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Highlights

CPA parties fail to agree on extension for UNMIS

Al-Sahafa 7/4/11 – The joint security committee between the two CPA parties, which concluded its meetings in Addis Ababa on Tuesday, failed to reach an agreement on an extension for UNMIS and the status in the SPLA of soldiers hailing from southern Kordofan and the Blue Nile states. While the SPLM insisted that UNMIS mandate should be extended for a year as the outstanding issues entail the presence of a third party to prevent the two sides from going back to war, the NCP refused to consider any extension for UNMIS troops after the end of the interim period. The committee decided to refer the contentious issues to the Presidency for decision.

Sources, however, said the two sides reached an agreement on a borderline between the North and the South known as “security belt” and that the security belt, 5 to 10 km wide, would be free from forces of both sides but regular patrols would be conducted to prevent infiltration. The two parties also agreed that the southern Sudanese in the SAF would be disarmed after the end of the interim period and their full entitlements would be settled. According to a reliable source, the meeting in Addis focused on four issues: future of UNMIS, security belt, status of southerners in the SAF and vice versa and status of JIUs in the Nuba Mountains and the Blue Nile areas. The sources added that discussions would continue between the two parties on questions relating to corridors and border crossings along the security belt for movement of civilians and livestock.

In another development, *Sudan Vision* 7/4/11 reports that the CPA partners, in collaboration with Norway will hold a preparatory workshop prior to Addis Abba meetings that will kick off on Saturday to discuss oil issues.

Dr. Luka Biong, Cabinet Affairs minister, explained that it is a two-day workshop in which the two CPA partners will be enlightened by a Norwegian expert on oil issues.

In the same context, Minister of Petrol, Dr. Lowal Dend, said in a press statement that negotiations on oil are ongoing between the two partners with respect to oil assets such as pipeline, refineries and exporting ports, pointing out that the two sides would reach a solution for the benefit of the two peoples, in the North and the South.

Presidency to meet in Juba today

Al-Akhbar 7/4/11 – Two meetings are to take place today in Juba one is the Presidency meeting which will be attended by AUHIP Chair Thabo Mbeki and the second meeting will be convened by the joint political committee. Informed sources told the newspaper that Mbeki would present his proposal on Abyei to the Presidency meeting while the political committee will hear a report from the border demarcation committee and will also discuss the issue of nationality and other post-referendum issues.

NCP political secretary Prof. Ibrahim Ghandour said the Presidency meeting would pave the way for the specialized committees to reach agreements on the contentious issues.

According to *Al-Rai Al-Aam* 7/4/11, the political committee will convene before the Presidency

in a bid to reach an agreement on the outstanding issues.

SPLM says confident to win southern Kordofan elections

Al-Rai Al-Aam 7/4/11 – The SPLM in southern Kordofan expressed confidence that it would win the electoral battle in the state and called on the NCP to accept defeat. “We have no concerns over the elections in the state and the SPLM will surprise all by a landslide victory”, Arno N. Lodi, SPLM secretary in southern Kordofan told the newspaper.

After July 9, a southerner is a citizen of the South and vice versa” – Nafie

Akhbar Al-Youm 7/4/11 – presidential aide and deputy chair of the ruling NCP Nafie Ali Nafie, addressing students of the University of Khartoum yesterday, said after 9 July any southerner in the North would be considered a national of another country and that will also include southern students in schools and universities in the North who would also be considered students of another country and should bear the cost of their learning adding.

Nafie added that no dual nationality would be allowed, but pointed out that the North looks forward to maintaining good relations with the South for the sake of peace and stability.

“Amum’s call for amnesty “nonsense”, we need no reconciliation” – Athor

Al-Intibaha 7/4/11 – rebel leader Gen. George Athor has rejected the GoSS’ renewal of amnesty for defectors describing the offer as “nonsense”. “We have made up our minds and we need no reconciliation with any body” Athor reacted to SPLM SG Pagan Amum’s call to the rebels to benefit from the pardon. “We have set our goal. We will remove all of them” he said.

Meanwhile, GoSS political leaders disagreed over proposals calling for changes in some state governments particularly two suggestions for appointing Gen. James Hoth as governor for the Upper Nile state and Gen. Biar Deng as governor for Jonglei state. Sources revealed to the newspaper that SPLM Political Bureau members hailing from the Upper Nile and Jonglei states have opposed the proposal on the assumption that they would be deprived of their right to fill these posts. GoSS influential officials reportedly favour the appointment of military governors for the two states to end rebellion and restore normalcy.

