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### **UN/ Agencies**

#### **United Nations reports harassments in Darfur**

(*AlAyaam*) The UN says it has received 3 cases of harassment in Darfur.

*AlAyaam* daily gives a factual report of these incidents quoting the United Nations Sudan Bulletin (31 January 2007).

#### **Suleiman Jamous says UN has put him under armed guard**

(*Alwan*) *AlWan* daily says that former SLM-Minnawi figure Suleiman Jamous told the paper over phone that he has been put under armed guard (in the person of two soldiers of Indian and Egyptian nationalities) and has been barred from traveling abroad for medical treatment.

He says health authorities in Kadugli hospital told him earlier that it could not properly diagnose his ailment but could refer him for treatment to a hospital of his choice and he had opted for treatment in Holland, Germany or the UK. He goes on to say that the United Nations, instead of considering his health situation put him under armed guard despite having promised in December 2006 to cover his treatment based on a report by Tajir Khan, a United Nations official.

The paper goes on to quote United Nations Mission in Sudan Spokesperson Radhia Achouri as saying that Jamous spent no more than 4 days in Kadugli but, the paper adds, he has already spent 8 months there.

The paper winds up with a brief background describing Mr. Jamous as a known Islamist figure who went to join the SLM and was key to their relief operations. it says that United Nations Mission in Sudan flew him to S. Kordofan 8 months ago for treatment.

#### **WFP embarks on road repair in southern Sudan at the cost of US\$183 mln.**

(*The Citizen*) The WFP has put total costs of emergency road repairs and mine clearance of key transport routes in Sudan in support of the Emergency Operation at US\$183 million.

It was recently confirmed that contributions had reached 97% which amounts to US\$177 million.

The special operation had seen broken up into three phases.

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❖ *Khartoum Monitor* issued yesterday a story on the UN public awareness campaign on mines launched last Monday and follows up with more coverage on its issue today.

## **The Transition Debate**

### **UN SG says President Bashir welcomes Darfur visit by UN/AU delegation**

(*AlRai AlAam; AFP/ST*) *AlRai AlAam* reports that United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon has expressed happiness that President Bashir has accepted a joint United Nations/African Union delegation to visit Khartoum and Darfur early next month.

Earlier this week in Addis Ababa, where he attended an AU summit, the UN secretary general announced that Sudan had agreed to accept a joint visit by UN special envoy Jan Eliasson and AU envoy Salim Ahmed Salim to Khartoum and Darfur in early February to support peacemaking efforts, reports the *AFP*.

The UN chief said he has also urged Bashir and all parties to the conflict in Darfur to stop the fighting as a critical element for the success of the peace process and has urged for patience to end the bloodshed in Darfur. he has also voiced hopes that Sudan would keep a pledge to allow a joint African Union-UN force in Darfur.

Meanwhile the Sudan representative to the UN held talks in at the organisation's NY headquarters with the current chairman of the Security Council.

The talks focused on cooperation between Sudan and the world body over issues pertaining to Sudan, especially on Darfur.

*Click on the link below for the full text of the AFP story sourced from the SudanTribune.com*  
[UN chief urges patience in Darfur](#)

### **AU avoids major rift on Darfur but fails to pin down Somali force**

(*AFP via NewsEdge, 31 Jan.*) The eighth African Union summit managed to avoid splitting asunder over Sudan's ambition to head up the body but failed to mobilize troops and funds for a long-awaited Somalia peacekeeping mission.

As predicted beforehand, the continent's two major troublespots -- Somalia and the Sudanese region of Darfur -- dominated proceedings at the two-day heads of state gathering in the Ethiopian capital which wrapped up late Tuesday.

Sudan suffered a double humiliation when it not only received a public dressing-down from new UN chief Ban Ki-Moon over its "terrifying" aerial bombardments of Darfur but was then snubbed in its attempt to take up the presidency of the organization which instead went to Ghana.

Detailing what he called the "positive outcomes from this summit", the AU commission president Alpha Oumar Konaré pinpointed the consensus which formed around the idea of Ghana taking the post.

"First and foremost, there was the consensus over the choice of Ghana as the chairman, a consensus that was also supported by Sudan even though it had been a candidate itself," Konaré told *AFP* in a post-summit interview.

During the last summit in Khartoum, the heads of state agreed to designate Sudan's Omar al-Beshir as the next AU president on condition that the situation improved in Darfur where a 7,000-strong AU force has been struggling to make any impact.

But with aid agencies describing the humanitarian situation in Darfur as being worse than ever and Ban holding Bashir personally responsible for bombings, negotiations on a compromise candidate were well advanced as the summit opened.

Up until Sunday night, the Sudanese delegation insisted there was "no alternative scenario" to Khartoum assuming the chairmanship. But by Monday morning, Bashir had read the writing on the wall, telling *AFP* that it would be "no problem" if his peers opted for someone else.

