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Three soldiers killed in Darfur camp attack – UN

(*Reuters*) Three Sudanese soldiers were killed when government forces attacked a refugee camp in Darfur, the second assault reported on a shelter for displaced people in less than a week, the United Nations said on Monday.

The fighting, at Hamidiya camp near the western town of Zalingei, was the latest in a series of clashes just days before planned peace talks between Sudan's government and rebel groups. No one from the Sudanese armed forces was immediately available for comment.

The U.N. mission in Sudan said there had been reports of three killings after Sudanese troops surrounded Hamidiya Camp and started shooting into the settlement on Saturday.

A U.N. spokeswoman said the troops moved in following reports that displaced people had killed a government intelligence officer inside the camp earlier the same day.

"SAF (Sudan Armed Forces) soldiers tried to enter the camp twice. Initial reports indicate that SAF suffered three casualties," the spokeswoman said. "Some IDPs (internally displaced people) have reportedly left the camp in fear of a further attack."

Amnesty urges Sudan to stop obstructing Darfur force deployment

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 22 Oct. WASHINGTON) Amnesty International today called upon Sudan to stop blocking the speedy deployment of the U.N. peacekeeping force to Darfur and urged key governments to immediately supply urgently-needed equipment, such as military helicopters, for the force.

In a short report released today, Obstruction and Delay: Peacekeepers Needed in Darfur Now, Amnesty International details obstructions and delays to the deployment of UNAMID, a joint United Nations and African Union force which is due to take over from the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) by the end of December 2007.

To view the report Obstruction and Delay: Peacekeepers Needed in Darfur Now

Please visit: <http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAFR540062007>

GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)

Bashir to address today National Assembly

(*Akhbar Alyaum, Sudan Vision*) President of the Republic Omar Al Bashir is to address Tuesday the opening sitting of the fifth session of the National Assembly. Bashir will review in his address current developments, the general features of the plan of the state for the new year and developments of Darfur issue. The speaker of the national Assembly, Ahmed Ibrahim Al Tahir, will also address the sitting. A number of acts will be tabled during the parliamentary session besides approval of the five year strategic plan and bills on ratification of agreements.

Sudan's Beshir rejects outside help to end crisis

(*Agence France-Presse*) Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir on Tuesday rejected an appeal by southern ex-rebels for outside help to end a crisis sparked by their withdrawal from government over the non-application of a peace deal.

"The call to resolve the crisis through regional and international mechanisms boils down to a rejection" of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement that ended Africa's longest running civil war, Beshir said.

His words came after Sudan People's Liberation Movement leader Salva Kiir -- a former rebel who became first vice president under the terms of the CPA -- appealed to the international community for help to end the crisis. "I am launching a special appeal to countries in the region and to the countries of the world to save the CPA," said Kiir, whose SPLM pulled out of Sudan's unity government on October 11.

The SPLM's withdrawal from the cabinet plunged north-south relations into their worst crisis since the 2005 peace deal.

But in a televised speech marking the start of a new parliament session, ***Beshir insisted on his readiness to "apply all of the CPA" and called on the SPLM to go back on its decision.***

Southern involvement in government is "the best guarantee that the CPA will be applied," he said.

TEXT: Sudan presidential agenda on CPA implementation for 2007

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 22 Oct. KHARTOUM) Sudan Second Vice President outlined the steps that were already in place to ensure speedy implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). During the press conference in Khartoum by Ali Osman Mohamed Taha over the weekend he expressed surprise at the decision by SPLM to withdraw from the government saying that all issues were being reviewed by committees already in place.

Find attached: The agenda of the f the meetings of the Presidency of the Republic up to the end of the year 2007 with regard to the follow-up of the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

SPLM move consistent with the CPA and constitution, al Turabi

(*Khartoum Monitor*) Head of the Popular Congress party (PCP), Dr. Hassan Al Turabi met yesterday with Malik Agar, Yassir Arman, Atem Garang and Kosti Manibe from the Sudan People`s Libration Movement (Sudan People`s Libration Movement). Turabi said the meeting dwelt on the Unity of the country.

