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UN/ Agencies

UN bids for establishing airports, equipment for the hybrid

(*AlSudani*) The UN decided to reopen bids inviting companies with experience in peacekeeping operations to apply for construction of airports and provision of technical equipment for the hybrid troops to be deployed in Darfur. This development was preceded by a controversy over granting a bid for logistic services to the American PAE. Bids are open up to the 15th of November. Sudan Ambassador to the UN said the contract of PAE on providing logistic services to the UN Mission and AMIS during the first six months is illegal as the standard procedures were not followed. .

GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)

Al Bashir's speech expected to draw road map for settling the NCP-SPLM crisis

(*Khartoum Monitor*) SPLM member in the parliament Jastin Josiph Marona, described the president's speech as ordinary with nothing new within the axis of partnership between the NCP and the SPLM. Marona added in a press release that they expected that the president would draw a roadmap to settle the existing crisis between the NCP and the SPLM.

Foreign Ministry explains to French Ambassador attempt of smuggling Darfur children to France

(*AlSahafa*) The Sudanese Government described the attempt of smuggling 103 children from Darfur by a French NGO as a serious development and a clear violation of international laws on child protection. The Ministry decided to summon the French Ambassador to Khartoum to provide clarifications on this issue.

Chief of SPLA staffs urge soldiers to adopt change (ST), Sudan's Salva Kiir visits Rumbek, tells army no more war

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 25 Oct. RUMBOK) On Wednesday this week, FVP and President of GoSS H.E. 1st Lt. General Salva Kiir Mayardit made a seven hours visits to Lakes state capital of Rumbek whereby his as meet with Sudan people liberation army (SPLA) for graduation in Southward of Rumbek central county about eight (8) miles. FVP, Kiir, reaffirmed during the military graduation ceremony that no return to war again. Speaking during the graduation ceremony at Malou Commandant Infantry School, on Wednesday October 24, 2007, Kiir told the southern Sudan army that the (SPLA) will not go back to war again and serve interests of the enemies of peace in Sudan “Salva Kiir say” Kiir graduated about 394 in the rank of colonels in Malou barrack.

Accordingly SPLA chief of staff Oyai Deng Ajak urged SPLA soldiers to change their harassment behaviors and to adopt the changes of bringing justice, equally for all Sudanese people. To adopt a change through transformation is must be now the right objective. He added that John Garang Memorial college will be establish for training especially secondary school level who will be interesting to join military, will be highly welcome through that college later. To product the soldiers is a matter of one year and trains them is the solution for their protection in the coming years a head of your mission “Oyai said” *Read more:*

[Sudan's Salva Kiir visits Rumbek, tells army no more war](#)

[Chief of SPLA staffs urge soldiers to adopt change](#)

Amarat al-Dababin (Tank Blowers' Command) warns Norwegian and Danish troops of Darfur

(*AlWatan*) Amarrat al-Dababeen (al-Dababeen Command), the suicide bombers who destroy tanks, issued yesterday a press statement warning the Norwegian and Danish troops of coming to Darfur within the context of the hybrid operation. The statement said the Muslim people in Sudan will never forget the continuing insults to Prophet Mohamed in these two countries. The Dababeen Sector, the statement says, categorically rejects the participation of troops from Norway and Denmark in the hybrid operation in Darfur as these amounts to a provocative step against all Muslims in Sudan and Darfur. The Dababeen battalions will deal with this issue as may be required by the duty of the jihad and religion.

SAF spokesperson says SPLA troops head towards Adraiel

(*AlWatan*) SAF Spokesperson Brig. Mohamed Osman al Aghbash confirmed reports on SPLA troops and equipment heading towards Adraiel area (oilfield). He said the troops have not yet arrived in Adraiel. Such movements, according to al Aghbash, are a violation of the ceasefire agreement. SAF Spokesperson said the Government has informed the Ceasefire Political committee.

Popular Congress Party says Government lost constitutional legitimacy

(*Rai AlShaab*) The Popular Congress Party, of Hassan al Turabi, said in a statement issued yesterday that the present government has no constitutional legitimacy after the withdrawal of the SPLM ministers. According to the Party, the partnership with the SPLM is stated in the Interim Constitution which makes it different from a coalition government.

