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UN/ Agencies

UN chief sending envoys to press Sudan on Darfur force

(*Sudan Tribune.com* — 5 Dec. NEW YORK) U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Wednesday he is sending high-level envoys to press Sudan’s president to accept non-Africans in the 26,000-strong peacekeeping force for Darfur and to get critically needed helicopters and heavy trucks for the new U.N.-African Union mission.

Ban said in an interview with Associated Press editors that he was “deeply concerned and disappointed by this foot-dragging of the Sudanese government” in reaching a final agreement so that the force can start deploying in Darfur in January. He said he was also concerned at the lack of support from European countries and well-equipped developing countries.

Ban said he is sending Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Edmond Mulet and his Deputy Chief of Staff Kim Won-soo to Lisbon, Portugal, on Thursday to meet al-Bashir, who will be attending the European Union-Africa summit this weekend.

He said they will be seeking to get al-Bashir to sign off on the composition of the force and on a host of technical and administrative issues, including permission for night flights, land for the force in several key towns, and a status of forces agreement.

Read more <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article25055>

SAF killed hundreds of civilians in Darfur – UN

(*Sudan Tribune*) Sudanese Army forces (SAF) and allied militia have killed several hundred civilians in ground attacks and aerial bombardments on villages in Darfur in the past six months, United Nations human rights experts said on Tuesday.

Bystanders caught up in clashes between the warring parties have also been tortured, raped and suffered widespread looting in the western region, according to the UN experts on Darfur.

Their 106-page report calls on Khartoum government to protect civilians in Darfur and to investigate all crimes. It is to be presented next week to the UN Human Rights Council.

Sudan has failed to cooperate with International Criminal Court, prosecutor says

(UN News Focus) The Sudanese Government is not cooperating with the International Criminal Court (ICC), its Chief Prosecutor said today, calling on the Security Council to send “a strong and unanimous message” to Khartoum to arrest and surrender two men accused of committing war crimes during the conflict in Darfur.

Luis Moreno-Ocampo told a Council meeting that although “Sudan has known the nature of the case against Ahmad Harun and Ali Kushayb for 10 months, they have done nothing. They have taken no steps to prosecute them domestically, or to arrest and transfer them to The Hague [where the ICC is based].”

Mr. Harun, currently Sudan’s Minister of State for Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Kushayb, a leader of a pro-Government Janjaweed militia, are accused of targeting civilians in attacks on four villages in West Darfur between August 2003 and March 2004, according to their warrants, which outline multiple counts of personal responsibility for murder, rape and pillaging for each man.

“The only realist solution today is to request the removal and arrest of [Mr.] Harun as a first step to any solution,” Mr. Moreno-Ocampo told Council members. “It will send a signal to the perpetrators of crimes in Darfur that the international community is not only watching, but will hold them accountable for their actions.”

ICC prosecutor accuses Sudan of ‘covering up’ Darfur war crimes

(Sudan Tribune.com — 5 Dec. NEW YORK) The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Luis Moreno-Ocampo accused the Sudanese government of systematically targeting civilians in Darfur. “We are witnessing a calculated, organized campaign by Sudanese officials to attack individuals and further destroy the social fabric of entire communities. All information points not to chaotic and isolated acts, but to a pattern of attacks” Ocampo told the UN Security Council (UNSC) today in his semi-annual briefing.

“Calling those crimes chaos or sporadic violence or ‘inter-tribal clashes is a cover up” he added. **Read more** <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article25057>

Mediation team to France to meet Abdelwahid

(AlRai AlAam) The UN Special Envoy for Darfur, Jan Eliasson, said it is difficult to fix time for the second round of negotiations between the GoS and the Darfur rebel movements before the movements confirm their participation and declare ceasefire.

The AU Envoy Salim Ahmed Salim and his UN counterpart Jan Eliasson continued their efforts to bring all parties to the conflict in Darfur on board. Speaking to Radio Sawa, Salim said they are prepared to meet with Abdelwahid Nour, the Chairman of SLM.

UN envoy to Darfur arrives in Sudan

(*BBC .Mon, Suna website*) The UN secretary-general's representative to Darfur, Jan Eliasson, has today noon arrived in Khartoum for a several-day visit where he will be visiting Darfur and Juba [southern Sudan]. The envoy will hold talks with government officials over current arrangements being made for the Darfur peace process.

GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)

US Rice meets SPLM Pagan over Sudan peace implementation

(*Sudan Tribune.com – 5 Dec. ADDIS ABABA*) A high level delegation from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) met today in the Ethiopian capital with the US Secretary of State to discuss the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

SPLM Secretary General, Pagan Amum, on Wednesday met with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, to discuss the pending issues in the implementation of the CPA, the meeting was attended by foreign ministers of IGAD and Great Lakes.

The ruling National Congress Party skipped the meeting expressing its rejection of foreign intervention in the resolution of the current crisis over the implementation of the CPA. Sudanese government dominant party says the peace deal encompasses appropriate mechanisms to resolve divergences between parties.

Rice had said she wanted to try to bolster the 2005 peace agreement that ended a long-running north-south civil war. "That is really an agreement that we cannot afford to let unravel," Rice said. **Read more** <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article25053>

Pagan Amum comments on Addis meeting with US officials

(*Akhbar Alyaum*) The SPLM Secretary General, Pagan Amum, said following meetings yesterday in Addis with the IGAD Foreign Ministers, US Secretary of State Rice and her Assistant, said the meetings discussed the implementation of the CPA. He said he has agreed with Rice on holding a meeting for the IGAD countries before the 9th of January 2008. Amum added that the meetings urged the CPA partners to overcome their difference and complete the implementation of the CPA. Condoleezza Rice called on President al Bashir and FVP Kiir to implement the Abyei protocol.

Khartoum sends no one to see Rice, Somali president ill

(AP) U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met with African leaders about some of the continent's worst conflicts, but a Sudanese faction's rebuff and the Somali president's illness stole momentum from her attempts at diplomacy.

Rice was in the Ethiopian capital, where the African Union is headquartered, to meet with African leaders Wednesday after expressing growing unease about a number of deteriorating security and faltering peace deals.

Rice had said she wanted tackle elements of the Darfur conflict and try to bolster the 2005 peace deal that ended a separate, long-running north-south civil war. But Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir's government skipped the meeting; although Rice went on to meet southern Sudanese leaders, according to a list of delegates released by the U.S. Embassy.

In Khartoum, Sudan, a ruling party official said the government, from which southern officials recently withdrew, had skipped the talks because it did not want Rice to intervene in the north-south dispute. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

The Sudanese government's official explanation was that it had received invitations "only a few days ago," not leaving senior officials time to rearrange schedules.

"Our absence is not a sign of defiance," Ali Sadiq, the spokesman for Sudan's foreign ministry, said in Sudan's capital. "If they (the U.S.) had told us earlier, we would have come."

NCP comments on meeting with Rice in Addis Ababa

(*Akhbar Alyaum*) The Presidential Adviser and NCP Political Relations Secretary, Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, said the NCP has apologized for not participating in the meeting in Addis Ababa arranged by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice because President al Bashir was scheduled to visit Gadarif and FVP Kiir is busy in Juba. "We don't need to go to Addis as we were there few days back for the meeting of the AU Peace and Security Council. We apologized because the invitation was sent to the President and the FVP. The American Minister is welcome if she wants to visit Khartoum to know our views".

We will resolve standoff, no matter how long it takes, says Kiir

(*The Citizen, Juba Post*) Bashir and Kiir yesterday met to resolve the outstanding issues concerning the CPA, which would pave the way for the return into government of the SPLM.

Members of the joint NCP- SPLM formed to look into the outstanding issues, briefed the two about the steps they had taken, according to a statement issued from the Office of the President of the Government of Southern Sudan.

Kiir said the committee had not completed its work and as a result, discussions with President Bashir were incomplete. President Kiir noted that, once the committee had reported its findings President Bashir would issue a resultant decree.

Hassanein, other detainees of sabotage attempt may be released soon

(*AlSahafa*) The DUP leader, Mohamed Osman al Mirghani, requested President al Bashir to release his Deputy Ali Mahmoud Hassanein and the other detainees on the sabotage attempt case. According to sources in Khartoum and Cairo, al Bashir has promised to instruct concerned authorities to release the detainees and close the dossier of this case. Thus, sources expect that Hassanein and his colleagues will be released soon.