The SPLM wanted to settle the dispute with the National Congress Party peacefully and will not declare general mobilization or invade North Sudan as claimed by some quarters, said Al Turabi. Turabi said the SPLM position is consistent with the CPA and the Interim Constitution.

SPLM Ministers suspension of participation in GoNU a violation of CPA, al Mardhi

(*Sudan Vision*) The Minister of Justice, Mohamed Ali Mardi affirmed that the suspension of SPLM Ministers participation in the GoNU constitutes a violation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. SPLM, he added, is required to practice its powers conferred on it by CPA and that suspension of its participation violates the agreement.

Al Mardi added that NCP has no intention of escalating the crisis with SPLM, noting that SPLM reaping of the fruits of peace and their obtainment of their equitable share of wealth and power stands as a proof of the implementation of CPA in a highly transparent and proper way. That in itself denies the talk about NCP lack of seriousness to implement the agreement.

SPLM briefs political forces on conflict with NCP

(*AlSudani*) The SPLM has yesterday held a series of meetings at which it has briefed a number of political parties on details of its conflict with the NCP. The Head of SPLM Crisis Management Committee Malik Agar said the partnership they are looking for is not like the one between “the horse and its owner”. SPLM leaders (Malik Agar, Yasir Arman, Atim Garang and Kosta Manibi) met yesterday with the leaders of the Umma,

Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), Sudan Communist Party (SCP) and Popular Congress (PC).

Reports on Ethiopian mediation: Delegations from NCP and SPLM in Addis Ababa

(*AlRai AlAam*) Presidential Adviser Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie, accompanied by Head of Sudanese Intelligence General Salah Abdallah and Minister of State at the Presidency Idris Mohamed Abdelgadir, arrived yesterday in Addis Ababa to deliver a message from al Bashir to President Zenawi on bilateral relations and GoS efforts to implement the CPA. The delegation will meet with President Zenawi and AU Commissioner Konare to explain the government's efforts to implement the CPA and to make Sirte talks a success.

Meanwhile, the SPLM has also sent yesterday a delegation chaired by Samson Kawaje who met President Zenawi and asked him to do whatever possible to overcome the present crisis in Sudan.

South says SAF plotting attack after last week's bloody fight

(*The Citizen*) Sudan Armed Forces is planning a retaliatory attack on the SPLA in Northern Bahr Al Ghazal, the SPLA spokesperson said last night. The retaliation follows two spurts of fighting that left one SPLA soldier and nine SAF soldiers died.

The SPLA clashed with the police in Unity States capital Bentiu Wednesday after quarrels mounted between the two rival forces over what some lawmakers called petty reasons. "The SAF Units in El Muglad, Meriam and northern bank of War-Guet, are very busy preparing to retaliate," Major Gen. Kuol Deim said.

The army spokesperson said the Governor of Northern Bahr Al Ghazal, Col. Madut Biar Yei, and the SPLA command in the State "are doing their levels best to calm down the situation" The fighting happened after a SAF soldier shot at the SPLA, according to witnesses.

Sudanese party says will encourage south to vote for separation

(*BBC Monitoring*)-*Sudan Radio* the Sudan National Labour Party says it will encourage southern Sudanese to vote for separation in the 2011 referendum. In an interview with Sudan Radio Service in Khartoum on Thursday [18 October], the party's secretary for the southern sector, Mr. Sadrak Baker Michael, said that southern Sudanese are capable of self-rule and should vote for separation in the upcoming referendum. Mr. Baker said southern Sudanese must all work towards the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement as a first step to the development of the region.

Sudanese leader receives message from French counterpart on peace

(*BBC Monitoring*)—*Suna website* The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received a written message from the visiting French State Minister for Foreign Affairs, which was directed from the French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, to the president of the republic, Field Marshal Umar al-Bashir.

In a press statement after the Sudanese-French talks in Khartoum Monday [22 October], the state minister for foreign affairs, Al-Sammani al-Wasilah, said that the message was encouraging. He said that the visit of the French minister came in the context of the concern with the situation in Sudan and the contribution of the international community to the realization of peace in Sudan through the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and Darfur peace agreement.

