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UN envoy meets Sudan SPLM over pullout

(Sudan Tribune.com – 13 Oct. KHARTOUM) The UN’s top official in Sudan held talks Saturday with a former rebel movement over its controversial decision to withdraw from the government in Khartoum, the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) said.

Taye-Brook Zerihoun met members of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM), including its leader Salva Kiir, during the talks in the southern capital Juba, said UNMIS spokeswoman Radhia Achouri.

"He was briefed on the circumstances of the SPLM decision and on the way forward envisaged by the movement," said Achouri.

Zerihoun said he was "encouraged" by the talks after the rebels "stated the government of the south will remain engaged in discussions and consultations with their partners (in the north)," according to Achouri. She said the UN official planned to meet leaders of the National Congress of President Omar al-Bashir "in the coming days". 
Zerihoun informed the SPLM of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon’s concern over the withdrawal, which has threatened preparations for talks in Libya later this month on the crisis in Darfur.

**UN expresses concern over north-south crisis**

(*Radio Miraya FM – 13 Oct. JUBA*) President Omar al-Bashir has expressed commitment to the implementation of CPA despite differences with the SPLM. Addressing the Nation on the occasion of Id al-Fitr, President Al-Bashir said, he is also committed to implementing all peace agreements including the Abuja and the eastern Sudan agreements.

While the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, has also expressed his concern over the decision taken by the SPLM to suspend its participation in the Government of National Unity.

Mr. Ban called on both sides of the CPA to resolve the situation in a manner that preserve the integrity of their agreement. The UN secretary-general urged the NCP to urgently take necessary steps to address the outstanding issues related to the implementation of CPA.

The statement of Ban Ki-moon said that the UN stands ready to assist the parties to accelerate progress on this matter. The spokesman of US State Department said that the development in Sudan is challenging the efforts being exerted to bring peace to Darfur and the country in general. *BBC Mon*

**Ki-moon submits report on hybrid on UNSC**

(*AlSudani*) The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will present a report on Darfur to the UN Security Council at the end of this month. The report highlights final preparations for the hybrid operation. Meanwhile, the UN Fifth Committee began discussions on the budget and phases of the hybrid operation and administrative aspects. UNMIS will present a report on the budget of the hybrid operation in Darfur.

**GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)**

**ON SPLM DESECION TO FREEZ PARTICIPATION IN GONU:**

(*Sudan Tribune.com*) Last Thursday the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) decided to suspend their participation in the Government of National Unity (GoNU) because of what they describe as the National Congress Party (NCP)’s failure to fully implement crucial elements of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

The latest move by the SPLM raised concern that the CPA that ended two decades of civil war between the Arab and Muslim-dominated north and the mainly Christian and animist black southerners may unravel.

*Sudan’s NCP accuses accused SPLM of failing to implement CPA*
Sudan on Monday denied the claims that it was dragging its feet on implementing the landmark north-south peace deal, saying a lot of progress has been achieved since the signing of the deal to end the civil war in Africa’s largest country two years ago.

In a statement from the Sudanese Embassy in Nairobi, Khartoum accused the SPLA of violating a peace accord which ended the protracted civil war in the South, saying its sustained military spending was worrying.

Khartoum gave a 45-page progress report of measures taken to implement the CPA and accused the SPLA of failing to allow peace monitors to scrutinize its compliance with the peace deal. Read more: [http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24269](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24269)

Bashir meets Machar today

An SPLM delegation, headed by Riak Machar, is scheduled to meet today with President al Bashir. During the meeting the two parties are expected to discuss the memo of the FVP Kiir on suspending SPLM participation in the Federal Government. The GoSS Minister for Presidential Affairs, Dr. Luka Biong, said their visit to Khartoum intends to agree with the NCP officials on a mechanism which could encourage continuous dialogue on obstacles hindering SPLM-NCP partnership.