Five journalists threatened of being killed

(*AlSudani*) A group of five Sudanese writers and journalists have been threatened by an unidentified person that they will be killed. Al Haj Warag, who was speaking on behalf of the group, said in a press conference yesterday that the unidentified suspect made a phone call yesterday to Abdelmoneim Suliman (who writes in sudaneseonline.com) warning him that he is one of the group of people he (the suspect) has been asked to kill.

The suspect who was speaking over the phone from Chad, said some Sudanese circles have asked him to kill al Haj Warag, Rabah al Sadiq al Mahdi, Faisal al Bagir, al Tahir Sati and Abdelmoneim Suliman. The suspect said he has received from these circles a sum of US\$ 180,000 in advance and has been promised to receive an additional sum of US\$ 220,000 after killing the five journalists.

The suspects said he has been asked to kill these journalists for their opposition to the government and their support for the deployment of an international force in Darfur. The threatened reporters have called on authorities to investigate the issue

Ambassador Abdelmahmoud: Ocampo presented bad political report against Sudan

(*Akhbar Alyaum*) The Sudan Ambassador to the UN, Abdelmahmoud Abdelhalim, said to the editor of Akhbar Alyaum in a telephone conversation that ICC Prosecutor Ocampo has presented at the Security Council a bad political report against Sudan on the issue of the ICC and human rights violations in Darfur. In his report, Ocampo said Sudan is not cooperating and asked the Security Council to take measures to ensure that Sudan is committed to the ICC decision. The Ambassador criticized the statements made by the American, British, French, Belgian, Slovakian and Panama representatives in the Council. He has, however, appreciated what he called the rational positions of the Chinese and Qatari representatives.

Sudan denies interference in Chad's internal affairs

(*Sudan Tribune.com* — 5 Dec. KHARTOUM) The Sudanese government denied on Wednesday the accusation of its interference in the internal affairs in Chad, reiterating its keenness for calm in the neighboring country. "What is going on in Chad is an internal affair that Sudan has nothing to do with," the Sudanese Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

It noted that "Sudan has been working to calm down the situations in Chad based on its policy of good-neighborliness, respect of sovereignty of states and nonintervention in the affairs of others." The statement also reaffirmed Sudan's keenness to abide by and comply with the security agreements signed with Chad.

Read more <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article25056>

Sudan's judiciary needs reform - opposition leader

(*Sudan Tribune.com* — 5 Dec. KHARTOUM) Sudan's legal system needs to be overhauled to prevent a collapse of law and order in Africa's largest country, an opposition politician who was detained for almost five months said.

Mubarak al-Fadil, head of the opposition Umma Party for Reform and Renewal, was one of at least 28 people arrested in July and charged with trying to overthrow the government. He was released on Sunday before their trial was about to begin.

"There is an urgent need to reform the legal system and the judiciary because it has been infested by politics," Fadil told Reuters. "There isn't going to be democracy, there isn't going to be peace ... if you don't have rule of law."

The joint defence team of Fadil and the other 27, which included other opposition politicians Ali Mahmoud Hassanein, Abdel Jalil al-Basha and retired officers from the army, police and security, said Fadil's eleventh hour release left a weak case against the other detainees. *Read more* <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article25050>

NC Agrees on Holding Wise Men Forum after Id Al Adha Holiday

(*SMC*) National congress agrees on the proposal presented by National Reconciliation Corporation (NRC) for holding wise men forum after Id Al Atha holiday. NRC spokesman Gen retired Osman Abdallah reveals that a joint committee was formed composed of NC and NRC and should meet Sunday to undertake arrangements related for holding the said forum.

Sudan calls on France to 'come with clean hands' in Darfur

(*Sudan Tribune.com* — 5 Dec. NEW YORK) A senior Sudanese official today accused the French government of being an obstacle to peace in Darfur.

"They [French] are giving us lessons on how to cooperate with ICC. This is very unfortunate because they have to come with clean hands and they don't have those clean hands" Sudan's U.N. ambassador Abdel-Mahmood Mohamad told reporters following a briefing by the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Luis Moreno-Ocampo.

