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#### **WFP concerned over targeting its personnel in Darfur**

(*AlAyam*) The WFP expressed its concerns over brutal attacks targeting its staff in Darfur. These attacks the WFP says. Hinder delivery of food to millions of needy people in Darfur. The WFP Executive Director condemned these attacks as they deprive more than three million people from food assistance and who depend on NGOs. He said as a result of these attacks on the WFP trucks three contracted staff have been killed. The WFP trucks have been attacked more than 20 times during this year only, he said.

#### **Discussions with Both Parties Positive, Zerioun**

(*Sudan vision Daily*– 21 Oct.) UNMIS has offered to mediate between NCP and SPLM to diffuse the current crisis that has erupted between the two partners. UNSG Deputy Representative, Taye-Brook Zerioun, informed Sudan Vision that the rationale behind UNMIS initiative is to set the stage for high-level consultations that include UNMIS, NCP and SPLM to untangle their present impasse.

Zerioun told Sudan Vision that he has left for Juba to probe the reason for SPLM decision to withdraw from the Central Government and the short- and long-term strategies the SPLM plans to pursue to address different scenarios that may follow as a result of its decision.

"My assessment of the discussions with both parties was positive in that they both showed seriousness of purpose and readiness to keep channels of communication open to try and resolve the problems through consultation," Zerioun said, adding that it was a good sign that consultations are continuing although the problems have not been resolved.

Zerioun further commented that the UN considers that the CPA has reached a critical juncture where a number of sensitive issues have to be tackled and resolved by the two partners without delay. "We have undertaken a strategic assessment of our activities to better position and resource ourselves with respect to the current and

upcoming challenges of CPA implementation including redeployment of forces, Abyei, North-South boundary demarcation and the elections," Zerioun said.

He explained that UNMIS could help push CPA implementation forward by urging the two partners to focus on the above and other issues during the consultations.

Zerioun concluded that, in addition to the key outstanding issues in CPA implementation mentioned above, the high-level consultations could help in addressing on the spot problems that may arise including the current impasse in the GoNU.

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

#### **Sudanese president invites N. Uganda leaders to discuss Juba talks**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 20 Oct. KAMPALA) The Sudanese President Omer el- Bashir is to hold consultations with a group of leader from war- ravaged northern Uganda this weekend in Khartoum, according to report reaching here on Thursday.

Walter Ochora, the Resident District Commissioner of Gulu District, confirmed the trip on Wednesday, saying others invited include Gulu district chairman Norbert Mao, Gulu archdiocese bishop John Odama and Acholi Muslim leader Sheik Musa Khelil.

Bashir invited cultural, religious and political leaders from Acholi, Lango, Teso and West Nile sub-regions to discuss the prospects of the on-and-off Juba peace talks between Ugandan government and rebel group Lord Resistance Army (LRA). The leaders are scheduled to leave for Khartoum on Friday, where they will hold five days consultations with Bashir and his government officials about the peace process in the war-torn northern Uganda.

#### **Presidency says no official information on Afwerki's visit to Sudan**

(*AlSudani*) The Sudanese Presidency it has not been notified officially on a visit by the Eritrean President Isias Afwerki. However, the GoSS Minister of Presidential Affairs Luka Biong said Salva will meet today in Khartoum the Eritrean President.

#### **Sudan ruling party accuses SPLA of launching military offensive**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 20 Oct. KHARTOUM) The Sudanese ruling party accused the southern ex-rebels of occupying a town Al-Kuwaik located south of the White Nile.

An unidentified military source told the government sponsored Sudanese Media Center (SMC) website that Sudan People Liberation Army (SPLA) forces are on the offensive to take over some more cities in the region supported by tanks and vehicles.

The source said that the SPLA is massing troops on the eastern bank of the White Nile River in preparation for an attack on Al-Tboon area bordering the states of Sinnar, White Nile and Upper Nile. However the governor of Blue Nile State Malik Agar told Sudan Tribune by phone that he has no knowledge of such news and denied any military movements by the SPLA. "The SPLM leadership is not aware of any

incidents involving our forces" he added. The United Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) spokeswoman Radhia Achouri told Sudan Tribune that she has no information on the government claims.