NDA tries to overcome crisis between CPA Partners

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will hold a meeting today for its representatives in the legislative and executive institutions to discuss the NCP-SPLM crisis. NDA Deputy President General Abdurrahman Saeed said the NDA is exerting efforts in an attempt to overcome differences between the CPA partners.

Committee for crisis management chaired by Ali Osman

The Leadership Office of the NCP has set up a crisis management committee chaired by VP Ali Osman M. Taha to deal with the SPLM decision on suspending its participation in the federal government.

NCP parliamentary group to discuss SPLM pull out

The NCP parliamentary group will hold tomorrow an important meeting to discuss the SPLM decision on pulling out from the federal government. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ghazi Salah Aldin.

Sudan ruling party tells foreign envoys SPLM decision not justified

NCP briefed foreign envoys in Darfur on the current crisis in the GoNU. It explained that SPLM decision was not justified.

The state minister for foreign affairs, Ali Karti, has briefed foreign diplomats accredited to Sudan on current developments between the two CPA partners following the decision by the SPLM to suspend its participation in the GoNU.
Karti briefed the foreign diplomats on the performance of the two partners based on the mechanisms set by the CPA, as well as the progress made and the obstacles faced by the two sides.

**Sudan Southern ex-rebels deliver demands to Khartoum**

*(Sudan Tribune.com – 14 Oct. KHARTOUM)* Former rebels from south Sudan delivered a letter to Khartoum on Sunday detailing their demands for resolving a crisis sparked by the southerners’ pullout from the unity government.

But in a sign of the continued bad blood between the two sides, the SPLM criticized President Beshir for not personally receiving the letter, the first contact between the two sides in four days.

"President Beshir refused to personally receive the letter that Riak Mashar, vice president in the southern semi-autonomous government, was to deliver," SPLM spokesman Dang Goj told AFP. "For us this is a negative signal, an escalation and negligence of our demands," Goj said, adding that Mashar had traveled to Khartoum to personally hand the letter to Beshir but it was instead received by a minister.

**Sudan former VP to mediate between SPLM and ruling party**

*(Sudan Tribune.com – 14 Oct. KHARTOUM)* Reports from Khartoum indicate that consultations are underway to tap the former First Vice President of Sudan Abel Alier as a mediator in the current crisis between SPLM and NCP.

The daily Al-Sudani newspaper reported that some figures from Southern Sudan are working on having Alier try to bridge the difference between SPLM and NCP. Several officials told Al-Sudani that Alier is a widely accepted figure with a proven track record of resolving major issues such as those during the Naivasha talks leading to the CPA.

**Opposition groups discuss NCP-SPLM crisis**

*(AlSahafa)* NCP-SPLM conflict resulted in series of meetings by opposition groups. Yesterday, opposition political forces including the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) held a meeting at the offices of the Umma party in Omdurman. It is anticipated that the opposition groups will prepare a memo to be presented to the UN, al Bashir and Kiir. The opposition’s memo says that the present crisis in Sudan requires convening of all parties meeting to review the peace agreements to achieve a comprehensive peace and a real democratic transformation. It calls also for overcoming conflict over political power through internationally observed free elections and a real government of national unity to implement the CPA.

**US concerned about Sudan government ’setback’**

*(Sudan Tribune.com – 13 Oct. WASHINGTON)* The United States said Friday it was concerned that a Sudanese former rebel group’s decision to quit the government was a setback to peace efforts in the volatile country.
"We are concerned that recent events in Sudan threaten to set back efforts to achieve peace in Darfur and throughout Sudan," said Tom Casey, a State Department spokesman, referring to Sudan’s war-stricken western region.

Casey called on both sides "to refrain from violence, immediately withdraw their armed forces along the north-south border" according to the deal, and "redouble their efforts to fully implement the agreement in good faith."

