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Highlights

Consultations underway to form the new government

Al-Sahafa 2/5/10 – the NCP leaders are conducting wide consultations to form the new government which is expected by the end of the current month. Reportedly, for any ministerial portfolios, at least three persons will be nominated for the President to select one. According to sources, personalities who have contested elections but did not succeed might also join the new government.

Bashir calls elections “a blow to enemies of Sudan”

Sudan Tribune website 1/5/10 - The Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir said today that his victory in the recent elections was not won against other political parties, but rather against the enemies of Sudan “who imagined that the elections will [bring] the creative chaos”.

Bashir who was addressing crowd hosted by his re-election campaign committee said that Sudan’s enemies failed in their siege of Sudan and their support to the rebels “to their disappointment”.

He noted that the Sudanese expatriates in Washington, London, Paris and The Hague voted in his favor at a rate that exceeded 80%.

The NCP chief said that despite the media failed attempts to undermine the role of women in elections, but they constituted 60% of the total voters and also provided food at the polling stations. He also hailed the Sudanese people, for acting in a “civilized manner” guaranteeing security and stability during the electoral process.

Bashir mocked international observers saying that they have mobilized their monitors “to report massacres and killings” but that they were also disappointed. He also praised security who secured elections at all stages, “even in the remote parts of Darfur which did not witness any incident of violence during the electoral process”.

South Sudan army accuses poll candidate of attack

Reuters 30/4/10 - South Sudan's army accused a defeated election candidate of ordering an attack on one of its bases that killed at least eight soldiers on Friday, stoking tensions days after the contested poll.

George Athor, defeated in the race to become governor of the south's oil-producing Jonglei state, denied ordering any attack, telling Reuters soldiers in the base had mutinied after receiving orders to arrest him.

Any confirmed involvement in the attack by Athor, who is also a senior officer in the south's army, would be a serious escalation in violence in the region, already hit by drought and clashes between heavily armed tribal groups.

Athor and other independent candidates accused the south's dominant party, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), of harassing their supporters and rigging the vote.

The south's Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) said that armed men attacked the southern

army base in Jonglei's Doleib Hill area, close to state capital Malakal, early on Friday.

"We have full evidence the force was ordered by General George Athor," acting SPLA spokesman Malaak Ayuen told Reuters.

"He contested as a governor in Jonglei but lost," Ayuen said, adding that the intention behind the attack was unclear. "It was very surprising ... (We think) he became angry and is trying to create insecurity."

Ayuen said the army had captured five of the attackers who said they were working under Athor's orders.

Athor decided to run as an independent after failing to get the SPLM nomination. Speaking by satellite telephone from Jonglei, he denied having any forces in the area.

"They wanted to send a force to capture me but they refused to do this and now they were trying to arrest those officers who refused to go and attack me and so there was a mutiny," he said.

Athor said he did not know why they would want to arrest him. "You should ask Salva Kiir," he said, referring to the president of the semi-autonomous south.

Lam Akol slams SPLA for linking SPLM-DC to Upper Nile attack

Miraya website 1/5/10 - Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement - Democratic Change (SPLM-DC), Lam Akol Ajawin has slammed the latest allegations against him linking his party to the attack on a Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) base in Doleib Hill, Upper Nile State. The attack killed eight SPLA soldiers and wounded nine. He lambasted the SPLA for continually linking his party to violent activities, denouncing the allegations as irresponsible statements made by irresponsible people.

Akol denied any involvement in the attack in Upper Nile, saying that the incident is an issue that strictly concerns the SPLA and General George Ator, the defeated independent candidate for Jonglei State who allegedly plotted the attack.

The SPLA has accused the SPLM-DC Chairman for supporting Friday's attack on the SPLA army base. Acting Spokesman of SPLA, Col. Malaak Ayuen, alleged that Gen. George Ator, the defeated independent candidate for Jonglei State governorship, was behind the attack. Col. Ayuen further alleged that Ator was aided by the SPLM-DC.