Al-Wasila said that he responded to queries of the French minister on the situation in Darfur, and stated that most of the media reports on the conditions in Darfur were exaggerated and distorting to the image of Sudan.

Egypt urges Sudan partners to implement peace agreement

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 22 Oct. CAIRO) Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit Monday urged all parties concerned in Sudan to adhere to responsibility and partnership to implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). In a statement issued by the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, Aboul Gheit called on all parties in Sudan to live up to their responsibilities towards their homeland and be quite aware of the dangers besetting the Sudanese government and people. The Egyptian top diplomat said that Sudan's unity and security would be endangered if those perils are not tackled seriously.

Sudan polio campaign targets 8 million children

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 22 Oct. KHARTOUM) More than 8 million Sudanese children will be vaccinated against polio, health officials said on Monday, following the country's first case of the disease in more than two years.

A two-year-old boy from the war-torn Darfur region was found paralyzed by the virus last month, the World Health Organization (WHO) said. "This is a disease that cripples children," said the WHO's Sudan representative, Mohammad Abdur Rab. "We can't take any chances with it."

Health teams are hoping to reach every child under five. The first round of vaccinations, organized by the WHO, U.N. children's agency UNICEF and the Sudanese Health Ministry, is due to start on Tuesday. Health campaigners had originally hoped to eradicate polio globally by 2000. But their efforts have been hampered by poor health coverage in parts of Africa, and so small outbreaks have persisted.

Sudan's army spokesman rebuts former rebels' excuse for moving north

(*BBC Monitoring*)—*Akhir Lahzah* The official spokesman for the [Sudanese] people's armed forces, Col Muhammad Ahmad al-Aghbash, has rebutted excuses offered by the Sudan People's Liberation Army [SPLA] for entering into White Nile and Sinnar States.

Al-Aghbash said the SPLA's excuse that it was pursuing illegal weapon bearers was illegal because there was a mechanism that dealt with disarmament namely the DDR [Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration programme]. "Neither the SPLA nor

the army have the right to gather weapons," Al-Agbash said. He further pointed out that there was also a mechanism to control maneuvers. Al-Aghbash further denied there was any agreement allowing the SPLA to amass its forces north of the 1956 boundaries.

Speaker: Israel will occupy the Nile if South secedes

(*AlSahafa*) National Assembly Speaker Ahmed Ibrahim AL-Tahir has warned that if South secedes, Israel will occupy an estimated one thousand km from River Nile. Interviewed by the Egyptian paper (*Almasri Alyoum*) said Monday that the Egyptian officials are fully aware of the linkage of the Egyptian security with the situation in Sudan.

He added that Egypt realizes that there is a force which wants to encircle it from the Southern Sudan and attempts to weaken Sudan not to back Egypt. AL-Tahir confirmed the role played by Israel in escalating the situation in Darfur, saying that the Egyptian efforts succeeded in containing the recent crisis between the NCP and the SPLM. He attacked the US for supporting the Sudanese internal rebellions, pointing out that the recent crisis was created by the SPLM to disguise its internal problems emerged in the aftermath of late Garang death.

He indicated to the lack of confidence between the Southerners and Northerners under which the CPA is implemented, blaming the media institutions for exaggerating the current crisis between the NCP and the SPLM.

GoSS

On SPLM Press Conference in Juba

Salva Kiir FVP, GoSS President, SPLM Chairman urges President Bashir to implement the CPA and resolve pending issues

(*Sudan Tribune.com, Reuters*) The president of the government of southern Sudan who is also the first vice president of the Sudan, Lt. General Salva Kiir Mayardit, today evening, called on president Omar Hassan al Bashir and the leadership of the NCP to exercise their responsibility and wisdom in managing the ongoing political crisis with SPLM so that they ensure the building of peace and stability in the country by implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) to the letter and spirit.

President Kiir also calls on the National Congress Party to address the genuine issues presented to them by the SPLM. He assures the president and the NCP that SPLM remains committed to full implementation of the CPA and does not wish at any moment to contemplate the collapse of the CPA, President Kiir has said. "SPLM is for freedom, peace and prosperity for all the Sudanese people" Kiir reassured.

