spread within each tribe and even each family with one of five people in Darfur possessing arms. He called on the local administration to put politics aside and focus instead in reconciliation.

In a separate meeting with agencies operating in Darfur, the agencies presented the presidential advisor with a report saying that they are finding difficulties of access to certain areas Minnawi controls. The WFP cited Muhajiriya and its environs as some of those areas which they have difficulties reaching and called for protection for the civilian population and humanitarian workers.

Agencies also called for the release of 9 workers recently abducted and the presidential aide promised to look into the issue.

Minnawi who leaves Nyala today for el-Geneina also pledged 2 billion Sudanese pounds for the compensations fund. Representatives of IDP camps who met Minnawi confirmed their backing for the Darfur Peace Agreement and said they are prepared to return to their homes immediately provided security is guaranteed, the Janjaweed disarmed, services are guaranteed and a just compensation served out. They also called upon the civil society organisations to provide them with food as the cold season is closing in.

In Gereida, local chiefs expressed their displeasure over the large presence of SLA-Minnawi troops in their area and asked them to leave. They also reiterated calls for the release of the 9 tribal leaders who were abducted.

Meanwhile sources around Kalma Camp say the area was tense yesterday as pro and anti-Minnawi groups clashed ahead of his visit. Minnawi could not visit the camp as a result of the tense atmosphere and only held talks with representatives.

#### **Chad says Darfur-linked violence kills over 100**

*(Reuters – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. N'Djamena)* More than 100 people were killed in clashes between Arabs and non-Arabs in southeast Chad last week, the government said on Tuesday, and it accused Arab militia raiders from Sudan of stirring up ethnic violence.

President Idriss Debbi's administration said the violence inside Chad once again underlined the need for U.N. peacekeepers to be sent to Sudan's western Darfur region to stop the long-running conflict there from spilling over the border.

"The whole frontier is on fire," Chad's Territorial Administration Minister Ahmat Mahamat Bachir told Reuters, speaking from Chad's southeastern Salamat region where feuding communities fought each other with firearms and bows and arrows.

He said more than 100 people had been killed in the ethnic clashes last week which razed hundreds of homes and granaries.

"The Janjaweed come every day," he said, referring to the feared Sudanese Arab militiamen mounted on camels and horses who have been blamed for a spate of recent attacks on civilians up and down the long and porous Sudan-Chad border.

### **Sudan says 'renegade' tribesmen killed 33 in West Darfur**

(AP— 7<sup>TH</sup> Nov. Khrt.) The governor of West Darfur on Tuesday accused "renegade Arab tribesmen" of killing 33 people and injuring 17 others in an attack on several villages last month in the war-torn region.

Gaffer Abdul Hakam Isaaq, governor of the West Darfur state, said an inquiry commission he set up to investigate the attacks that occurred on Oct. 29 and 30 reported that a "group of renegade Arab tribesmen attacked six villages ... and looted cattle and properties," according to the official Sudan News Agency.

### **Djinnit attends inauguration of Darfur-Darfur Dialogue Conference's Preparatory Committee**

*Sudan Vision*, The AU Commissioner for Peace and Security, Said Djinnit, and chairman of the Darfur-Darfur Dialogue Conference Preparatory Committee, Abdul Mohammed are due to have arrived in Khartoum during the early hours of today on an official visit that will last a couple of days to conduct talks with high level officials of GoNU.

The talks would focus on implementation process of the Darfur-Darfur Dialogue Conference.

It is expected that the arrival of Djinnit and Mohamed would coincide with new positive developments relating to joining of DPA by the non-signatories of the peace process.

## **Editorial and Commentaries**

### **Renegotiating the Darfur Peace Agreement with the non-signatories**

Under the above title the Sudan Vision has published its editorial of 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2006.

According to the press reports, contacts to renegotiate the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) with opponents opposed to the DPA have reached an advanced stage and they have agreed to come to the negotiating table.

The editorial urges the non-signatories of the DPA to reconsider their positions in the light of the new realities that have recently emerged. All the steps of the negotiation is now paving the



way to the realization of the Darfur Peace Agreement – topping these is the ongoing preparations for the launch of the Darfur -Darfur dialogue.