### ***SPLM denies infiltration of SPLA troops in White Nile State***

(*AlRai AlAam*) reports that the SPLM denied infiltration of its troops in the White Nile State. The Head of the Technical Committee of the Joint Defense Board (JDB), AlYas Waiya, said the redeployment of the SPLA in this area took place with knowledge of the SAF in order to stop proliferation of arms. The Federal Minister of Defense said the movements of SPLA troops in this area are contrary to the provisions of the CPA. However, The SPLM Deputy Secretary General for the Northern Sector, Yasir Arman, denied truth of reports on SAF movements in the area.

A report by the Sudan Media Centre (SMC) said 630 SPLA troops have occupied the area of Northern Alshokaya in the White Nile State (150 kms south of Kosti). According SMC the said SPLA troops have been distributed as follows: 400 in al-Madok area, 150 in Omkraya and 80 in Mohamed Shareif area. Further, the SMC reported that the SPLA is planning to redeploy additional 300 troops to occupy Omjalala area.

### **Kiir says pending issues will not be solved overnight**

(*AlRai AlAam*) The FVP and President of GoSS General Salva Kiir Mayardit said the solution the present NCP-SPLM crisis lies in discussing the issues raised by SPLM in regard to the implementation of the CPA and the violations of the Constitution. Kiir, who addressed on Saturday a meeting of SPLM executive and legislative leaders, linked the swearing in of the SPLM Ministers with addressing all the issues that have been raised by SPLM. Kiir said these issues cannot be solved overnight but require agreement on ways and means for overcoming them with specific time table.

### **NDA arranges for meeting between Kiir and ElMirghani**

(*AlSahafa*) The opposition National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has indicted, in a meeting with the SPLM Secretary General, its support for its former ally, the SPLM in its conflict with the NCP. A statement signed by SPLM Secretary General, Pagan Amum, and the NDA Deputy President Abdurrahman Saeed said in respect to the NCP-SPLM crisis the NDA is not neutral but supports the SPLM position. The NDA considers the SPLM position a good ground for a common work between the two parties. The NDA coordination committee will hold another meeting in Juba with the SPLM Secretariat. The NDA is also preparing for a meeting between its President Mohamed Osman al Mirghani and Kiir.

### **SPLM MPs support SPLM position on pullout**

(*AlWatan*) The SPLM parliamentary group had declared its support for the position of the SPLM Politbureau on withdrawing its executive members in the federal government. It called on the NCP to commit itself to implementing the CPA. The SPLM Deputy Secretary General for the Northern Sector, Yasir Arman, informed that

Kiir's meeting with SPLM executive and legislative members has not discussed the issue of suspending the work of the parliamentary group in the National Assembly.

### **Sudan Armed Forces, Police laws priority of next parliamentary session**

(*AlSudani*) The National Assembly and the State Assembly will begin tomorrow their fifth session. Discussing and passing the Sudan Armed Forces Law and Police Law are among the priorities of this session.

### **Tens died in intertribal conflict in North Kordofan**

(*AlWatani*) Intertribal fighting within the Majaneen tribe (alIraifia and Aulad Rahman) in Northern Kordofan has resulted in the killing of 42 people and causing injuries to 69 others.

### **NCP says mutiny among SPLM ranks**

(*Alwan*) NCP Leading figure and member of the government delegation to Naivasha talks Abdurrahman Ibrahim Al-Khalifa has described the meeting between President Omer Bashir and his deputy Silva Kiir as positive. He said that the meeting in itself had brought about a breakthrough on the recent crisis between the NCP and the SPLM. "No single wise person views that in one meeting between the President and his deputy all pending issues with their mechanisms can be solved, but what is urgent is the issue was the SPLM's ministers reshuffling.

He hinted, in an interview with the BBC, to a mutiny within the SPLM's ranks in view of non- taking of the newly appointed ministers the oath, maintaining that the non- oath-taking was procedural issue.

Meanwhile, SPLM Spokesperson Yassir Arman told the BBC that Kiir discussed with Bashir a package of issues and not the ministerial reshuffle only, adding that it was not true that the SPLM's ministers would swear in at any time. Arman noted that Kiir met Bashir and his deputy Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, saying that Kiir discussions focused on the implementation of the CPA, violations of the CPA by the NCP and then the ministerial reshuffle.