NEC releases timetable for council of states nominations

Sudan Tribune website 30/4/10 - The National Elections Commission (NEC) announced the timetable for electing state representatives at the Council of States to start in May.

The Council of States is composed of two representatives for each state, elected by the state legislature in accordance with the National Elections Law and procedures established by the Commission.

The supreme committee in each state supervises the election of the two representatives by overseeing the nomination and voting procedures after consultation with the NEC.

NCP to discuss post-referendum future of the party's southern sector

Al-Rai Al-Aam 2/5/10 – The NCP is conducting intensive consultations to decide the future of the NCP's Southern Sector after referendum. NCP Southern Sector Chairperson Ms Agnes Lukudu said "if the South separates the southern sector will be converted into a National

Congress Party in the South”. Ms Agnes accused GoSS of rigging elections in the South.

Angelina raises concerns about humanitarian situation in Unity state

Sudan Tribune website 2/5/10 - An independent candidate who was recently declared loser to the incumbent governor elect, Taban Deng Gai, during the gubernatorial race in Unity state, said she was disturbed by a looming humanitarian situation in the Sudan's oil rich state.

Angelina Teny told Sudan Tribune on phone from Khartoum that there was an exodus of people moving out of the state because of fear as a result of the incumbent governor's policy of targeting her supporters, especially those who actively campaigned for her, following the hotly contested election.

“They are evacuating because of unrest; they are evacuating because of harassments; they are evacuating because of fear for their lives,” she said.

Mrs. Teny added that on 24th and 25th April a violent conflict erupted between the Southern Sudan's army and the population in Panyijiar County because of such harassments perpetuated on the pretext of disarming the county's civil population.

She further added that on the 30th of April, in Mayom County, the compound of popular Nuer spiritual leader, known as GatDeang, was stormed by the army with the same pretext of disarming him. His son and two aides were wounded in the process while GatDeang's whereabouts were not known, she added.

“GatDeang is a very peaceful spiritual leader who has always been preaching about peace among the people of Unity state and even with their neighboring Dinka communities in the adjacent states,” Mrs. Teny explained.

She condemned the harassment of the spiritual leader, saying there was no justification at all to harass such a peace-loving and peace-maker personality in the state and called on the state authorities to free him immediately if he was under its custody.

Mrs. Teny earlier said she would neither “accept” nor “recognize” the declared winning of her SPLM rival, Taban Deng Gai, saying the election result was “rigged” and “untrue.”

Other Highlights

“We will block Abyei border demarcation” – Misseriya

Al-Intibaha 2/5/10 –Misseriya leaders have reiterated their rejection of the PCA ruling on Abyei to demarcate the border of the area as well as to any move to form a referendum commission for the Area. Secretary-General of the Misseriya higher committee Ahmed Al-Tom said they have blocked more than four attempts to demarcate the border of the area because they do not recognize the PCA ruling. Ahmed has accused the NCP of internationalizing the Abyei issue.

South Sudan protests movements by Northern troops in border areas

Sudan Tribune website 1/5/10 - FVP Salva Kiir Mayardit conveyed to President Omer Al-Bashir his concern over military movements by northern forces, the official Sudan news agency (SUNA) said today.

Bashir met today with Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM) leading figure Deng Alor who is also the foreign minister who delivered a message from Kiir.

Alor said he discussed the future of political partnership with the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) and the situation in the South in the wake of some incidents of violence by parties protesting the recent election results.

The election results were at the heart of tensions in south Sudan, where at least eight people were killed on Friday after men said to be affiliated with a defeated candidate in regional elections attacked an army base.

Alor also said that Kiir's letter documented Sudanese movements including in the states of South Darfur and Blue Nile, which is on the northern side of the border but near a spot in the south where Sudanese troops reportedly clashed with southern rebels.

He said that Bashir stressed that both sides should overcome minor problems and promote joint work to reach the grand goal, adding that the troop movements are regular and not for specific targets. Alor also cited Bashir as saying that the armed forces have no interest in causing any problems at this stage where political work is needed, and called on the two armies to move away from border areas.