Briefing journalists on his recent visit to Khartoum at Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly building, ***Kiir said the SPLM Interim Political Bureau decision to recall its ministers from the Government of National Unity and not to resume their duties till the outstanding issues are addressed is a unanimous decision that is widely supported by all members of the SPLM including majority of Sudanese people.***

He said the SPLM IPB decision is a sign of their dissatisfaction and a protest towards lack of implementation of the critical provisions of the CPA by National Congress party. The decision is a call to the Sudanese people, the region and international community to rescue the CPA and support its implementation. He reiterated that SPLM remains committed to full implementation of the CPA and therefore do not wish to contemplate the collapse of the CPA.

President Kiir say SPLM is simply asking the NCP to resolve on critical issues and aspects of the CPA as minimum condition for the return of the SPLM team to the Government of national unity as follows:

- Acceptance of the report of Abyei boundary commission and immediate establishment of Abyei administration
- Immediate withdrawal of the Sudan armed forces from southern Sudan and Abyei areas as per provisions of the CPA.
- Reviewing of the oil sector and engagement of GoSS so as to ensure transparency in this important sector.
- Availing the resources necessary for the north-south border committee.
- Availing necessary resources to the forthcoming population census and reinstating questions related to ethnicity and religion to the census questionnaire.
- Initiating a process of the national reconciliation and healing throughout the country.
- Reinstating the SPLM ministers who were wrongly dismissed in Senar and El Gezira states .
- Apology from the national minister of Interior on their recent raids of the SPLM offices in Khartoum and to bring the culprits of these acts into the books of law
- Immediate release of unlawfully detained citizens and political opponents.

President Kiir also call upon all the Sudanese people to remain calm and work for peace while assuring all Sudanese that the SPLM under his leadership will not allow the deterioration of the current standoff to war situation whatsoever the case may be.

SPLM Secretary General Pagan Amum calls upon UN Security Council to meet on Sudan peace crisis

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 22 Oct. JUBA, Sudan) Sudan's former rebels called on the United Nations on Monday to hold an emergency meeting to resolve the political standoff which threatens the fragile peace deal in Africa's largest country.

"We call on the United Nations to organize an urgent meeting in the Security Council to review the (agreement) and for the parties to report on the implementation," SPLM Secretary-General Pagan Amum told reporters in the south Sudan capital Juba. "This is the way out — we want national, regional and international efforts to converge so that the (deal) is implemented."

(Khartoum Monitor) Pagan told the media that ***“any resolution taken in the absence of the SPLM Ministers and in the name of the Government of National Unity (GoNU) is null and void”***.

The GoSS, the SPLM Secretary General said, took only US\$ 3 billion from the total amount of 13 billion which is the Southern Sudan budget. He concluded asking the Vice President (Taha) where is the rest of the money?

(AlRai AlAam) ***Pagan accused SAF of is illegally in the SPLM areas and sending additional troops to Balgok and Hufrat Alnihas areas saying that this is a violation of the CPA.***

(Alwan) ***Pagan appealed to UNMIS to reveal SAF violations in the South especially at borders with Unity and Upper Nile State which represent clear violations of the CPA Protocol on the Security Arrangements.***

He affirmed that the SPLM MPs will not participate in the Parliament’s new session which begins today until the SPLM demands are met.

Darfur

Mediation team invites 15 rebel factions to participate in Sirte talks

(AlSahafa) The UN-AU Joint Mediation team has invited more than 15 rebel factions to participate in Sirte talks which convene this Saturday. The rebel factions will be represented as follows: SPLM Abdul Wahid 5 members, Khalil’s JEM 5, Commander Khamis Abaker 4, Abdelshafi 4, Abdallah Yahia 4, and 2 representatives for each of the other rebel groups. The mediation decided to transport rebel representatives directly from Juba to Sirte, a step which was opposed by the rebel leaders.