**Egypt says concerned by row between Sudan’s peace partners**

(*Sudan Tribune.com – 14 Oct. CAIRO*) Egyptian government expressed concern about the suspension of the SPLM of its participation in the National Government to protest over the failure of the NCP to implement the peace deal.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry voiced concern over tension in relations between the Sudan peace partners. In a statement released Sunday, the Foreign Ministry spokesman called on all the Sudanese parties to exercise self-restraint and resort to dialogue as the best way to settle differences.

**Confrontation looms over cabinet reshuffle between SPLM and Sudan ruling party**

(*Sudan Tribune.com – 15 Oct. KHARTOUM*) Sudan’s ruling party is poised for a clash with its Southern partner in the government over the list of nominees for cabinet ministers.

The ex-rebel group SPLM yesterday submitted a list of new ministers to the NCP for endorsement. The NCP has been stalling on approving the list of nominees for the last few months.

A senior SPLM official who spoke to Sudan Tribune last week on condition of anonymity said that the Sudanese president Al-Bashir has refused to remove foreign minister Lam Akol as part of the proposed cabinet reshuffle.

The daily Al-Sharq Al-Awsat newspaper published in London quoted unidentified NCP officials as saying that Al-Bashir is not prepared to accept Dr. Mansour Khalid, the SPLM nominee, to replace Akol as foreign minister under any circumstances.

NCP officials said the party is wary of Khalid’s close relations with US officials and his pro-American attitude. They added that these are unfavorable characteristics of a foreign minister who needs to be “objective and unbiased”.

Meanwhile (*AlSahafa*) has been informed that the Presidential Adviser, Dr. Mansour Khalid, has apologized to FVP and GoSS President, Salva Kiir, for not being able to accept the position of the foreign minister to which he has been nominated by the SPLM Politbureau.
US Carter hopes 2009 elections will end Sudan’s deadlock

(SudanTribune.com – 14 Oct., Washington) The former US president Jimmy Carter who was in Sudan recently expressed hope that the Sudan’s general elections scheduled to be organized in 2009 will help to resolve the current deadlock in the country.

In an interview with Voice of America Carter said "We hope that we can help to arrange an honest election now scheduled for 2009, including a census that is supposed to begin next February to prepare for the voters list that will be used in the election. So we hope we can break a deadline and prevent future deadlock and open up the way for progress in the future."

Kiir receives NCP proposal on replacing its ministers in Southern States

(AlSudani) SPLM Deputy Secretary General for the northern Sector, Yasir Arman, said the FVP and GoSS President, Salva Kiir, has received the NCP proposal on replacing some of its officials who occupy constitutional portfolios in the southern states. Arman assured that the NCP proposal, which was presented by al Bashir, will be implemented by Kiir.

GoSS

Southern sources say Roger Winter engineer of recent SPLM resolutions, Kiir succeeded in amending proposal on resignations to suspending partnership

(AlRai AlAam) Informed southern sources revealed to AlRai AlAam that the FVP and SPLM Chairman Salva Kiir has managed to succeed in amending a proposal by SPLM Politbureau asking its representatives in the federal government to submit their resignations. The amended proposal suspended the SPLM participation at the federal level.

Same southern sources said the US former envoy for the Sudan Roger Winter was the real engineer of the recent decisions adopted by the SPLM Politbureau.

SPLM delegation to meet Sudanese president Tuesday

(SudanTribune.com – 15 Oct., Khartoum) SPLM delegation will meet Sudanese president on Tuesday to deliver a letter from the former rebel movement on the implementation of a peace deal signed in January 2005.

"President Omer al-Bashir will meet us tomorrow at 12 o’clock to receive a letter from the movement on the peace implementation. Also, we will fix an appointment for the FVP, Salva Kiir to discuss the content of the letter with him.” said Yasir Arman, an SPLM deputy Secretary-General.

He further told Sudan Tribune that only Salva Kiir as leader of the SPLM will discuss with Omer al-Bashir the chairman of the NCP the issues raised in the letter.