Thousands flee deadly tribal clashes in south Sudan

AFP 7/4/11 - Thirteen people have been killed in clashes in south Sudan's troubled Mvolo county area, the latest in a wave of violence between rival ethnic groups that has forced 34,000 to flee their homes, officials said on Thursday.

"There was more fighting in Mvolo County between communities in which 13 people were killed," said Joseph Bakasoro, the governor of Western Equatoria state, who said the clashes took place on Tuesday...

The latest clashes happened as meetings took place between the governors of the two states to try to resolve the violence.

"We came up with a number of resolutions, including the setting up of a combined neutral force from both states to return the security situation to normal," said Bakasoro.

UN and other aid agencies have sent medical kits, food and other basic supplies to those displaced by the violence.

The clashes are separate from the rebel uprisings in the south's oil-rich Greater Upper Nile region, where fighting has left hundreds of people dead, many of them civilians.

Although no recent clashes have been reported there, tensions remain high in those areas, according to the UN report...

Other Highlights

Sudan to complain to UNSC over bombing

Local dailies 7/4/11 – the Sudanese government said Israel was behind the bombing of a vehicle in Port Sudan, adding it would lodge a formal complaint to the UNSC over the incident.

Sudanese Foreign minister Ali Karti said the bombing was intended to block efforts to remove Sudan's name from the list of countries sponsoring terrorism. "Two Sudanese nationals were in the car. It has not been established that a Palestinian leader was in the car. The owner of the car is an ordinary Sudanese citizen who has no connection with Islamists or the government" Karti said, according to *Al-Rai Al-Aam* 7/4/11. "It is undoubtedly an Israeli aggression" he added.

Arutz Sheva 7/4/11 reports *Al-Arabiya* television network as saying that one of the people killed in a mysterious attack in Sudan Wednesday night was Hamas' replacement for the arch-terrorist Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh who was himself killed over a year ago in Dubai. Al-Mabhouh had been responsible for moving smuggled weapons from Iran to Gaza.

The *Jerusalem Post* 7/4/11 reports that Dirar Abu Sisi gave Israeli intelligence "valuable information" that led to the attack on arms smugglers in Port Sudan, a source told Kuwait newspaper *Al Jarida* Thursday. According to the source, Abu Sisi passed along the sensitive information to Israel during his remand since he was abducted by a train in Ukraine last month.

The source also told *Al Jarida* that Israel also received valuable information on smuggling routes and cells operating from Sudan, through Egypt, and to Gaza, from a number of southern Sudanese refugees who have migrated to Israel.

However, the Islamic Hamas movement today denied reports that one of its senior commanders was killed in an air strike in Sudan earlier this week, *Xinhua* reported.

Ismail Al-Ashqar, a Hamas official based in Gaza, said that his nephew Riad had survived the air strike that killed two people in Port Sudan city. The Sudanese authorities accused Israel of carrying out the missile attack.

Al-Ashqar confirmed that the raid was aimed at his nephew, who is said to be an arms dealer for the Islamic movement that controls the Gaza Strip.

Sudan confiscates opposition newspaper-editor

Reuters 6/4/11 - Sudan's security forces confiscated copies of an opposition newspaper on

Wednesday, the latest crackdown on press freedom in Africa's largest country ahead of the looming split of its oil-producing south.

"They confiscated all the copies of the paper at the printing press after we printed," Faiz al-Silaik, deputy editor-in-chief of daily Ajras al-Huriya, told Reuters.

Al-Silaik, whose newspaper is linked to the south's dominant SPLM party, said the move may have been sparked by its coverage on Wednesday of an attack in Sudan's east, blamed by Khartoum on Israel, and long-delayed May elections in South Kordofan state.

Darfur rebel leader condemns killing of UNAMID peacekeeper

Sudan tribune website 6/4/11 - "We condemn in the strongest possible terms the attack on the UNAMID police female in Darfur yesterday," said Abdel Wahid Al-Nur the leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) in a statement to sent to Sudan Tribune, on Wednesday.

The rebel leader said that Sudanese authorities bear the responsibility of this aggression adding "Khartoum arm, pay and protect them to be part of the terror policy implemented in the region".

He extended his condolences to the head of the hybrid operation Ibrahim Gambari and all the members of the mission for this loss. He further said this incident should encourage the UN Security Council to review the current mandate and extend it to better protect themselves and civilians.

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