### **Alor: Ministerial reshuffle marginal part of crisis**

(*Alwan*) The newly-appointed Foreign Minister Deng Alor has ruled out overcoming the crisis between the NCP and the SPLM in light of the presidential decrees issued recently by the President. Alor, who was speaking last Friday to the London-based Alsharg Alawasat daily, said that there was pending issues, notably the pull out of SAF from the South, implementation of Abyei protocol, demarcation of the borders between the North and South, the population census and the democratic transformation, reiterating the SPLM's insistence of freezing its participation in the government.

## **Talks between NCP and SPLM to resume next week**

(*Alwan*) A Southern official has said that talks to handle the crisis of the federal government between the NCP and the SPLM will resume next week following the failure of the first round of talks.

GOSS Affairs Minister Luka Biong added that First Vice-President Silva Kiir would meet with Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki and leave for Jongli State to attend a peace conference.

On the other hand, SPLM's Deputy Secretary – General Yassir Arman told (Reuter) that the movement leadership approved the recent ministerial reshuffle, adding that a separate reshuffle to GOSS was made whereas Minister of Information Samson Kuwaji was assigned the Ministry of Agriculture and Albino Akol and John lock John exchanged the portfolios of the ministries of mining and youth and sports.

## **SPLM calls on the IGAD to convene emergency meeting to discuss the crisis**

(*AlSudani*) The secretary general of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), Pagan Amum, has called on the UN Security Council and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) countries to convene an emergency meeting on the movement's crisis with the National Congress Party.

Amum, who was addressing an occasion organized by the Association of Fashoda students in Khartoum, warned of consequences that would later happen if the crisis between the two partners are not resolved.

He said that SPLM would not revert to war because there were other means for guaranteeing the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). Amum said that resolving the crisis between the SPLM and the National Congress Party (NCP) lays on the ability of the Sudanese people to grasp on the NCP to implement the CPA and the removal of the violators.

Amum said that if the intentions of the NCP were ratified with consent, the outstanding issues between the SPLM and the NCP could be resolved within a day adding that the situation would return to normalization if the NCP was committed to implementing the CPA.

## **SPLM exercises self-criticism to NDA**

(*AlAyam*) In a meeting on Saturday with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), the SPLM exercised self-criticism for its role in the NDA during the past period. Pagan Amum, the SPLM Secretary General, told the meeting that his movement has learnt a lesson from the present crisis with the NCP. Accordingly, he said, the SPLM would reconsider its relationship with the NDA.

## **NCP accuses some SPLM elements of undermining Sirte talks**

(*AlAyam*) The National Congress Party (NCP) accused some elements within the SPLM of exploiting the present NCP-SPLM crisis to make the Darfur peace talks in Libya a failure. Presidential Adviser and NCP Secretary for South Sudan, Dr. Riak Gai, said the SPLM internal problems are behind the present crisis.

## **Leading NCP figure says they are ready for war**

(*AlIntibaha*) The NCP Secretary for Youth, Haj Majid Suwar, said in a press conference yesterday that they are prepared for all possible situations including war if it is imposed on them.

## **South Sudan's Machar, JEM delegation discuss Darfur peace efforts**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 20 Oct. JUBA) A rebel Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) delegation met today with the Southern Sudan vice-president. The delegation praised SPLM efforts to reunite Darfur movements and the proposals presented in this respect. Representatives of seven Darfur rebel groups meet in south Sudan since Monday to try to reach a common negotiating position ahead of peace talks with the government set to begin next week in Libya.

Riek Machar discussed on Saturday with a JEM delegation the SPLM efforts to find common ground between the Darfur rebel groups before the next week peace talks scheduled to begin on October 27, Ahmed Hussein Adam, JEM spokesperson told Sudan Tribune in Juba.

## **Sudan opposition alliance backs former SPLM rebels**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 20 Oct. KHARTOUM) Former Sudanese rebels who pulled out of a unity government last week have secured the support of an opposition alliance in their stand-off with President Omar al-Bashir's ruling party.

Officials from the SPLM met Saturday in Khartoum with members of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), a group including the Democratic Unionist, Communist and Ba'ath parties, and independent personalities, opposed to Bashir's regime.

The NDA expressed its support for the SPLM "in its search for peace, democracy and free elections." A statement also said alliance members would meet in Juba, the capital of southern Sudan, to discuss the political crisis stemming from the SPLM's withdrawal from government. No date has been set for the meeting.

