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Clashes in Abyei

Al-Sahafa Khartoum, 01/03/11 – The Misseriya report that their lost 16 people and 35 others were injured in tribal clashes in the area in the last two days. Bashtana Mohamed Salim, a prominent figure in the tribe, says their attack on Oum-Bilayel yesterday that in retaliation over an attack on their people the day before. He says the Misseriya have formed posses to protect themselves and their property. Salim further noted that the Dinka Ngok had refused to accept the blood-money sent with a Misseriya delegation. “To us, receiving blood-money is like accepting reconciliation,” he said.

Salim criticised the Joint Integrated Units and the UN troops positioned in the area describing their presence as “symbolic”.

Meanwhile, Sultan Kual Deng Kual of the Dinka Ngok says they did not refuse to accept the blood-money but adhered to the provisions of the Kadugli Agreement that underlines the need for an audit of the casualties before blood-money could be paid. The Misseriya, he said, had wanted to go ahead and pay the blood-money despite disparities in the casualty figures from the two sides.

Abyei Chief Administrator Deng Arop accuses officials in Khartoum of backing the violence in the area. He says they want to force the Dinka Ngok out of the area and resettle the Misseriya in there. He said they have no details on the casualty figures from the ground.

SPLA Spokesperson in Abyei, Wuor Majak said in a statement yesterday that the Misseriya had SAF backing in their attack on Today, reports *Al-Ahdath*. He said the attack started at 09:00 hours and continued until around 15:00 hours. The Misseriya, he said, used heavy artillery in the attack. He called on the federal and GoSS interior ministers to immediately intervene to prevent further blood-shed.

But Joint Defence Board member Ahmed Abdallah Al-Nur denies SAF involvement in the attack, pointing out that they have no presence in the area.

Tribal leaders call for calm after deadly clashes in Abyei

Radio Miraya 24/02/11 - The Misseriya in Abyei has called for restoring calm to the area, a day after seven people were reported killed and four other wounded in armed clashes.

Speaking to *Radio Miraya*, Mohamed Omar Al-Ansari of the tribe, said that the clashes were a result of a robbery and not political in nature.

He urged the Dinka Ngok and the Misseriya tribes to coexist peacefully.

Al-Ansari further called for a non-political solution to the problems in the area, adding that the matter should be left to the Abyei Area Administration to ensure a lasting solution is reached.

On the other hand, the Dinka Ngok tribe says it cautiously accepts the Misseriya proposal, after failure of implementation of the recent Kadugli Agreement that was aimed at easing tensions between the two tribes.

Speaking to *Radio Miraya*, Wuor Majok, a prominent member of the Dinka Ngok tribe, said that the Abyei issue has political dimensions and requires political solutions that the Abyei Area Administration may not be able to address.

SPLA JIU contingent to redeploy from the north today

Khartoum Monitor et al Khartoum, 01/03/11 – The Joint Defence Board meeting yesterday resolved to continue redeployment of the SAF and SPLA contingents of the Joint Integrated Units to their respective sides of the north-south border as per the specified timeline.

Al-Ayyam meanwhile reports that the JDB has resolved to send a company of JIUs to beef up the JIU presence in Abyei. The Board has resolved also to request the Presidency to make a decision on the issue of the SPLA presence in the Blue Nile and Southern Korodan areas.

JDB Spokesperson Ayuen Alier says the SPLA JIU contingent stationed in Khartoum would start moving tomorrow from tomorrow to the 7th of March to Kosti and from there through river barge to the south.

“The same river barges would bring back north the SAF contingents in the JIUs stationed in Wau, Bentiu, Torit, Maridi and Yambio that would be assembled in Juba,” he said. Ayuen noted however that the SPLA elements of the Presidential Guard Unit would remain in Khartoum until 9th July 11.

The JDB spokesperson thanked the SAF for donating to the SPLA the equipment in Wau hospital and Guest House.

Alier also said that the GoSS has expelled all representatives of the Darfur rebel groups from the south. “The Darfurians remaining in the south are tradespeople,” he said.