Chairman of CPA Assessment and Evaluation Commission requests meeting al Bashir and Kiir

(*Khartoum Monitor*) The Assessment and evaluation Commission met in a special plenary session yesterday to consider the present political situation. The purpose of the meeting, according to a press release, was to strongly encourage the parties to develop a common ground for the resumption of the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. The meeting heard presentation from representatives from the National Congress Party and Sudan People's Liberation Movement.

Abducted oil worker in Sudan not Canadian

(*The Canadian Press*) Word from Ottawa that an investigation showed the identity of a man kidnapped by rebels in a Sudanese oil field is not Canadian. Two workers were abducted Tuesday after rebels from Darfur attacked an oil field in a neighboring region of Sudan. A rebel chief said the group has given foreign oil companies in the region, especially the Chinese, a one-week ultimatum to cease operations. The Justice and Equality Movement, said it attacked the Defra oil field in the Kordofan region on Tuesday, inflicting losses to the Sudanese army and abducting the two foreign workers. Local media had identified one of the two as a Canadian. However, Mohamed Bahr Hamdeen, the head of JEM for the region told The Canadian Press Thursday that the two hostages were one Iraqi and one Egyptian. In Ottawa, a spokesperson for the Department of Foreign Affairs said Saturday consular officials were able to confirm that a Canadian was not kidnapped.

Sudanese oil field attack threatens peace talks

(*Christian Science Monitor*) After launching a deadly attack on a Sudanese oil field earlier this week, a Darfur rebel group is promising to target oil fields across the country. The Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), hopes to drive out foreign oil companies, which the group says are funding government violence in Darfur. The raid and threat of ongoing violence may also damage peace talks scheduled to begin this Saturday in Libya. JEM says its attack on the Defra oil field in Sudan on Tuesday is "only the beginning" of a campaign to drive foreign oil companies out of the country. The raid left 20 Sudanese soldiers dead and five oil workers were taken captive, reports Reuters.

Sudan: Government rejects SLM, SPLM demands for separate delegations

BBC Monitoring Service, the peace negotiations between the government and movements opposed to the Abuja Agreement will begin at Libyan city of Sirte, at a time when delegations have completed their preparations to join the talks.

Identical statements by UN and AU officials stressed the need to start negotiations according to the date announced previously without waiting for any of the non-attending leaders, who will be considered to be obstructing the peace process, which is necessary to end the suffering in Darfur that has been ongoing since 2003.

According to SMC follow-ups, the mediation commission between the government and the rebels asked France to pressure Abd-al-Wahid Muhammad Nur, President of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM), to participate in the negotiations.

In the same context, the mediation commission rejected demands made by the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM) and the Sudan Liberation Movement/Mani Minawi (SLM/MM) faction to participate in the Sirte negotiations with separate delegates. The commission justified its refusal because both movements are considered part of the government of national unity that is negotiating with the Abuja projectionist movements.

GoSS

After they backed SPLM, civil society challenged to become political party

(The Citizen) The Director of Khartoum Center of Human Rights Dr. Ahmed Al Mufti yesterday refuted the civil society organizations support for the position of Sudan People's Liberation Movement. Mufti such stance puts the civil society organizations in political life, which would negatively affect the life of the citizens. Mufti's remarks come as civil society groups and political parties increasingly line up behind the SPLM Political Bureau decision this month to withdraw ministers and presidential advisors from the GoNU pending resolutions issues in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

Uganda warns SPLM of launching war against NCP

(Allintibaha) The Ugandan President warned a SPLM delegation visiting Uganda of launching war against Khartoum following recent conflict between SPLM and NCP. He asked SPLM to continue dialogue with the NCP to overcome the crisis. According to the Ugandan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, President Museveni has held a meeting with a SPLM delegation headed by Deng Alor and Samson Kawaje.