Al-Bashir had refused on Sunday October 14 to receive a SLPM delegation headed by Southern Sudan V.P, Riek Machar.
South Sudan is not going back to war, Salva Kiir

(Sudan Tribune.com – 14 Oct. JUBA) The president of the GoSS, Salva Kiir Mayardit has, today, assured southern Sudan masses that SPLM will not go back to war and neither will it start war with Khartoum ruling NCP, with whom SPLM signed the comprehensive peace agreement on January 9th 2005.

Kiir said "Even if NCP is relegating from CPA deal that was signed and witnessed by international communities, SPLM will not be the first to start war but will rather push on for its full implementation, meanwhile keeping the witnesses to the CPA informed of any violation being committed by the NCP before resorting to war."

Speaking to Christian faithful at St. Teresa cathedral Kator-Juba, President Kiir lauded SPLM Interim Political Bureau (IPB) decision to suspend participation, recalled and instructed all its presidential advisors and ministers in the Government of National Unity (GoNU) in Khartoum, and northern states not to report to work even if they are in Khartoum until the terms of the CPA are fully implemented.

Read more: http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24249

Southern Sudan front says withdrawal decision reflects SPLM troubles

(Sudan Tribune.com – 14 Oct. KHARTOUM) The newly formed Southern Sudan Democratic Front (SSDF) has accused the SPLM of failing to administer southern Sudan affairs, adding that the decision of suspending participation in the government of national unity reflects the internal problems being faced by the former rebel movement.

In a statement to pro ruling NCP, SMC, a prominent leader in SSDF, David de Chand said the SSDF would hold a press conference during the week to announce its position over the progress of implementation of peace pact and to expose activities indulged by the SPLM in the southern Sudan.

Former child soldiers trade guns for textbooks in rural Southern Sudan

(UNICEF – 15 Oct.) A decade after the United Nations issued a landmark report on children affected by armed conflict, the context of conflict has changed dramatically. A strategic review of the Graça Machel report is now under way to address this issue for the next 10 years. Here is one of a series of stories testifying to the importance of that review, ‘Machel Plus 10’.

RUMBEK, Southern Sudan, 15 October 2007 – At 15, he was a soldier. At 18, he traded his gun for a textbook and went back to school. Today, at 24, Mayom Mabuong is a community leader and a teacher at Deng Nhial School, one of the only institutions in Southern Sudan created specifically to address the needs of former child soldiers.

Mayom had just completed primary school when he joined the armed forces in 1998. After three years of fighting in Sudan’s protracted civil war, which endured for two decades and cost hundreds of thousands of lives, Mayom was one of many child soldiers demobilized by UNICEF in 2001.
The transition from fighter to student was not easy. “When you are a soldier, you are a free man,” says Mayom. “You can do whatever with your gun. But when you’re reunited with your family, they will tell you to do this and do this. You feel like the only people who understand are the ones who were fighting with you.”

**Displaced children in Southern Sudan seek education as key to future**

*(VOA – 15 Oct.)* Nearly 1,000 internally displaced children attend Kuku ’A’ primary school in Juba, the capital of southern Sudan.

Most of these children have returned with their families from neighboring countries or other parts of Sudan, since a peace agreement was signed in 2005 ending more than two decades of war between the north and the south.

Their expectations for a good education and bright future are high. But, resources are few and schools like Kuku lack the money, teachers, facilities and material to provide a quality education.

**Juba on path of reconstruction after 20 years of civil war**

*(Gulf News)* Juba, Southern Sudan: The capital of Southern Sudan, Juba, receives you with all the warmth and jubilee that indicates the end of more than 20 years of civil war that has claimed the lives of almost two million and displaced millions of others.

Electricity pylons and new roads are springing up in the town. The busy activities of construction and renovation of city infrastructure show how the civil war has broken the economy of the region and depleted its population. It also shows the commitment of the peace deal signatories to rebuild what the war has destroyed.

Juba is a commercial centre for tobacco, coffee, as well as a variety of crops produced in the surrounding agricultural areas. It is a southern terminus for river traffic in Sudan and a highway hub with roads to Uganda, Kenya and Congo.