Unity state governor: former rebels to be integrated into SPLA

Sudantribune.com Bentiu, 28/02/11 - Unity State Governor Taban Deng, addressing journalists in Bentiu on Sunday said the state government’s first priority is to integrate South Sudanese from the northern Sudan Army Forces (SAF) and renegade Gatluak Gai’s forces into the South’s Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) “affairs”.

Deng returned from a two week visit to the South Sudan capital Juba where he attended the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) Political Bureau meeting on security issues.

“We have discussed security in the South to give the hand of peace to all our people, especially those who were with SAF in Khartoum and the forces of James Gai Yoach, Bapiny Monytuel Wijang and in Unity State Gatluak Gai’s forces, who broke away during the general election declaration result and we have agreed on a peaceful resolution” said Deng. Adding, “They had already allocated areas for the forces to assemble and they will be integrated into SPLA affairs.”

Deng explained that the Yoach and Wijang forces “will be assembling at Riah payam (district) in the south of Mayom county, these forces have already arrived in the area,” and that “those responsible for SPLA integration will be coming in next two days from Juba, for their assignment into SPLA forces, prison services and polices services”.

Southern Sudanese should leave the north by July – NCP member

Al-Tayyar Khartoum, 01/03/11 – Mohamed Al-Hassan Al-Amin, a prominent NCP member and member of the Parliamentary Committee on Legislation and Justice, says that the NCP membership in general backs the notion that southern Sudanese maintain their positions in the National Assembly until 9th July. He pointed out that the articles in the constitution that were invoked by some to justify the loss of membership for southern Sudanese parliamentarians in the National Assembly does not however put a timeline for such action. Based on this, he argues, the

Interim Constitution would continue in force until July 2011 and southern Sudanese lawmakers would remain members of the National Assembly until that time.

Al-Amin further pointed out that the National Assembly has the prerogative to accept or deny membership of southern Sudanese MPs post April 2011 but expressed the belief that most lawmakers on the NCP ticket would favour an SPLM presence in parliament until 9th July 2011.

Sudan oil negotiations should tackle environmental concerns - group

Sudantribune.com Juba, 01/03/11 - The European Coalition on Oil in Sudan (ECOS) has urged parties involved in Sudan's post-referendum negotiations to give due consideration to the oil industry's painful legacies, including environmental degradation and damage to the communities in the oil-producing areas.

"The rights of these communities must be safeguarded after 9 July 2011. Their constitutional right to compensation must be fulfilled through a political reconciliatory process," ECOS said in its 28 February statement, referring to the official announcement of South Sudan's independence in July.

According to ECOS, the shared dependency on oil between the north and south of Sudan requires new forms of cooperation. The political focus on "post-CPA revenue sharing", it argues, is determined by the desire to forge a lasting peace between the north and the south.

Over the years, the coalition's statement added, the projected sharp drop in southern oil production after 2013 and the current production boost in the north has largely undermined the rationale for on-going oil revenue transfer from south to north.

"The low trust level between north and south advises against continuation of administratively complicated schemes like the CPA's revenue sharing formula," further reads the statement.

Meanwhile, ECOS recommends what it described as a "straightforward fee-for-service model," whereby the south pays a commercially and politically realistic price for services provided by the north.

Over the years, the oil industry's low operating standards and disregard for the concerns of the population has reportedly caused hostility towards the companies. The Greater Nile Petroleum Corporation (GNPOC), according to ECOS, loses almost US\$250,000 per week to corruption, theft and vandalism, adding to the industry's already high-risk profile and discouraging investment. ECOS is an entity that represents a large group of European organisations working for peace and justice in Sudan.

Other Highlights

Governor receives preliminary report on Popular Consultations

Al-Tayyar Damazine, 001/03/11 - The Blue Nile State Parliamentary Committee on Popular Consultations handed to state Governor Malik Aggar the state's preliminary report on the recently-concluded Popular Consultations exercise.

Opposition plans “solidarity” procession on Tuesday

Al-Sahafa et al Khartoum, 01/03/11 – 18 opposition parties under the National Consensus Forces umbrella have requested permission from the Khartoum State Police to stage a peaceful procession on 8th March 2011 in a show of solidarity with the people of Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen and Bahrain. The procession, according to the opposition, would start from central Khartoum near the Grand Mosque and proceed north to University Avenue then west to the Egyptian Embassy where representatives would hand a memorandum of solidarity. They also intend to dispatch delegations by vehicle to the embassies of Tunisia, Libya, Yemen and Bahrain with similar memoranda.

