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### **Government welcomes Secretary-General's proposed visit to Sudan**

(*AlRai AlAam*) Khartoum has embarked on intensive consultations with New York in preparation and in a bid to coordinate for the impending visit of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to Khartoum on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Sudan's Permanent Representative to the UN said that Secretary-General Ki-moon's visit will span four days during which he will hold talks with the leadership of the country, including President Bashir. He said that the talks will focus on issues pertaining to UNSCR 1769 and its implementation, on the envisaged hybrid operations through consultations between the two sides and on exerting pressures on non-signatory movements to bring them to the envisaged negotiations table. He said that the goal of the visit is also to lobby international resources for assistance and development projects in Darfur. He also said that the Secretary-General will be looking also at coordinating talks between the Sudan and UN specialised agencies.

The Sudanese ambassador said that according to the ongoing consultations with UNMIS officials, the Secretary-General's itinerary may also include tours to the Darfurs and Juba.

### **Appointment of AU-UN deputy envoy and deputy force commander for Darfur**

(*SudanTribune.com* – 15 Aug. ADDIS ABABA) African Union and United Nations have announced today the appointment of the Joint Deputy Special Representative and Joint Deputy Force Commander for AU/UN Hybrid Operation In Darfur (UNAMID), the AU said in a press statement.

The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Alpha Oumar Konare, has jointly appointed, today, with the UN Secretary General, General Henry Anyidoho (rtd) as Joint Deputy Special Representative and Major General Emmanuel Karake Karenzi as Joint Deputy Force Commander for the AU/UN Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID).

“In accordance with the Framework of the AU/UN Hybrid Operation in Darfur, dated 6 March 2007, the Joint Deputy Special Representative and the Joint Deputy Force Commander are jointly appointed by the Chairperson of the AU Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and will assist the Joint Special Representative and the Joint Force Commander in Darfur, respectively.”

General Anyidoho (rtd) from Ghana was born on 13 July 1940. During his career, he held several senior positions in the Ghanaian Army. He also served, from December 1993 to July 1995, as Deputy Force Commander and Chief of Staff in the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda. Since January 2005, he has been leader of the UN Assistance Mission for the African Union.

Major General Karenzi from Rwanda was born on 23 December 1960 in Rwanda. He has been Chairman of the Military Tribunal of Rwanda since January 2006. Before that, he held several senior positions in the Rwandan Army, including Commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Divisions.

## **Finland Will Respond With a No to UN Query on Going to Darfur**

*(Helsingin Sanomat website via BBC Monitoring, 14 Aug. HELSINKI)* Finland is about to respond in the negative to the UN's query about its possible participation in the UN peacekeeping operation in Sudan's Darfur, government officials told Helsingin Sanomat on Monday [13 August].

At the same time Finland is continuing its consideration of participating in a crisis control operation in Sudan's neighbouring country, Chad, as part of an EU combat unit under Swedish command.

And the stance on Darfur can also still change if there is enough willingness to reassess the political aspects of the operation. The present answer of no, which is what Finland's UN representatives were told to convey as a response to the UN query, was prepared within the machinery of officialdom. It was based on the earlier stance on crisis control by the president and cabinet's Foreign Affairs Committee.

Several experts expressed doubt on Monday that the African countries would have, for example, enough transportation equipment for the very difficult conditions in Darfur.

## **UN reportedly requests South Africa to send peacekeeping force to Darfur**

*(SAPA website via BBC Monitoring – 15 Aug. PRETORIA)* South Africa has been requested by the United Nations to send troops for a joint UN-African Union peacekeeping force in Darfur, South Africa's deputy defense minister Mluleki George said on Wednesday.

"There has been a request to South Africa and the matter is being discussed by the department of defense," George said.

He did not reveal the size of the contribution South Africa was expected to make towards what would become the biggest UN-controlled peacekeeping operation in the world, but deputy foreign affairs minister Aziz Pahad told Sapa it might be substantial.

Just less than 600 South African National Defence Force soldiers and just over 100 South African Police Service officers are already part of the current AU mission in Sudan.

## **Ministry of Health downplays WHO report on cholera**

*(AlAyaam)* The Federal Ministry of Health has downplayed recent reports by the FAO on the spread of cholera in eastern Sudan and says the organisation is just highlighting an issue that has existed since last January and is nothing new or threatening.

The ministry pointed out that according to international norms, the declaration of an epidemic is the purview of the concerned state.