## **Sudanese ruling party rejects France conference**

*BBC Mon. Text of report by Sudanese newspaper Al-Ray AlAam website on 20 October*

[Report from Khartoum by Dia-al-Din Bilal and Al-Nadhir Ibrahim: "Dr Ghazi: 'The French initiative is of no use'. SPLM appeals for help by UN Security Council, IGAD, to salvage peace"]

The Government has rejected an initiative by France to convene an international conference to evaluate and remedy the Naivasha disagreements that have led the Sudan People's Liberation Movement [SPLM] to freeze its partnership with the National Congress Party [NCP].

Presidential Adviser Dr Ghazi Salah-al-Din told Al-Ra'y al-Amm yesterday [ 19 Oct] that he had received from France's Ambassador in Khartoum Christine Bishop an invitation to the holding of an international conference to evaluate and remedy the Naivasha differences, with the participation of China, Saudi Arabia, the United States and the IGAD countries and their partners.

Dr Ghazi said of the initiative that it was not useful. He pointed out that the peace agreement has mechanisms to deal with differences and problems through the Presidential establishment, the Evaluation Commission, and the Constitutional Court. "There is no need to renegotiate on issues that have been completely settled and codified as articles in the Constitution," he said, adding that intervention would further complicate the problem.

Meanwhile, an informed source revealed to Al-Ra'y al-Amm that the NCP will make a special proposal today to the SPLM to surmount the Abyei issue, considering that the movement has made swearing in of its ministers contingent on a solution to this case. The source said that if the SPLM rejected the proposal or did not agree to it, the NCP believes it would be necessary to continue negotiations to solve the issue and that the SPLM ministers should take the oath in the interim.

Meanwhile the SPLM made separate calls to the UN Security Council and IGAD [Inter-Governmental Authority on Development] to convene emergency meetings to discuss delays in implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan. SPLM Secretary-General Pagan Amum referred to the invitation issued by France to convene an international conference to consider the same issue and to seek to take to account those proven to be the cause for not implementing the agreement.

He said yesterday in addressing the conclusion of the sports tournament for Fashoda students in universities and higher educational institutes, held at the Camponi Stadium in Khartoum, that "the agreement is a responsibility in the hands of the UN Security Council, and this is why we call upon it and on IGAD to convene an emergency summit to discuss the issue and study means of helping Sudan implement the Naivasha Agreement".

## **GoSS**

### **Southern opposition calls on Kiir to resign due to corruption**

(Alwan) The Southern Sudanese opposition National Democratic front yesterday called on Salva Kiir to resign from his positions in the GoNU and GoSS. The southern opposition group accused SPLM of creating the present crisis in order to draw attention away from its financial corruption in south Sudan.



## **South Sudan needs to participate in oil marketing - State minister**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 20 Oct. KHARTOUM) Sudan's Federal State Minister for Energy and Mining, Angelina Teny, has called for the appointment of representatives from the Government of Southern Sudan in the team assigned to market and sell Sudan's oil on international markets.

In an interview with Dubai based the Gulf News, the Sudanese official said: "GoSS was not allowed any representation at the strategic stages of oil production and overseas marketing. GoSS is only represented through the so-called [oil accounts committee] which divides the quotas based upon figures."

## **Uganda rebels surrender to South Sudan after faction fight**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 20 Oct. KAMPALA) Eleven officers from Uganda's Lord's Resistance Army rebel group have surrendered to south Sudanese authorities after fleeing a battle between their two top commanders, the Ugandan army said on Friday.

Army spokesman Felix Kulayigye said he had reports from South Sudanese authorities and his defence minister, who was with them in its capital Juba, that the officers had fled LRA hideouts in east Congo to Sudan after a shootout on Wednesday.

The LRA, whose brutal 20-year war in northern Uganda killed tens of thousands and made two million people refugees, signed a ceasefire with Uganda last year but have refused to quit their jungle hideouts in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

"We heard reports of some infighting ... as a result of which they scattered. Eleven officers surrendered in Maridi in western Sudan," Kulayigye said. The LRA were not immediately available for comment.

## **Egypt builds power stations, schools in South Sudan**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 19 Oct. CAIRO) Egypt is building four power stations and three schools for principal education in south Sudan, spokesman of Egypt's Foreign Ministry told reporters here Friday.