The SLM Unity of Abdallah Yahia said it will boycott the Sirte talks and asked for transporting its leaders from Juba to Darfur. The representative of SLM Unity in Juba meeting said they took this move because the mediation has represented some factions that have no influence in Darfur.

25 killed, injured in fighting between Salamat and Habania

(AlSahafa) Informed sources told AlSahafa that 10 Habania tribesmen have been killed and 15 others injured in attacks launched by the militias of the Salamat tribe yesterday evening in Alkadaia and Samasim villages of Buram Locality in South Darfur. According to these sources around 300 men from the Salamat tribe attacked yesterday a Habania, killed a child and a woman and looted 70 heads of cattle.

Ministry of Interior: tribal conflicts, drugs major security threats in Darfur

(AlIntibaha) The Ministry of Interior revealed in a meeting for its leaderships yesterday that the biggest threats to security in Darfur are tribal conflicts, proliferation of arms and armed banditry. On another development, the Minister of Justice said more than 25 people have been killed and 19 others injured in clashes between the Salamat and Habania tribes.

Shareif Hareer attacks meeting of rebel movements in Juba

(*AlWatan*) SLM's Unity faction Leader Shareif Hareer has strongly lashed out at Darfur rebel movements participating in Juba meetings describing them as (Key boards), who lack military weight. In an interview with (*AlWatan* daily), Hareer called on the armed factions of military weight to unify agenda of talks to attain lasting and sustainable peace. He ruled out that Juba meetings and Sirte talks would the end to Darfur crisis, pointing out that the killing, raping and destruction inflicted on the region would make the peace process difficult in the region.

SLM Unity walks out from Juba meeting, boycotts Sirte

(*AlAyam*) The UN-AU Joint Mediation Support Team (JMST) has appealed to Darfur rebel movements to head for Sirte, Libya before the end of the current week to attend the peace talks with the government.

In the meantime, SLM's Unity faction announced its pull out from Juba talks aimed at unifying the negotiating position of Darfur various movements, stressing its non-participation in Sirte talks, scheduled for late this month.

JMST's Information official George Aulia said that JMST instructed the rebel leaderships to leave for Sirte before the end of this week, indicating that the UN Envoy to Darfur Eliasson is due in Sirte next Thursday.

Aulia told (*Alayam* daily) that all the rebel leaders would be flown by UN planes from within and out side Sudan.

On his part, member of Unity leadership Mohamed Ibrahim Algadal accused the UN of stranding them in Juba since yesterday despite its knowledge of their walking out from Juba meetings.

He told the paper that the UN and AU are attempting to liquidate Darfur issue, stressing that the factions attending Juba meetings have no relations with military activities. He attributed their non-participation in Sirte talks to decision of the SPLM's freezing of its participation in the government, adding that the differences between the two partners would have its impact on Darfur crisis.

Darfur rebels slam UN refusal to fly them to Darfur from Juba

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 22 Oct. JUBA) A Darfur rebel faction accused the UN mediation team of refusing to fly them back to their field base in Darfur from Juba in order to force them to go directly to Libya to attend the forthcoming peace talks.

A commander from the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) Unity faction accused the UN mediation team of keeping them in Juba where they were holding consultations sponsored by the government of southern Sudan.

Commander Adam Idriss Khatir, one of the SLM-Unity delegates to the meeting told Sudan Tribune from Juba that Hideo Ikabe, a Japanese national and the UNMIS contact officer with Darfur rebel groups, refused to transport them back to their bases in Darfur and wanted to fly them directly to Libya for Sirte talks.

Idriss said they needed to hold consultations with their leadership before going to Libya. He add that their mission as delegation is limited to participating in the Juba meeting after which they have to report back to their leadership on the outcome of the meeting.

The rebel commander slammed the conduct of UN officials who came to the meeting distributing invitations for Sirte peace talks scheduled to begin on October 27, while discussing SPLM proposals to reunite rebel movements.

"We were very close to reaching an agreement and they [UN officials] came to sabotage SPLM efforts for the reunification of the movements." Idriss said. The rebel commander wondered "why the UN staff tries to prevent our unity and appear very keen to bring us divided to the table of talks." "Why are they sabotaging the SPLM initiative at this stage?" he added.