## **World Bank Sudan selects 57 projects for development competition**

*(WB – 15 Aug. JUBA)* The Sudan World Bank Country office this year received over 500 entries for its Sudan Development Marketplace competitions. The entries came from all corners of the country. Out of the 500 project proposals submitted, 57 have been selected to compete for the grant awards. 6 of them are from Southern Sudan. Each winner will receive up to US\$20,000.

Donors providing funds for the awards include Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the World Bank. The Bank of Sudan has provided its conference centre for the occasion.

The 57 finalists have been requested to submit their full project proposals to be scrutinized by a panel consisting of Sudanese and non-Sudanese. Finalists will be brought from their different locations to Khartoum for a two-day event on August 20 and 21 to display their project ideas and answer questions from a panel of independent jurists. The jury will then select the winners. The Khartoum event will also provide opportunity for finalists to interact with development experts and potential investors working in their areas of interest.

The second day of the DM will host the Knowledge Forum in which experts will discuss issues of social accountability and the role of the civil society organizations in promoting this crucial function. ([Read more ...](#)).

### **Darfur rebel leader can be treated abroad - UN**

(*Reuters* – 15 Aug. UN) The Sudanese government has agreed to allow ailing Darfur rebel leader Suleiman Jamous to travel abroad for medical treatment, the United Nations said on Wednesday.

But U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said the Khartoum government told the world body that Jamous was free to leave the hospital for medical treatment abroad and could return to Darfur under condition he not fight.

"The government of Sudan has made clear Suleiman Jamous was free to leave the hospital to undergo medical treatment and ... reside with his family under the condition the U.N. guarantee that he not return to Darfur to fight," Montas said.

She said the United Nations was discussing arrangements with Sudanese authorities to fly Jamous to the Kenyan capital of Nairobi for treatment "and this is now being discussed." ([Read more ...](#)).

### **GoNU (CPA; Darfur Peace Agreement; ESPA)**

#### **Authorities detain mosque imam and others on suspicion of terrorist intentions**

(*AlAyaam; AlSahafa*) Police have extended their dragnet in search of more weapons caches stocked in houses in Khartoum.

Sources reveal that authorities yesterday held the *imam* of a mosque in East Nile Province, Khartoum, alongside others on suspicions of terrorist intentions and violations of the Guns and Munitions Act. The dragnet focuses on the Yarmuk, Mayo, Jebel Auliya, Dar-el-Salam and Soba suburbs of Khartoum following tip offs of possible caches in a number of houses in those areas.

Sixty people have so far been arrested on suspicions of these crimes in the last couple of days.

**Government says committed to settle Darfur issue through cooperation with the international community**

(*Sudan Vision; Khartoum Monitor*) The Minister of the Interior has stressed government's commitment to the Darfur Peace Agreement.

The minister calls for the realisation of security and the rule of law in Darfur. He pointed out that the envisaged hybrid forces for Darfur must be sensitized on the norms and values of Sudanese society.

The minister who yesterday presided over a meeting of the leadership of the police forces said that the Security Council must pressure those states harbouring non-signatory groups.

### **Government apologizes for not being able to participate at CPA evaluation meeting**

(*AlRai AlAam*) A diplomatic source has revealed that the Sudanese Embassy in Addis Ababa will today formally notify the African Union Peace & Security Council of the country's inability to participate at a meeting scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month to evaluate the implementation of the CPA.

The source said that the note verbale was still in its final draft by late last night but pointed out that the reasons cited for non-participation are that the government is busy in efforts to resolve the Darfur crisis and that it had not been consulted earlier on the 24 September meeting.

### **Merowe dam to power Sudan from next year - official**

(*Reuters – 15 Aug. MEROWE*) Sudan's Merowe Dam will start generating power next year, and will eventually increase the vast African nation's electricity supply by 150 percent, officials said on Tuesday.

"In our aspiration to solve Sudan's problems, we realized that one of the biggest problems we faced was power," Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir said after touring the site.

"Many industries in Khartoum, Port Sudan and the major industrial areas virtually came to a standstill because of intermittent power supply," said Bashir.

"Besides, the amount of power currently being generated meets only a fraction of the requirements of the Sudanese people," he added.

Immediate beneficiaries will include farmers in northern Sudan who use diesel-fuelled pumps to irrigate their crops, according to Ahmed. ([Read more...](#)).

### **Key SPLM figure says SPLM has not made a proposal over Abyei**

(*Khartoum Monitor*) Cabinet Minister Deng Alor said in a statement to the paper that the meeting of the leadership of the SPLM that starts today in Juba will handle outstanding issues including the question of Abyei.