Egyptian universities are hosting more than 300 south Sudanese students as part of scholarship program offered by the Egyptian government. The Alexandria University is finalizing the preparations for launching a branch south Sudan, the spokesman pointed out. During a recent visit to Juba, south Sudan, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul-Gheit and intelligence chief Omar Suleiman inspected some of the reconstruction and development projects being implemented by Egypt there.

## **Darfur**

### **Armed groups carry out daily attacks on Darfur Kalama displaced**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 18 Oct. NYALA) Khartoum backed armed groups carry out daily attacks inside Darfur biggest camp in order to spread violence and force internally displaced persons to evacuate the camps, reports received from South Darfur say.

Kalma camp is the most volatile one, but also the biggest IDPs camps. It is seen as supporting the Darfur rebel Sudan Liberation Movement founder and Chairman Abdel Wahid Mohamed al-Nur, who refuse to take part in the ongoing peace process demanding security for Darfur civilians before talks.

Since two days armed groups enter to the camp of Kalma in South Darfur state and attack habitants of the camp. Armed militia elements killed on Wednesday a displaced called Mahmoud Ishac, Sudan Tribune has learnt.

Asked by telephone, al-Nur confirmed the reports. He further accused Sudanese government of organizing regular attacks against civilians. "Civilians fear attacks and they are terrorized" he said.

Sudanese forces surrounded and attacked Darfur's most volatile camp on Tuesday August 21 to flush out rebels they say are behind attacks on two police posts.

#### ***AU confirms attack on Darfur's largest refugee camp***

(*Agence France Presse.* – 20 Oct.) The African Union on Saturday confirmed that an attack took place on a Darfur refugee camp on Friday and called on all parties to exercise restraint ahead of peace talks in Libya next week.

"We can confirm that there was an attack in Kalma camp, near Nyala in south Darfur," said Noureddine Mezni, African Union mission in Sudan (AMIS) spokesman.

He said an inquiry had been launched to determine who was behind the killings. The number of casualties was not immediately clear. He said AMIS chief Rodolphe Adada has urged all parties to abstain from any action that could harm the peace process.

#### **4 injured in new militias attack on IDPs camp in West Darfur- rebels**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 20 Oct. PARIS) Four people are gravely injured in a new attack carried out by Sudanese government militias today against another displaced camps in West Darfur, a rebel leader said.

Abdel Wahid al-Nur, the founder leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM), told Sudan Tribune that Khartoum backed militias raided Al-Humaydia camp near Zalingei, in West Darfur state. This attack comes three days after similar attack on Darfur biggest camp of Kalma near the capital of South Darfur state where six people were killed and 14 injured. The rebel leader said the attack started at 05:00pm and continued up to 09:00 pm local time.

#### **Darfur rebel factions to end consultations in Juba today**

(*AlSahafa*) The Darfur rebel groups currently meeting in Juba is expected to conclude their consultation meeting today and announce its outcome. .

### **JEM faction demands participation of opposition leaders as observers in Sirte**

(*AlWifaq*) JEM faction, chaired by Dr. Idris Ibrahim Azrag, called for the participation of the opposition political parties as observers in Sirte peace talks on Darfur. JEM Political Secretary said Dr. Ibrahim is currently participating in the Juba meeting of the Darfur rebel movements. He participants in the meeting fly directly from Juba to Sirte in Libya for the peace talks.

### **SPLM will not participate in Sirte talks on Darfur**

(*AlIntibaha*) The SPLM Secretary General, Pagan Amum, confirmed that his movement will not be part of the Government (GoNU) delegation for Darfur peace talks. He justified this saying that his movement vision for solving the problem of Darfur is different the vision of the NCP.

### **Chinese FM, UN chief discuss Darfur, Myanmar on phone**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 20 Oct. BEIJING) Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Saturday discussed the situation in Sudan's Darfur region and in Myanmar during a telephone conversation, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a press release. No further details about the discussion provided by the Chinese authorities.

### **Tribal fighting in Buram**

(*Akhbar Alyaum*) reports that 25 people have been killed while they were doing their Friday prayers in al Naiem Mosque in one of the villages of Buram Locality (County). Most of the inhabitants of the village are from al-Salamat tribe. They were attacked by an armed group using three vehicles. Last Wednesday three of the Salamat tribesmen were killed in a similar attack.