821 children died of measles in Eastern Equatoria State

(Sudan Tribune.com – 27 Oct. TORIT) Eight hundred twenty one children have died of measles and 2500 are awaiting death in the hand of their mothers at Nanyangacor Catholic Dispensary, about 450 Kilometers from Kapoeta East County, as immunization vaccine is out of reach, the Deputy Governor of Eastern Equatoria State. Brig. General George Echom Ekeno has revealed. Speaking to journalists, today afternoon, in his office in Torit, Brig Gen. Echom says, "I am forsaken to see more than 2500 mothers helplessly holding our new Sudan children in their hands and only waiting to see their last breath at Nanyangacor dispensary of Kapoeta East county" what a shame on us as a government of southern Sudan, state and our friends from international humanitarian organizations operating in Eastern Equatoria state failing to rescue our children's life, lament Echom.

South Sudan is claiming a portion of Uganda as part of its territory

(*New Vision, Kampala*) SUDAN is claiming a portion of Uganda as part of its territory, the National Resistance Movement Caucus heard yesterday. In a presentation to the closed caucus meeting, which discusses land matters, the Principal Staff Surveyor, Dr. Yafesi Okia, said there were varying definitions of the Uganda-Sudan border and its demarcation would involve a lot of money. "A meeting at political level (on the issue) is yet to be initiated," the report said. "A provisional budget for the border demarcation has been worked out for planning purposes." A source at the meeting said President Yoweri Museveni had ordered the Lands ministry to demarcate Uganda's international boundaries following the recent border conflict with the Democratic Republic of Congo, particularly over the disputed Rukwanzi Island where oil exploration is going on.

Darfur

Khartoum trying to sabotage talks, says SPLA Minister

(*Sudan tribune*) The South Sudan government has accused Khartoum of using money to sabotage the LRA peace talks. "Those elements from Khartoum are using money and other means to ensure that the LRA does not sign a peace agreement with Kampala. "They do not want the chaos in south Sudan to end" said the SPLA affairs minister. He recently met minister Let. Gen Dominic Dim Deng. He recently met ministers from Uganda led by Isaac Musumba, the region affairs state minister. "The enemy of South Sudan and Uganda is from Khartoum. They are claiming that those who are raping the Ugandan women traders and robbing their property are the SPLA. "They are using tricks, specially the customs market in Juba, because they know that most of products sold there are from Uganda".

Stay impartial, AMIS General tells troops

(*The Citizen*) The force commander of the African Union Mission in Sudan has told his troops to stay neutral in the face of fighting between the rebels and the government forces. General Martin Luther, The Force commander of the African Union Mission in Sudan visited two Nigerian battalions in Nyala and Gridha, both in Sector south, and the Rwandan battalion in ZamZam in Sector North on Tuesday. Addressing the newly arrived peacekeepers, the force commander said the purpose of his visit was to welcome them Darfur and AMIS and wished them well as they begin to adjust and settle down. He told both officers and soldiers to uphold high standards of discipline and adhere to what they acquired during their training.

SLM Unity releases 28 POWs arrested in Haskanita

(*Alwan*) The SLM announced that it has released to the ICRC 28 POWs from SAF who were arrested in Haskanita, Jad-Alsid, Fatah, al-Nayer and Mazroub areas in eastern Darfur.

IDPs in camps demonstrate in protest against Sirte talks

(*AlAyam*) The IDPs in North and South Darfur organized demonstrations in protest against the Sirte talks. The IDPs in Abu Shok and Alsalam camps in North Darfur condemned the division of the rebel movements when they met with the UN Mission in Darfur and NGOs. They demanded the participation of the main rebel movements (JEM and SLM). IDP activists said the demonstrations will continue up to the 30th of October in all camps

Libyan leader says world must stop meddling in Darfur tribal conflict

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. SIRTE, Libya) Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi on Saturday said international community should stop efforts to end four-year conflict in Darfur. He further said that parties should be left to find a solution to this tribal conflict. Addressing the opening of the conference hosted by the Libyan leader in the Mediterranean resort of Sirte, Gadhafi said the absent Sudan Liberation Movement/Army and the Justice and Equality movement were "fundamental" to peace in Darfur. "If the SLM and the JEM are opposed to this conference from the start, that means they don't need our help," said Gadhafi, adding that in any case the UN and AU were not competent bodies to resolve "a tribal conflict".

The Libyan leader criticized the international intervention in Darfur crisis he accused the international community of paralyzing Darfur social capacities in the region from traditional leadership. He added if we leave them this problem they are able to find the adequate solutions. Gadhafi went to say that Darfur crisis does not constitute a threat to international peace and security.