Deng Alor also pointed out that the SPLM will decide over the next two days, political vision for the next stage and the arrangements for post-transition and the formation of new government.

Taha hails Kiir's remarks on Sudan's unity

Sudan Tribune website 30/4/10 - The Sudanese 2nd Vice president Ali Osman Taha has hailed remarks made by South Sudan president Salva Kiir regarding "affirmative action" towards the unity of Sudan.

He further said that the post-referendum issues will be discussed in the same spirit of national unity, noting that next week would witness the announcement of the formation of Southern Sudan Referendum Commission to be comprised of figures known to possess both patriotism and objectivity.

This week Kiir said that unity of Sudan would make it a strong nation but blamed the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) for not making that choice attractive to Southerners.

Taha emphasized that the NCP will deal responsibly with Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM) headed by Kiir and all the other national parties for the goal of reinforcing the unity of the country.

He also reiterated the NCP's commitment to a united Sudan, adding that the NCP would work diligently in the coming period to promote this idea among the people of South Sudan. The 2nd VP also noted that work on demarcation of the North-South border proceeding as planned, adding that dialogue continues with the SPLM leadership to agree on the remaining items including formation of the new post-elections government.

FVP Kiir dissolves southern Sudan regional and state Assemblies

Sudan Tribune website 30/4/10 – GoSS President-elect Salva Kiir Mayardit has issued a presidential decree dissolving the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly and the legislative assemblies of the region's ten states. The decree was issued with effect from April 30, 2010.

GoSS Spokesperson and Information and Broadcasting Minister Paul Mayom said the dissolution of the assemblies was done in order to vacate the seats for the incoming elected

parliamentarians.

Most of the parliamentary elections results have been announced. Others on party list and women list are expected to be announced by the week end.

Rizeigat demand inquiry into Bulbula clashes

The Rizeigat tribe of South Darfur demanded that a commission of inquiry be formed to investigate the recent clashes between the tribe and the SPLA in the Bulbula area of South Darfur, reports *Al-Ayyam*. "We are citizens and should enjoy certain rights and obligations with security for us and our property as a priority," said Mohamed Eissa Elew, the Chairman of the Consultative Council of the Rizeigat Tribe.

Ban Ki-moon calls for ICC jurisdictions to be enforced

Miraya website 1/05/10 - UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, has called for enforcing the jurisdictions of the International Criminal Court (ICC), a step he described as important to ensure that perpetrators of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide do not go unpunished. Ban's statement was issued on Friday while speaking at meeting in New York that discussed the challenges of international criminal justice. He described the ICC as central to the international justice system.

He further urged all member states of the international community to ratify the ICC Rome Statute. The UN Secretary General said that once all have ratified the Rome Statute and undertake the necessary steps at national level, there will no longer be any safe havens for those responsible for the most grievous crimes committed against the core values of human kind.

The first Review Conference on the Rome Statute will be held in the Ugandan Capital, Kampala from May 31 to June 11, 2010.

Member countries of the ICC will consider amendments to the Rome Statute and discuss its implementation and impact.

Aid workers report heavy shooting in Darfur city

Reuters 2/5/10- Aid workers reported heavy gunfire on Sunday in the capital of Sudan's North Darfur state El Fasher, the scene of recent protests over a collapsed investment scheme.

UNAMID told Reuters sporadic shooting broke out after a group of up to 1,000 people were seen moving towards the city centre, where police used tear gas last week to break up a demonstration of angry investors.

UN officials and locals told Reuters last week investors had complained about losing large amounts of money in a Ponzi scheme - a pyramid model where money is illegally paid from one investor to the other and presented as profit.

"The shooting is still going on ... It is heavy shooting," said one aid worker, speaking on condition of anonymity on Sunday morning.

"We don't know if it is police shooting, or civilians, or the Arab militias in town. They lost a lot of money and are very unhappy," said the aid worker, speaking to Reuters from their El Fasher compound by phone.

Darfur's UNAMID peacekeeping force released a statement saying it had advised staff to limit

movements in the town.

No one was immediately available for comment from El Fasher's police or local government.