Mohamad accused France of blocking the participation of Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) leader, Abdelwahid al-Nur in the peace talks. Al-Nur has been living in France since 2006.

The Sudanese ambassador hinted that France was behind a foiled plot to fly 103 children from neighboring Chad to Europe uncovered last month.

Read more <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article25059>

Sudanese leader, deputies to meet over south-north crisis 10 Dec

(BBC Mon, Suna website) The first vice-president and the president of Southern Sudan Government, who is also the chairman of Sudan Liberation Movement [SPLA], Salva Kiir Mayardit has said the presidency will hold a meeting next Monday [10 December] to continue dialogue over the differences between the two partners. In a press conference in Juba Airport after flying from Khartoum, Kiir said the outcome of the six member joint committee will determine whether SPLM will resume its activities in Government of National Unity or not.

He reiterated his call to all Sudanese people and southern Sudan, Blue Nile and Nuba Mountains people, in particular, to be patient and wise in dealing with the challenges faced by the country.

GoSS

Telar, Aleu challenge expulsion, call on SPLM to desist from being used by self-seeking persons

(Sudan Vision) Minister in the Presidency of the Republic and SPLM former member, Telar Deng, said the decision of his dismissal came as no surprise because it has been planned for since he put himself up as candidate for the post of SPLM general secretary and his announcement that he would wage the next elections, affirming that the dismissal violates SPLM regulations because it came before he and Aleu had been investigated.

"SPLM regulations provide members with full right to express their opinion. I have not overstepped the regulations when I stated that the General Secretary pays no respect to the SPLM Chairman; neither have I breached the regulations when I wrote on the causes of Garang's death," Telar said.

In exclusive statements he made to Sudan Vision from Juba, Telar said the law of the SPLM allows the defendant 14 days before the investigation to put his case together, adding that they were allowed only 24 hours, and the investigation still had not taken place. He reiterated that he has rejected the head of the investigation committee, Dr. Ann Ito, because she is one of the deputies of Amum with whom he is in conflict. He revealed that the investigation was carried out in his and Aleu's absence, describing the results that the investigation committee came out with as a "mock performance intended to realize other purposes". He further referred to their right to object to the members of the investigation committee.

Telar absolved Kiir from having any hand in the above and affirmed that he will stand by him in the coming elections "even if he had made a mistake".

North pledges to upgrade south's radio facilities

(The Citizen) A memorandum of understanding between south and north would see an upgrade of the southern radio and television facilities.

The two information ministers, Dr. Gabriel Changson and Zahawi Maliki, yesterday discussed the implementation of a memorandum of understanding signed by the two ministries. They stressed the necessity of re-activating the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and implementing it on the ground of reality.

Dr. Machar heads to Bor amidst tribal clashes

(Juba Post) The vice president for the Government of Southern Sudan Dr. Riak Machar In an exclusive interview with the Juba Post newspaper made it clear on Wednesday that the government is going to resolve the crisis between the Dinka and Murle. This came amidst fears of more clashes between the two ethnic groups of Dinka and Murle in the Southern Sudan state of Jonglei.

Dr. Machar stated that on Thursday December 6, he is leading a delegation to Bor to meet with elders of the two tribes in the state and added that the United Nations will be sending an accompanying delegation.

Southern Sudan officials to discuss development of education

(BBC Mon, Sudan Radio Service) Education ministers and directors from the ten states of Southern Sudan are meeting in Wau, Western Bahr al-Ghazal State to address the development of education in the region.

Minister of Education, Science and Technology in the Government of Southern Sudan [GOSS] Professor Job Dohruai said that the meeting was to look into problems facing education in the region.

The ministry's undersecretary, William Ater, said that during the meeting they would discuss the expansion of basic education infrastructure and management issues.

Darfur

French Government reported involved in Darfur child trafficking case

(Sudan Vision) A classified document issued by French Foreign Ministry revealed that the French government is involved in the trafficking of the Darfurian children by Ark de Zoe Organization. The document is in the form of a letter issued by the French Foreign Ministry confidential office through the French Ministry of Justice addressed to Patrick J. who is in charge of the children file, dated August 11, 2007 and bearing the signature of the confidential office director.

The French ambassador to Sudan happened to have categorically denied her government transfer of children from Chad to France.