Read more: [Libyan leader says world must stop meddling in Darfur tribal conflict](#)

Sirte talks open amid wary of international optimism; Gaddafi renews rejection of internationalization of Darfur crisis

(*Sudan Vision*) The peace talks between the government and Darfur rebels yesterday kicked off in the Libyan town of Sirte amid massive regional and international presence and wary international optimism of the success of these talks. For its part, the government announced a ceasefire as a gesture of good will as well as to assert its keenness on the success of the talks. Meanwhile, the Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi renewed his rejection of international intervention in Darfur, describing the dispute in Darfur as being of a tribal nature. He explained that tribal conflicts do not pose a threat to international peace and security. He likewise rejected the contention that Darfur problem is the most serious crisis worldwide, indicating that there are other issues more serious than Darfur.

AU mediator says rebels can continue reunification inside peace talks

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. SIRTE) The African Union envoy to Darfur, Salim Ahmed Salim said Darfur rebels can continue their consultations to reunite different factions here in Libya as part of the UN-AU sponsored talks. The AU envoy said in his speech during the opening session of Darfur peace talks in Sirte that rebels who demand talks

delay to achieve reunification process can continue their consultations as part of the current peace negotiations.

To read Salim Ahmed Salim speech, please go at <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article24464>

Darfur rebels have "doubts" over govt ceasefire

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. SIRTE, Libya) Sudan's government declared an immediate unilateral ceasefire at the opening of Darfur peace talks on Saturday, but the absence of key rebels cast doubt on whether the move could produce meaningful progress. The leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) Abdel Wahid al-Nur said Khartoum had announced commitment to ceasefire in the past but never implement it. Now we want to see implementation first. The SLM founder said while Sudanese presidential assistant was speaking in Sirte, the airplanes of the Sudanese army bombarded Jabal Moon, in West Darfur. He further urged the African Mission in Sudan to inform international community of this violation of the ceasefire agreement and the different UN resolutions.

Sudanese government proclaims unilateral ceasefire in Darfur

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. SIRTE, Libya) The Sudanese government committed to an immediate ceasefire in Darfur at the opening of peace talks on Saturday, but the expected announcement was not met by similar pledges from rebels, who largely boycotted the UN-brokered negotiations. "The government of Sudan is proclaiming, as of now, a unilateral ceasefire in Darfur," said Nafi Ali Nafi, who was heading a Sudanese delegation to the talks in the Libyan coastal town of Sirte. "We shall not be the first ones to fire arms."

Peace talks will fail, predicts rebel leader

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. PARIS) Darfur peace talks due to begin today will fail and ultimately prolong the four-year conflict, the region's most influential rebel leader has predicted on the eve of the UN-brokered talks.

Abdel Wahid al-Nur, the leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM), has called on his followers not to attend the talks in the Libyan coastal town of Sirte, and shrugged off a UN threat to impose sanctions on groups "impeding" the conference. "There can be no more sanctions on my people who have been raped or killed or had their houses burned down and driven into refugee camps," Mr Nur told the Guardian in Paris, his home in exile for the past year. "Why is the international community putting pressure on the victim rather than putting pressure on the criminal regime? I am really confused. It is really very sad."

Rebels warn Sudan against force to free hostages

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. KHARTOUM) Darfur rebels on Saturday warned Sudan not to use force to free five hostages taken in an oil field attack, and repeated threats to target more foreign workers if their companies did not leave in less than a week. "If they try to take them by force, we will not be responsible for their safety," said Mahamat

Bahar Ali Hamadein, a commander with the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM). JEM said it attacked the Defra oil field in the region of Kordofan, which neighbors Darfur, on Tuesday, killing 20 government soldiers in the assault.

Darfuris say war has created new tribe - refugee

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. ABU SHOUK CAMP, Sudan) Darfuris displaced by the conflict in western Sudan say years of fighting have created a new tribe in the region. "I am not an Arab or African, I am a Darfuri and my tribe now is called Refugee. We are all refugees," said elderly Mohamed Hassan Yagoub. "We have all suffered the same attacks." In Abu Shouk camp outside Darfur's main town el-Fasher, Arab tribes who fled 4-1/2 years of rape, killing and looting live alongside non-Arabs who make up the majority of the 2.2 million people in camps throughout the region the size of France. "In the beginning in the camp there were problems," said Jamila Yehya Abakr. "When I went to get water they'd call me Janjaweed and say my people attacked them."

