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Abdulaziz Al-Hilu flees from Kadugli

Al-Ahram Al-Youm; Kadugli, 09/06/11- Heavy artillery fire has continued yesterday in Southern Kordofan for the third day running amidst a lack of official reports on the number of casualties. Sources have revealed however that the state's finance minister and a personal bodyguard to Abdulaziz Al-Hilu are among the dead.

SAF Spokesperson Al-Suwarimi Khaled said yesterday that the situation is under control and that the information available is that SPLM leader Abdulaziz Al-Hilu has fled Kadugli heading towards Karongo, some 20km south-west of the town.

Sources also report that authorities had stormed into Al-Hilu's residence and found documents outlining an SPLM sabotage plot on the state.

In a related development, *Al-Khartoum* reports that the SPLA overrun Dallami town after fierce fighting with the SAF forces positioned there. In the morning, large numbers of SPLA reinforcements were seen coming into the area from Al-Abiyad. The SAF has withdrawn from the area. Sources say the two sides are now engaged in clashes around the Um-Bureimbeita area.

SPLM's Yassir Arman has described the situation in Kadugli as very dangerous and is calling for calm. "Peace here requires new security arrangements; not a disarmament of the SPLA," he said.

The SAF is now fully in control of Kadugli while there are reports that the SAF has overrun the SPLA camp in Tafrei using air power while continuing to comb the town of SPLA with reports of widespread arrests by the security.

Al-Ayyam reports meanwhile the streets of Kadugli were empty yesterday as a result of the heavy gunfire. Eyewitnesses report that Red Cross vehicles have been cited carrying tens of dead bodies to the graveyard.

UNMIS Spokesperson Kouider Zerrouk says the security situation in Southern Kordofan is deteriorating with reports of the two sides employing heavy artillery fire yesterday and reports that the fighting has spread to areas in the vicinity of Kadugli town. He called on the two sides to dialogue to ease the tension. Zerrouk also underlined the need to provide humanitarian assistance to those fleeing the violence.

The UNMIS Spokesperson denied reports the UNMIS was evacuating its staff, saying that some staff members did head north on their own volition.

State Governor Ahmed Haroun told *Sudan Radio Service* that the situation in the state worsened on Wednesday morning after what started as sporadic gunfire seemed to be directed towards SAF positions and targeted civilians in Kadugli. He said the fighting then spread to other towns near Kadugli.

No dialogue with killers – Nafei

Al-Ahram Al-Youm et al Khartoum, 09/06/11 – Following a meeting of the NCP leadership office yesterday, Nafei Ali Nafei told the press late last night that there would be no dialogue with those who have killed and beaten up the people in Southern Kordofan. He said that the NCP has branded the incidents in Southern Kordofan as a rebellion and resolved that it would be dealt

with on that basis.

The senior NCP official accused the SPLM in the north and south of the country of planning alongside foreign parties to overrun Southern Kordofan and then use it as a launch pad for their advance towards Khartoum. He pointed out that states by SPLM officials ahead of the state elections only prove that these current incidents are a pre-planned plot to take over the state either by elections or by the use of force.

We would no stand aside and look at what is happening in S. Kordofan – Taha

Al-Rai Al-Aam Khartoum, 09/06/11 Speaking before parliament yesterday, VP Ali Osman Taha said the government would not stand doing nothing vis-à-vis the situation in Southern Kordofan. He pointed out that the government is committed to peace but would face the SPLA if war is what they seek. He described the situation in the state as an unjustified rebellion. He noted that the doors to SPLM participation in the state government remains open but the government would not hesitate to face “those who choose the path of confrontation”

Lawmakers have called on the government to stop efforts to reintegrate northern Sudanese elements of the SPLA into the northern army.

On his part, Speaker Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir called on the SPLM to focus on resolving its problems. According to *Al-Sudani*, he said that northern Sudan would remain committed to its vows to cooperate with the south as long as the south is willing to reciprocate.

Al-Fateh Izzaldine, a lawmaker, called on government not to “relax its grip on the gun”. He said it was time for mobilization against SPLA military action.

Kiir orders officer responsible recent conflict in Abyei be brought to book

Al-Rai Al-Aam et al Khartoum, 09/06/11 – GoSS President Salva Kiir has ordered that the SPLA officer said to have been responsible for sparking the recent wave of violence in Abyei be brought to account, reports a high ranking SPLM official from Abyei. The SPLA officer in question, a colonel, should be brought to book for starting shooting at the SAF JIUs while redeploying under UN escort to the north of Abyei.