Republican Guard Commander and Three Senior officers Claimed Dead in Chad

(SMC) Clash between Chadian government forces and opposition erupted in large scale at Abashi of eastern Chad. Opposition coalition forces spokesman Id Morwa Maydi said his forces destroyed huge material and human resources amongst government forces during the past two day.

Maydi told (smc) 200 government elements were killed including republican guard commander Rimi Haroun, Gen Admi Timan cousin of President Idris Deby, Gen Gani Abdel Rahman and Gen Adel Karim Sinieen. The spokesman pointed out that about 20, 4wheel drive cares were destroyed in Addition to a number of tangs. He said opposition forces are coordinating together to move forward toward capturing N'djamena. Maydi however has accused French troops of trying to rescue the collapsing regime in N'djamena.

European Delegation Confirms Support IDPS Repatriation Program in Darfur

(SMC) Northern Darfur state governor Osman Mohammed Yousif Kibir met a delegation of from European organization currently visiting the country to see the humanitarian situation in the region on the ground.

Head of the delegation Azam Oje told (smc) that they visited IDPS camps and toured around Fashir market. The head of the delegation confirms that European organizations should contribute with Arab and African counter parts in Darfur reconstruction program besides helping in the repatriation of IDPS to their original villages. Furthermore Azam said the governor of the state told them that the government is ready to cooperate with UN and all NGOS working in the state.

Britain calls for more commitment to Darfur

(*Sudan Tribune.com* — 5 Dec. UNITED NATIONS) Britain criticized a lack of action by the international community on Darfur on Wednesday and said unless political will was strong; peace prospects were slim in the western Sudanese region.

Africa Minister Mark Malloch Brown said Britain was fully engaged in trying to bring an end to the conflict which experts say has killed hundreds of thousands people and uprooted 2.5 million, but other nations are not committed enough. "We've got to make this plan work," Malloch Brown said of a United Nations proposal to send a joint U.N.-African Union force of 26,000 to replace a struggling AU mission which has so far failed to stem the violence in Darfur.

Read more <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article25051>

UK lawyers urge efforts to bring Darfur culprits to ICC

(*Sudan Tribune.com* — 5 Dec. LONDON) 39 leading lawyers have today called on British Prime Minister Gordon Brown to lead international efforts to bring men suspected of war crimes in Darfur to justice in the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The signatories to the letter include leading figures in human rights in the UK, including Helena Kennedy QC, Lord Lester of Herne Hill, Philippe Sands QC, Professor Conor Gearty (LSE) and representatives the Human Rights Lawyers' Association and Bar Human Rights Committee.

In the letter, delivered to 10 Downing Street today, the lawyers say that the UK delegation to the United Nations should use their influence on the Security Council to publicly demand that the Khartoum regime cooperate with ICC.

Read more <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article25061>

Darfur rebels censure reconciliation attempts with militia leader

(*Sudan Tribune.com* — 5 Dec. PARIS) Darfur rebel main movements showed dismay at attempts by Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) officials to organize reconciliation meeting between some of rebel groups and a janjaweed militia leader in Juba.

One of the Darfur Arab leaders, Musa Hilal, who is suspected by the US state department of being a leader of the Janjaweed militia, said that he had been invited by a SPLM high ranking official to meet Darfur rebel factions in Juba but southern Sudan authorities rejected his visit.

Abdelwahid al-Nur, the founder of the rebel Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) and Ahmed Hussein Adam, the spokesperson of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) regretted in statements to Sudan Tribune such initiative saying Musa has to take a clear and public position on his responsibility in Darfur crimes before reconciliation attempts.

In an interview with the UN sponsored radio Miraya FM, Musa Hilal said that the SPLM responsible for unifying the Darfur Factions, Edward Lino, asked him to visit Juba for consultations on the success of the next round of the Sirte peace talks.

Hilal said that he was surprised by the SPLM decision rejecting him from visiting Juba: "I was supposed to go to Juba today or yesterday, Mr Edward Lino phoned me and invited me to come to Juba, to meet with the Darfurian Movements, there may be some general discussion to overcome the Darfur crisis, but we were informed that the Chairman of the SPLM has no idea about our visit, and he rejected it."

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