Abakr is from the Arab Rizeigat tribe, Mahamied clan, from which many of the militia mobilized by the government were drawn. Darfuris dubbed the militia Janjaweed, loosely derived from the Arabic for devils on horseback.

Darfur rebel factions in Sirte want talks' postponement

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. SIRTE) Darfur rebels attending U.N.-African Union mediated peace talks in Sirte Libya said they want postponement of the talks in order to allow them to have common ground to negotiate with Khartoum. In an interview with Radio France Internationale in Sirte, the leader of Justice and Equality Movement – Collective Leadership (JEM-CL) Bahar Idriss Abu Garda and the General Coordinator of National Movement for Reform and Development (MNRD), Abdelmajid Dosa said they will request the suspension of the peace talks after the opening session.

FACTBOX-Who is attending Darfur talks, who is not?

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 27 Oct. SIRTE, Libya) Delegations from Darfur rebel groups, Sudanese government negotiators and international mediators gathered in Sirte, Libya on Saturday for peace talks aimed at ending 4-1/2 years of war in western Sudan. The decision on the eve of the talks by two main Darfur rebel groups not to attend, however, cast doubt on the viability of the discussions. Analysts say if the Libya talks lack support from key players any agreement coming out of them would likely suffer the same fate as a 2006 deal signed by only one Darfur faction. It did little, if anything, to end the violence.

China calls for balanced development of peacekeeping mission, political process in Darfur

(*Xinhua*) China supports a balanced development of the peacekeeping mission and the political process in Darfur, western Sudan, a Chinese special envoy said here Saturday. Liu Guijin, China's special envoy on Darfur issue, made the remarks at the inaugural session of the peace negotiations between the Sudanese government and

anti-government movements in the Libyan coastal city of Sirte. With initial results achieved in Darfur's peacekeeping mission, it is important to facilitate the political process in the region, Liu said. He urged the concerned parties in the negotiations to reach a comprehensive peace accord to end a four-year-old conflict in Darfur, which will ensure the peacekeeping mission, reconstruction and economic development in the region.

AL chief hails Libya's conference a "new step" to end Darfur crisis

(MENA) Arab League (AL) Secretary General Amr Moussa on Saturday hailed the international conference to be held later Saturday in Libya's coastal city of Sirte as a new step to end the crisis in the Sudanese western region of Darfur, the Egyptian MENA news agency reported. In a statement on the sidelines of the conference, Moussa stressed the necessity to hold a meeting between the Sudanese government and the Abuja peace deal holdouts to reach a ceasefire agreement, terming the conference as the beginning of a political process. The AL chief expressed his belief on more meetings over the coming days and contacts with rebels who stayed away from the conference to take place as the path to negotiations was long.

Sudan refuses to let in more countries to joint hybrid peacekeeping forces for Darfur

(Xinhua) Sudan refused on Saturday to let in more countries other than those agreed upon by a recent agreement with the United Nations and the African Union (AU) to join a hybrid peacekeeping force for Darfur. Ali al-Sadig, the spokesman of the Sudanese foreign ministry, told the Sudanese Media Center (SMC) that according to the agreement, only the engineering units of the peacekeeping force would come from Thailand and China. "Sudan does not concern itself with the countries which have not been named in the agreement," the spokesman noted.

Sudan: Egyptian president, UN chief discuss Darfur issue

BBC Monitoring Service, The Egyptian President, Muhammad Hosni Mubarak, on Thursday [25 October], received a telephone call from the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, during which they discussed the necessary support that could be provided for implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement [CPA] in Sudan and containing the Darfur crisis. Sources at the Egyptian presidency said that President Mubarak stressed the importance of the coming Sirte negotiations [between the government and Darfur rebels] to achieve national reconciliation in Darfur and that the Sudanese, regional and international parties, are key for the success of the talks.