He said that the SPLM has not come up with a proposal over Abyei and that the joint executive committee of the parties to the CPA did discuss the Abyei issue focusing on administration of the area. He said that the National Congress Party did not agree to the Blue and White Lines marking the boundaries of Abyei as stipulated by the Abyei Protocol and argued for a temporary or permanent administration according to the existing 1995 boundaries.

He further pointed out that the National Congress Party has rejected other suggestion and that recently security authorities came up with a map of Abyei in which oilfields appear beyond the Blue Line. The SPLM, he added, countered with a proposal for oil sharing but the National Congress Party is yet to reply to that.

### **SPLM demands budget for the Commission on the Rights of Non-Muslims**

(*AlAyaam*) The SPLM has called on the Presidency of the Republic to earmark a budget for the Commission on the Rights of Non-Muslims in the capital so that it can start work.

The SPLM has also underlined the need for the participation of all political forces at all levels of government and up to grassroots levels. The party also reveals that the parties to the CPA have formed a committee to look into the issues of re-planning of the Salama and Soba Aradhi areas.

### **Experts call on relevant authorities to educate the Sudanese voter on the elections laws and procedures**

(*AlSudani*) A number of experts have underlined the need to educate voters on the elections law and procedures in order to enable them know their rights and obligations.

The experts were participating at a workshop organised by the Development Research Institute of the University of Khartoum in collaboration with the Frederich Eibert Foundation and was held on 15 and 16 August.

### **Suspect says had nothing to do with editor's assassination**

(*Rai AlShaab*) A suspect in the case of the assassination of the *AlWifaq* editor said he falsely confessed of involvement in the assassination under duress.

He said that he was tortured and was threatened he would be thrown into the river if he did not confess to the crime he knows nothing of.

### **Hamas leader Mish'al in Sudan for talks with Al-Bashir**

(*Sudan Radio via BBC Monitoring – 15 Aug. KHARTOUM*) President Bashir has urged the Palestinian factions to forget their differences and work on combining their efforts to face their common enemy, affirming Sudan's permanent position in support of the Palestine cause.

Presidential adviser Nafi Ali Nafi said Sudan would work with other Arab countries to ensure Palestinians achieve reconciliation among themselves. More details from our correspondent.

The meeting between the president of the republic with the chairman of the Executive Office of Hamas, Khalid Mish'al, is part of consultations with the Arab countries to revive the Palestinian-Palestinian dialogue to overcome their differences.

### **USA to decide on fate of Sudanese TV cameraman in Guantanamo**

(*AlJazeera TV via BBC Monitoring* – 15 Aug.) Sudanese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ali al-Sadiq has said that his ministry addressed a letter to the US Administration showing its readiness to receive colleague Sami al-Haj, Al-Jazeera TV cameraman who is detained at Guantanamo.

“Last July, we received a memorandum from the US Administration saying that it intends to make a final decision on the issue of Sami al-Haj during this month. Based on what we received from them, we stressed to them, via a written memorandum, that Mr Sami al-Haj is a Sudanese citizen who has no extremist religious affiliations, that he performs his religious duties like other Sudanese citizens, and that if he is released, he will not pose any threat to US security,” he said.

### **US Jewish lobby reportedly continues campaign against Sudan**

(*SMC via BBC Monitoring* – 14 Aug. KHARTOUM) Reliable sources have revealed that a Jewish lobby group composed of four organizations is currently actively working to encourage the United States government to take hostile actions against Sudan.

The sources said the outcome of the Jewish campaign has resulted in the recent sanctions imposed on Sudan by the US administration, in addition to its attempts to pass these sanctions through the United Nations Security Council.

The sources noted that among the Jewish lobby group were the Jewish American organization for international service and the Jewish council for defending Israel who are working through congress.

## **GoSS**

### **SPLA sends 3,000 as clashes in Jonglei go out of hand**

(*The Citizen*) The SPLA will send a brigade of 3,000 troops under the command of Brg. Magok Magok to Pibor Country to forcefully disarm and arrest the worsening security situation caused by marauding Murle cattle raiders the army says were armed by the SAF.

As he responded to cries from lawmakers that the army had failed to protect the people in Pibor County, he said that the troops would be sent as soon as logistics were sorted out.

The worsened security situation last week saw the UN raise the security level of the areas to 4 and evacuate some of its staff.

Commenting on the recent Nuer-Murle clash, SPLA spokesperson Mjr. Gen. Kuol Deim dismissed yesterday reports that the entire attack could have been undertaken by organised forces. He pointed out that the discovery of RPGs in the fight was not the potential reason to suspect the SPLA. He pointed out that there were more dangerous weapons in the hands of some communities and singled out 12.7mm as now in the hands of some civilians.