The current number of Juba inhabitants is unknown, the first official population census after the end of the civil war will be held in the coming months.

According to estimates of international organizations, there are 170,000 people at the present time living in Juba and its surrounding areas. The inhabitants of the city are of diverse ethnic origin, southerners from different tribes, Dinka, Shuluk, Nuer, Zandi as well as Arabs from the North who came to the city mainly as traders.

The civil war has displaced thousands of the town's inhabitants. "Only a couple of years ago life was different here. The city had electricity only during the night, scarce running water, bad roads and sewage spilled all over the town with flies everywhere," said Akol Deng, an educated southerner working at Juba municipality.

**Public demonstrations in South Sudan in support of CPA**

*(Akhbar Alyaum)* The Office of the SPLM Deputy secretary General for the Northern Sector issued a statement yesterday saying that a number of southern towns (Aweil,
Wau, Warrap) have witnessed public demonstrations in support of the CPA and protesting against its violations. The statement said more similar demonstrations are expected in Rumbek and areas in Upper Nile State.

**Darfur**

**NGOs pull out from Muhajiria and Haskanita in South Darfur**

*AlSahafa* Due to deterioration in the security situation, all NGOs operating in Muhajiria and Haskanita in South Darfur have pulled out from the two areas. SLM Minawi humanitarian affairs officer, Kamal al Haj, told AlSahafa that 71,000 people were forced to leave the areas following recent military confrontations.

**Kiir calls on rebel movements to unify negotiating positions**

*AlRai AlAam* Joint meetings between SPLM and the DPA non-signatory rebel movements began yesterday in Juba in an effort to unify the rebel movements before peace talks in Libya at the end of this month. FVP and GoSS President Salva Kiir, who addressed the opening session, urged the rebel factions to unify their negotiation positions before the peace talks. The SPLM-sponsored meeting will continue for five days with the hope unifying the Darfur rebel groups.

**Differences within SLM Minawi over suspending DPA, Leadership office to meet**

*AlSudani, AlRai AlAam* SLM Minawi is witnessing major conflicts following a decision by the field commanders to suspend the DPA and their call for a meeting within 72 hours to discuss recent developments.

SLM political leaders did not confirm or refute reports on suspending the DPA. However, they confirmed that the Leadership Office will hold a meeting during the coming days in order to discuss the crisis. SLM second commander, Bakheit Karima, said to AlRai AlAam that suspending the DPA does not mean going back to war. He said consultations are ongoing in the field so as to agree on the next step.

The Legal Adviser of the SLM Chairman, Abdel Aziz Sam, explained that there is currently coordination between all parties who signed peace agreements with the government in order to agree on a unified position towards the NCP.

**Splintered Darfur rebels search for common ground**

*Sudan Tribune.com – 15 Oct. JUBA, Sudan* Representatives of seven Darfur rebel groups met in south Sudan on Monday to try to reach a common negotiating position ahead of peace talks with the government.

But huge doubts remain about whether Darfur’s rapidly fracturing insurgent groups will be able to agree on a joint set of grievances and negotiating points before they travel to Libya for the negotiations with Khartoum on Oct. 27. Even as the meeting began, rebel leaders said some fighters were shifting allegiances.
Organizers of the meeting in Juba, capital of south Sudan, said rebels would have up to five days to find common ground. Some delegates in Juba told Reuters they were optimistic. "We will not leave Juba unless we are reunited," said Tadjadine Bechir Niam, from a breakaway faction of the rebel Justice and Equality Movement. "We are ready to give any concessions."

A spokesman for the meeting’s organizers, the south Sudan government’s Darfur Taskforce, said they were hopeful the founder of the rebel Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A), Abdel Wahid Mohamed el-Nur, would attend.