Protests in Kassala as police shoots one dead

Al-Sahafa Kassala, 01/03/11 – People in Kassala town flocked to the streets in hundreds protesting the killing of a citizen by a member of the police anti-smuggling unit. Angry citizens hurled stones at the governor’s entourage when he drove by and blocked traffic on some main roads. Relatives of the deceased refused to collect the body from the mortuary until they get a written commitment from the police vowing to bring the culprit to a fair trial.

The chief of police in Kassala said that the deceased was a truck driver. He said that the late did not heed to orders by the police to halt so they could check his cargo and was shot as he drove off. He said that the police were following the truck that they said was carrying contraband from Eritrea. He said the situation is now calm and under control after attempts by relatives of the deceased to riot was clamped down.

Sudanese youth group call for fresh protests on March 21

Sudantribune.com Khartoum, 28/02/11 - A Sudanese organization called ‘Youth for Change’ has made a call for demonstrations in all parts of Sudan on March 21st in a new bid to bring about a mass uprising similar to the ones in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.

The group’s spokesperson Magdi Okasha said that their ultimate goal is to topple the regime.

This came as opposition parties launched a fierce attack on the Sudanese government and vowed to push for change by mobilizing their supporters to take to the streets.

Governor visits LRA torn Nabanga – residents ask for development

Sudantribune.com Yambio, 28/02/11 - The community of Nabanga Payam (district) in Ibba County, Western Equatoria state has hailed a recent visit of the state governor, Bangasi Joseph Bakosoro to the area ravaged by the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA).

He is the first governor to visit the payam which has been the epicentre of LRA activities and was their assembly point before the collapse of the Juba peace talks.

The chief of Nabanga, Zechariah Nzeri, described the governor’s visit as a “blessing to the remaining citizens of the payam.” Nzeri explained that fear of the LRA meant that the people remaining in the payam are there only because of the continued presence of the SPLA forces.

In a related story, *The Juba Post* reports that the GoSS is to beef up the SPLA presence in Western Equatoria in a bid to dislodge the LRA from the area. GoSS Transport Minister Anthony Makana told the press in Maridi that the GoSS has approved funds to provide logistics support to the SPLA to facilitate access to LRA areas.

Fire flares up at UNAMID camp in South Darfur

The Citizen Khartoum, 01/03/11 – Tongues of flame flared up at the UNAMID base near Nyala airport in South Darfur causing panic among IDPs at the nearby Direij camp. Eyewitness reports say the fire broke out at a fuel store while other say it started at a food store.

UNAMID representative in South Darfur, Hassan Tajiddin, said the cause of the fire is yet to be established but assured that there are no casualties. He also barred journalists' entry to the site citing safety concerns.

But *Al-Ayaam* reports that four Nigerian soldiers were suffered burns as a result of the fire. The paper says UNAMID deputy head in the area, Mohamed Younus, confirmed that four people were injured by the flames that started at a chemicals store. Two tents were also burnt, he reportedly said.

South Darfur Governor Abdulhameed Musa Kasha and some members of the state's security committee rushed to the scene and urged the UNAMID leadership to be cautious while handling chemicals stored near munitions depots.

JEM wants int'l community to relocate its leader from Libya

Sudantribune.com Paris, 28/02/11 - The rebel Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) has urged the international community to move its leader from Libya where a popular uprising has swept through towns close to Tripoli. .

Khalil Ibrahim has been residing in the Libyan capital since May 2010 after being barred entry to Chad following JEM's withdrawal from the Doha-sponsored peace talks.

"We are very worried for the safety of our leader in Tripoli, and we call upon the international community to evacuate him for the sake of the peace in Darfur," said JEM Legislative Council speaker Al-Tahir Al-Faki from Paris on Monday.

Faki further told *Sudan Tribune*, that they met French officials to urge them to assist in efforts to move him outside Libya. Ibrahim has lived in France several years back.

The senior rebel official said that JEM was prepared to resume talks with the Sudanese government in Doha, as several members of the negotiating team were heading to the peace venue.

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