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Highlights:

Sudan lifts suspension of UN operations in Darfur

(*ST, the local press* – 26th Jun. **Khartoum**) The Sudanese government complained in a meeting with the UN deputy envoy to Sudan about the transgression by the UN staff of the obligation to produce flight manifests listing all passengers on board of UNMIS flights.

In a press statement the UNMIS said that the Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs raised Monday Khartoum concerns about problems the Sudanese authorities say they are experiencing with UNMIS flights, specifically in terms of compliance with the obligation to produce flight manifests listing all passengers on board of UNMIS flights.

The Principal Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sudan Tayé Brook Zerihoun met today 26 June with the Sudanese Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Mutrif Siddiq, at the latter's request.

This meeting came after the suspension of the UN activities in Darfur by the Sudanese government. The Ministry of Foreign affairs said a U.N. helicopter transported a rebel leader from one of the armed groups opposed to Darfur Peace Agreement.

The Sudanese official requested that UNMIS takes disciplinary measures against the staff that are responsible for these problems.

He informed Zerihoun that the Sudanese Government decided, effective today 26 June, to reverse its decision to suspend UNMIS activities in Darfur.

Zerihoun informed his interlocutor that the Mission is currently conducting an extensive investigation into the matters raised and that the Mission will take corrective measures if deemed necessary. He added that the incident was carried out in good faith and for purely humanitarian reasons.

The suspension decision by the Government of National Unity of Sudan has not affected UN Agencies humanitarian flights to Darfur neither has it affect their activities on the ground in Darfur which have continued to be carried out .

At the end of the meeting, the Sudanese government has lifted its partial suspension of U.N. work in conflict-wracked Darfur.

On the rebel leader transported on United Nations flight

(*Alwan* – 27th Jun. **Khartoum**) When the rebel leader flown by UNMIS helicopter from el-Fasher to Kadugli arrived at the airport in Kadugli, United Nations troops from India were called in to whisk him secretly to a United Nations hospital.

Instructions were issued that the Egyptian troops (also of the United Nations) should not be allowed near the helicopter that flew him in.

He did not spend more than a couple of hours in Kadugli.

After the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued its statement suspending UNMIS operations in Darfur, the rebel leader was again flown by helicopter to another destination – probably to Kauda where the SPLA has a base.

EU delegation arrives in Khartoum for talks on international forces

(*AlSudani* – 27th June. **Khartoum**) A European military and diplomatic delegation reached Khartoum yesterday on a mission concerning the possible transition of the AU to a United Nations operation and to assess the needs of AMIS in Darfur.

An informed source reveals that the European delegation travel to el-Fasher today to assess the needs of the AU and will hold talks with officials here on Thursday and with UNMIS officials and a number of representatives of diplomatic missions including the Cd'A at the US Embassy in Khartoum.

Security Council to be briefed today on the TAM mission

(*AIRai AIAam* – 27th Jun. **Agencies**) The United Nations Security Council will be briefed at a closed meeting later today on the report of the United Nations Undersecretary-General for Peace-keeping operations.

USG Guehenno co-led a joint technical assessment team with the AU's Said Djinnit to carry out a needs assessment for the AU mission in Darfur and needs for a possible AU transition to a United Nations operation.

Secretary-General Annan's spokesperson, Stephane Dujarric said that Guehenno is due to present his report to the council later today.

***AlSudani* columnist Dr. Ibrahim Dagash**

The columnist starts his writing with a reference to a letter written to him by another protesting on his earlier criticism of calls from MPs for a pay rise. He mentions the discrepancies between the pay granted MPs at the National Assembly and those at the GoSS legislature who allegedly receive three times the amount and in dollars.

He also says that the person who wrote him revealed that the currency in circulation is the US dollar while the Sudanese dinar is no legal tender.

“He winds up asking whether I am aware that the United Nations forces deployed in the south are mainly from Bangladesh and do not have a specific job to do. And since they come from a poor country, Kofi Annan's dollars have played on their minds and their

only concern is to invest this money through border trade between Kenya and southern Sudan. They have filled the markets in southern Sudan with goods smuggled in from Kenya under cover of the Blue Berets”.

The columnist defends his criticism of the MPs and their call for a hike in pay and adds:

“As for the story about the United Nations troops in the south, it seems that these troops have revived the markets and life in general just as was done in the Nuba Mountains [*reference to the JMC*] and caused the people of the west and east to be jealous”.