**ICC prosecutor criticizes UN chief over Darfur war crimes suspects**

(Sudan Tribune.com – 15 Oct. THE HAGUE) The Chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Luis Moreno-Ocampo criticized the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon for neglecting the issue of justice in his monthly reports on Sudan.

“Justice was not mentioned in the UNSG subsequent reports on Darfur where the UN secretariat developed a three prong approach with a humanitarian, political and security components only” Ocampo said in prepared remarks to the 11th diplomatic briefing at the ICC headquarters in the Hague.

The judges of the ICC issued their first arrest warrants for suspects accused of war crimes in Sudan’s Darfur region in early May. The warrants were issued for Ahmed Haroun, state minister for humanitarian affairs, and militia commander Ali Kushayb. Sudan has so far rejected handing over the two suspects.

The warrant for Haroun lists 42 counts including murder, torture and persecution, while the warrant for Kushayb lists 50 counts including murder and intentionally attacking civilians.

The Chief prosecutor warned that silence on the issue of enforcing the arrest warrants “could be interpreted as a weakening resolve of the international community” and “could encourage the provocative gesture of promoting Haroun instead of removing him from Office”.

**Madagascan troops ready to go to Darfur**

(Sudan Tribune.com – 15 Oct. ANTANANARIVO) Over 300 Madagascan army men are ready to join the Southern African Development Community (SADC) standby brigade in a mission to restore peace in Darfur, southwest Sudan, and local media reported on Monday.

A two-week military maneuver aimed at improving military competence and know-how in case of intervention was closed in the northern part of the country on Saturday.

Among the troops that participated in the exercise were 360 soldiers, who would be sent to Darfur to join the SADC peacekeeping forces, Madagascan Minister of Defense Behajaina Petera disclosed at the closing ceremony. Over 400 soldiers from AFSIO had been sent to Madagascar from the Indian Ocean islands of Reunion and Mayotte to participate in the training.
The troops were now operational and ready to integrate into SADC standby brigade, set up last August, for a peacekeeping mission in southern Sudan, the Madagascan Defense Minister was quoted as saying.

**EU approves deployment of Darfur force in Chad and CAR**

*(Sudan Tribune.com – 15 Oct. LUXEMBOURG)* European Union foreign ministers gave their final approval Monday to deploy a 3,000-strong E.U. peacekeeping force to help refugees and the displaced along Darfur’s borders with Chad and the Central African Republic.

The E.U. ministers also appealed to northern and southern Sudanese political factions to stick to a 2005 peace pact, fearing a collapse of the delicate treaty in that unrelated Sudanese conflict could lead to new civil war complicating international efforts to end the Darfur crisis.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said the task of the E.U. force will be to improve security and make it easier for aid groups to do their work in the camps that border Sudan’s Darfur region. "It is a reconstruction mission, a development mission and a humanitarian one," Kouchner told reporters. "Security needs to be assured" for the refugees, he said, but said the mission "would not secure the border areas."

**Rebel SLM-Unity threatens to snub Darfur peace talks**

*(Sudan Tribune.com – 15 Oct. ASMARA)* A Darfur rebel group threatened Monday to pull out of peace talks with Khartoum due later this month, following the decision of former rebels to withdraw from the Sudanese government.

Sharif Harir, a leader and spokesperson of the rebel Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) Unity faction, said negotiations on the western Darfur region were impossible following the pullout of Sudan’s former southern rebels from the government of national unity (GNU) in Khartoum.

"The Darfur movements were expected to negotiate with the GNU," said the Asmara-based Harir. "However, now that the SPLM has frozen its membership in the GNU, for all practical purposes, that government does not exist."

"Under such circumstances it is untenable for the Darfur movements to negotiate with the National Congress Party that is known to dishonor its agreements," Harir said in the statement.

**Two rebel groups meet in Germany to prepare Darfur peace talks**

*(Sudan Tribune.com – 13 Oct. FLENSBURG, Germany)* Two non signatory rebel groups met here to discuss preparation for the forthcoming peace talks set to begin in Sirte, Libya within two week in a bid to end the four year conflict in Darfur.