France pushing for exiled Darfur leader to attend talks

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 22 Oct. KHARTOUM) France may take measures against a key Darfur rebel leader living in Paris if he continues to refuse to attend peace talks later this week, a French human rights envoy said in Sudan on Monday.

"We will do everything to convince Abdel Wahid Nur to attend peace negotiations in Libya," Secretary of State for Human Rights Rama Yade told journalists in Khartoum. "If he refuses we will draw conclusions," she said, without elaborating. Yade, who arrived in Sudan on Sunday, was to head to Darfur later on Monday where she said "the humanitarian situation continues to worsen... The situation is still critical, there is still immense suffering."

Sudan to announce Darfur ceasefire when peace talks start

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 22 Oct. UNITED NATIONS) Sudan will announce a cease-fire at the start of talks with rebel groups on Oct. 27 aimed at ending the conflict in Darfur, the country's U.N. ambassador said Monday.

Ambassador Abdelmahmood Abdalhaleem Mohamed said the government decided to declare a cease-fire at the opening session to help promote the success of the talks in the Libyan city of Sirte, the hometown of the country's leader Moammar Gadhafi.

"On that day ... we will declare a cease-fire so that we can give the negotiators a chance to get out with an agreement on cessation of hostilities and cease-fire in the first round of the talks," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "So this will be a good confidence-building measure when all parties agree to a cease-fire, which we are going to announce on the 27th," Mohamed added.

Sudan: Libyan official rules out postponement of Darfur talks

(*BBC Monitoring*)-- *Radio Miraya FM* The Darfur rebel groups meeting in Juba reiterates reservation on the date of peace talks schedule to take place in Libya at the end of this month. Ahmad Abd-al-Safi of Sudan Liberation Movement told *Miraya FM*, that the date is not practical:

"I cannot confirm whether we will participate in the Tripoli meeting or not, for many reasons, first of all we are concerned about our arrangements, this question of the meeting is not practical. The secretary-general declared this time, when he was in Khartoum with the government and the AU, and this is one of the problems that we are suffering from. The UN and AU take decisions on issues, which are suppose to be special issues regarding time, and date for the meeting, and the mechanism for the negotiations. The UN should rethink these measures."

The only woman leader in the Juba meeting of the Darfur [rebel] factions Rawda Muhammad Ahmad says that women should be allowed to participate in the coming peace talks. "The ones that truly know the problems of Darfur are not brought to negotiation, they are excluded, and there should be compromise instead of sending them away. You cannot keep women away and talk about their issues as a man. Therefore, I call upon the UN, AU, and International Community to allow the participation of women so that their voices are heard and they become part of the peace process."

The Libyan Secretary for African Affairs Dr Ali Abd al-Salam al-Turayki confirms that preparations for the talks are going well. Dr al-Turayki ruled out any postponement. Meanwhile [Presidential aide Mani Arkoi] Minawi has called for a meeting of the Darfur Interim Authority to assess the preparations for the talks in Libya.

Darfur Interim Authority warns of imminent attack on Ed-Dein and Muhajria

(*AlSudani*) The Darfur Interim Authority has warned of an imminent attack on Muhajria area. The Authority said it has been monitoring massing of militias around Ed-Dein in South Darfur which it considers a sign of a possible attack on Ed-Dein.

The Secretary General of the Authority Mohamed Suliman said in a press conference yesterday that a delegation from the Authority has visited Darfur recently and saw indications of SAF involvement in the events which took place in Haskanita and Muhajria. He said the injured people and POWs they met in Muhajria accused the Government of participating in the attacks. According to the Authority's Secretary the attack was executed by Government forces supported by militias and air fighters as testified by the UN and AU. He refuted reports on SLA suspending partnership based on the DPA.

Editorials

Separation is the solution

(*AlIntibaha*) editorial called on the Northern Sudan to separate from the South as the only solution for the country's problems. The editorial mentions 11 reasons which it believes will justify this move. *Translation of the text of the article in tomorrow's MMR.*