### **State parliament summons minister over insecurity in Central Equatoria State**

(*The Citizen*) Central Equatoria State Legislative Assembly summoned the state’s Deputy Governor to explain what the lawmakers referred to as the “alarming insecurity in Juba.”

Captain Henry Danga who also doubles up as the state minister of Local government and Law Enforcement will be grilled over the failure to resolve the Mundari-Bor tribal clashes that left dozens dead last month.

The minister will also be queried on how far his office has gone on the issue of disarmament of civilians in the state, on the repatriation of the Dinka Bor IDPs, the influx of Mbororo nomads into Central Equatoria State and insecurity and accidents around the Customs Market.

## **Darfur**

### **Salim Ahmed Salim says difficult road ahead for peace in Darfur**

(*AlSahafa*) The African Union Special Envoy for Darfur says that he commends the wish all parties to the Darfur conflict have shown to engage in talks to settle the problems but the road ahead is still very difficult.

Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim told the African Union Peace & Security Council meeting in Addis Ababa that the people of Darfur have suffered much but the only way to end the conflict is through negotiations. He pointed out that most of the parties to the conflict have shown willingness to hold talks to at least minimise the differences between the Sudan government and the non-signatory movements. He pointed out that focus on the key issues like compensations, returns and reinstatement of ownership of land.

### **China a key to Darfur conflict resolution - activists**

(*Reuters* – 15 Aug. KIGALI) China must stop supplying weapons to Sudan and curb ties with the government to help halt killings in the war-torn region of Darfur, activists said on Wednesday.

Olympic Dream for Darfur, a U.S.-based advocacy campaign, appealed to the Chinese government as hosts of the Olympics next year to use its influence in Sudan to boost security.

"Genocide can only stop if there's willingness (in the) international community to stop it, and for Darfur that power lies in China," said Jill Savitt, director of the Olympic Dream for Darfur.

The activists accused China of continuing to carry out oil deals with Sudan and supplying weapons to the Khartoum government, which end up in the hands of Darfur militias. ([Read more ...](#)).

### **Ad campaign's Darfur deaths claim not factual – UK regulator**

(*AP* – 15 Aug. LONDON) Britain's advertising regulator has criticized a humanitarian organization for claiming 400,000 people have died in Darfur, saying the claim was unsubstantiated.

The statistic, included by the Save Darfur Coalition in a November 2006 ad campaign, should have been presented as an opinion, not a fact, Britain's Advertising Standards Authority ruled last week. Although the ASA said the mortality figure was within the realm of possibility, it said there was no reliable information to back it up.

"As unfortunate as that may be when you're dealing with atrocities, from an advertising point of view, you can't state something as fact if it's not," ASA spokesman Matt Wilson said.

The Washington, D.C.-based Save Darfur Coalition said it accepted the ASA's judgment, but added that it still believed that the violence in the Western Sudanese region had claimed about 400,000 lives.

The ASA's review of the ad was prompted by a complaint from the European Sudanese Public Affairs Council, whose director David Hoile accused the coalition of distorting the facts.

"The sort of imageries and claims that were coming out of Washington, D.C. were very dangerous," he said. "We were concerned that there would be a rerun of the sort of allegations that brought the U.S. and the UK into the Iraq debacle." ([Read more ...](#)).

## **Miscellaneous:**

### **Workshop on DDR urges end to child military recruitment**

(*Sudan Tribune*) Participants at workshop held in Khartoum yesterday by the Northern DDR Commission demanded a stop to child recruitment and the need to form effective mechanisms to end the practice and reintegrate these minors.

The Deputy Director of the Northern DDR Commission said that the number of children recruited in Sudan was estimated to be somewhere around 26,000.

### **Sudanese queue for Aids drugs in Arua**

(*The Monitor*) The unavailability of life-prolonging antiretroviral drugs in Southern Sudan has forced many patients to travel to neighboring Uganda in search of medication.

"There are no ARVs here, so once a month we have to travel to Arua in Uganda to get drugs," said Mr. Joel Baba, who lives in the Southern Sudan town of Yei in Central Equatoria State. "This trip is so expensive; we have to pay border charges, accommodation, food and transport," said Mr Baba.

Although peace has returned after 21 years of conflict between the northern and southern parts of Sudan, many areas in the south that were cut off from basic health services during the war still have no access to HIV medication.

Arua is more than 100km from Yei.