Senior leaders and experts from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) and the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM/A) of Ahmed Al Alshafi met at the European Centre for Minority Issues in Flensburg, Germany to prepare joint positions to be put
forward during the talks that have been called by the United Nations and the African Union.

In preparation for the upcoming talks, the JEM and SLM-Abdelshafi started to develop their own proposals on how to have fair, inclusive and comprehensive agreement that can address the root causes of the conflict in Darfur and to end the suffering of the population permanently.

Topics discussed included the question of the establishment of a regional identity for the three federal constituent states of Darfur, the problem of the political representation of Darfur in the central government institutions, wealth-sharing, human rights and democratization.

**Darfur rebels say fighting for 25% of power sharing in Sudan**

(Sudan Tribune.com – 13 Oct. JUBA) A Darfur rebel faction attending a unity meeting organized by the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement in Juba said fighting to have 25% of power sharing in federal government.

“We are fighting to demand our right of 25% of power sharing from the central government but not for separation,” the Deputy Chief negotiator of Darfur Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) - Collective Leadership who is also the Spokesperson of the group, Tadjadine Bashir Niam, has told Sudan Tribune.

In an interview with Sudan Tribune, Tadjadine said their demands would be of power sharing, wealth sharing and participation of Darfurians in both the central and regional governments, adding that they would also demand for reconstruction of Darfur including compensation of Darfurians who lost their houses and wealth from “the start of government atrocities on the innocent people in Darfur.”

**ICC Prosecutor calls for worldwide mobilization to arrest Darfur suspects**

(Sudan Tribune.com – 13 Oct. MONTREAL) The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is urging Canadians and people around the world to tell their governments to help nab suspected Darfur war criminals.

"One important thing the world did to prevent (genocide) was establish this court," Luis Moreno-Ocampo said Saturday in an interview with The Canadian Press. "Now, the challenge is to implement the law decisions."

Moreno-Ocampo, who spoke at a global conference Saturday on the prevention of genocide in Montreal, said land and cattle have been taken away from more than two million Sudanese, many of whom were forced into "squalid" camps. More than 200,000 people have been killed during the conflict, which began in 2003.

Those behind these "massive atrocities" must be apprehended for the clash to end, he said.

In the spring, the international court issued warrants for Sudanese government minister Ahmed Haroun and janjaweed militia leader Ali Kushayb, both suspected of
committing war crimes in Darfur. However, Sudan’s government has refused to arrest the suspects.

Read more:  http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24228

SLM-Unity accuses Sudan of trying to kill rebel leaders

(Sudan Tribune.com – 11 Oct. CAIRO) A Darfur rebel group accused Khartoum of trying to kill its leaders after a Sudanese air defence unit threatened to shoot down an African Union plane carrying the group’s military leadership on Thursday.

"The plane carrying the leaders was forced to make an emergency landing in Kutum (in North Darfur) or face being shot down," SLM-Unity spokesman, Mahjoub Hussein, told AFP by telephone from London.

"The leaders were asked to surrender and it was only after discussions involving the UN that they were set free. It was an attempt to kill the leaders," he said.

An AU airplane had been transporting senior military leaders Abdallah Yahia and Abu Bakr Kadwa, as well as other military figures to Juba in south Sudan for talks with other rebels, Hussein said. "An air defence unit said it would shoot down the plane if it didn’t land immediately," Hussein said. "Eventually, they were allowed to leave for Juba."

Editorials

○ (AlAyam editorial) It cannot be imagined that the present situation in Sudan would continue as it is leading to a new crisis every day, ethnic conflicts, bloody fighting and conflict between ruling allies.

○ SPLM recent decision may have the credit of highlighting this deteriorating situation.

○ It is now time for an action programme which enjoys a national consensus and a national government from all political forces and regional groups. This government should continue for a year and a half i.e. to be followed by agreed national elections.