Kiir exposes his rift with Machar over South Sudan transitional constitution

Sudantribune.com Khartoum, 09/06/11 – GoSS President Salva Kiir Mayardit has for the first time exposed the ongoing rift between him and his deputy, Riek Machar, over the transitional constitutional that would govern the soon-to-be independent Republic of South Sudan for the next four years starting from July 9.

In his speech while addressing the Sixth Speakers’ Forum on Wednesday in Juba, which gathered leadership of legislative assemblies across South Sudan’s ten states, Salva Kiir accused his deputy, Riek Machar, of running a parallel government within the government.

The president in particular accused his deputy of floating a document supporting amendments to the current transitional constitution.

Anonymous source present in the meeting told *Sudan Tribune* that the president was not happy with the proposed amendments in parliament. The official disclosed that the majority of the members of the parliament, which is over 90% SPLM, is not happy with the draft document and have proposed amendments to the transitional constitution.

Other Highlights

Al-Bashir accuses foreign NGOs of clandestine activities

Al-Khartoum Khartoum, 09/06/11 – President Al-Bashir has accused some foreign NGOs of using aid activities as a cover for financial gain and other suspicious activities. Speaking at the opening of a civil society conference in Khartoum yesterday, he ordered the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and the Humanitarian Aid Commission to facilitate the work of Islamic NGOs. He also called on aid agencies to shift from emergency relief to development assistant.

Human rights expert voices concern over abuses in Abyei, elsewhere

Sudantribune.com Khartoum, 08/06/11 – Independent Human Rights Expert on Sudan, Justice Mohamed Othman Chande, has once again expressed serious concerns over widespread abuses in the country, highlighting reports of rape in the hotly contested region of Abyei after its seizure by north Sudan army last month.

In a news conference on Wednesday, at the end of his third visit to the country since his appointment in 2009, Chande pointed out that he had received reports of “killings, rape and other forms of inhuman and degrading treatment during and subsequent to the attack” on Abyei.

"I visited Abyei and I am concerned not only of the destruction, massive displacement of the residents, and the attendant human rights crisis, but also the future status and security of the residents of Abyei," the Tanzanian judge told the news conference.

Reports indicate that thousands of Abyei residents have fled the area since the fighting started amid lack of verifiable information due to restrictions imposed by the Sudanese government on access the area.

Chande also complained of the “strictly limited” humanitarian assistance to IDPs in south Darfur, saying that they had not received aid since January.

Chande further directed criticism at the government of South Sudan, expressing serious concern over reports of human rights abuses “perpetrated by the police and security forces of south Sudan during fighting with rebel militias in the south.

South Sudan optimistic over demobilization and disarmament policy

Sudantribune.com Juba, 08/06/11 - Four weeks before its independence, South Sudan leaders remain optimistic that the new policy paper, which was drafted to guide the next phase of the Demobilization, Disarmament and Reintegration (DDR) program looks set to meet required mandates.

The new policy outline, currently being discussed in Juba at a consultative meeting, was reportedly developed by a technical committee that comprised of 10 senior officials from South Sudan Demobilization, Disarmament and Reintegration Commission (SSDDRC) and South Sudan’s Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA).

Sudan releases the last activist of 30 January protesters

Sudantribune.com Khartoum, 08/06/11 - The National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) released the last of the activists detained for taking part in January demonstrations against the regime, Amnesty International said on Wednesday.

Adil Ibrahim Karar, 56, was one of over 70 people who were detained in connection with peaceful protests that had begun the previous day in the streets of the Sudanese capital. He was detained on 31 January at a bookshop in Omdurman.

Adil was released on 29 May after spending four months in solitary confinement which affected his poor health.

Speaking to *Sudan Tribune* in Khartoum, the civil engineer who had been detained several times in the past, said he was consulting doctors and performing a number of medical examinations as results of poor condition and torture he experienced in prison.

He suffers from asthma and back problems, however the security agents denied him medical treatment and access to pain medication.

Adil, who had reportedly been detained without charge, "was subjected to torture when he requested pain medication for back pain and arthritis caused by prior torture," said the African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies, in a statement issued last May.

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