## **CPA**

### **Joint committee on petroleum revenue convenes**

(*Khartoum Monitor; AlRai AlAam*) the Director of Petroleum Department at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning in the GoSS, Yousif Ramadan announced that the amounts due to the GoSS from January up to December 2006 stood at US \$953.3 whereas received amounts by the GoSS was US\$845.94m.

The GoSS paid US\$37.36m to cover the expenses of the three southern universities, Bahr el-Ghazal University, Juba University and Upper Nile University in addition to expenses incurred by the customs department and the National Electricity Corporation.

On the other hand, presidential advisor Mustafa Osman told *SUNA* that the GoSS has earmarked an amount of \$1 billion for infrastructure projects in southern Sudan yet

citizens in southern Sudan still complain of no change in the situation two years after the CPA.

He says that he made influential figures within the SPLM for more consultation over the activation of the joint CPA institutions in order to transcend the problems.

He also assured that there will be no going back to the war.

In a separate but related story, *AlRai AlAam* reports that a meeting of the National Congress Party leadership yesterday agreed that the public has to be briefed on the points of contention raised by their SPLM partners.

## **GoNU**

### **VP Kiir expected back in Khartoum**

(*AlAyaam*) Vice-President Kiir is expected in Khartoum later today.

The VP has been away from Khartoum for a long while and will be back in Khartoum to hold talks with the Chinese leader Hu Jintao who is expected in the Khartoum tomorrow.

While here, the VP will also hold talks with NCP officials over the differences between the two sides and outstanding issues in the implementation of the CPA.

Leaders of the two parties will be preparing for a joint meeting to discuss those outstanding issues.

### **US works to dismantle regime through peace deals - Sudanese official**

(*SudanTribune.com* – 31 Jan. **Khrt.**) Sudan has accused the United States of working to dismantle the National Congress Party regime through peace deals and international human rights organizations. This approach has replaced the containment policy applied in the past, a Sudanese official said.

Sudanese Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail has reiterated that the American strategy towards Sudan had a different picture before: it aimed at ousting the regime through the neighboring countries and providing all the necessary financial resources to needed for the implementation of this strategy.

He further said the strategy has now changed to realizing peace and then dismantling the government by mounting on international pressure through human rights organizations and bringing in controversial elements to Khartoum.

Ismail told the official SUNA that the relationship between Sudan and EU was slow and is influenced by the US strategy through people supported by USA and Britain.

On the other hand the Sudanese Foreign ministry said that the US Assistant Secretary for Africa Jendayi Frazer had asked to meet foreign minister Lam Akol and Mustafa Ismail during the African summit in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa but both they declined to meet her.

The ministry denied any meeting between Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir and Frazer.

Sudanese government accused Washington of mobilizing African leaders to deny Sudan of the African Union chairmanship.

### **Sudan looking forward to Chinese president's visit**

(*Xinhua/ST* – 31 Jan. **Khrt.**) Sudanese Minister of Energy and Mining Awad Ahmed al-Jaz said on Wednesday that his country was looking forward to Chinese President Hu Jintao's upcoming state visit.

"We have been waiting for the visit for a long time," al-Jaz told *Xinhua* in an exclusive interview on the eve of President Hu's visit to Sudan due on Feb. 2-3.

"The visit will boost bilateral relationship and cooperation in all aspects. We had a very successful model (of cooperation) in the field of oil industry, we would like to see China's experience in agriculture, infrastructure and other areas," the minister said.

### **Injuries sustained in clashes with police over evictions in Omdurman**

(*AlAyaam*) An eviction campaign launched by authorities in Khartoum State and targeting some residential areas in Omdurman has sparked clashes between residents and the police.

Reports talk of some injuries incurred by both sides as a result of these clashes.

The Legislative Assembly of Khartoum State has underlined the need to notify the residents before the start of the evictions.

### **Eastern Front accuses Eritrea of obstructing implementation of the ESPA**

(*Alwan*) In a press statement to the *SMC*, Eastern Front spokesman, Abdullah Musa, accused the Eritrea government of obstructing the implementation of the ESPA.

The Eastern Front also said that Eritrea wants to use it as a tool against the GoNU.

### **AlSudani daily stopped from printing**

(*AlAyaam*) Authorities have stopped *AlSudani* from printing on the grounds that the paper has defied orders to halt printing reports on the issue of the beheaded *AlWifaq* newspaper editor.

The papers editor-in-chief and its news editor were both detained by authorities for more than 5 hours yesterday. The editor-in-chief says the paper will appeal the charges before the Minister of justice and will also seek a ruling from the Constitutional Court over Article 130 of the Criminal Procedures Act that the Press and Publication authorities use to stop prints.

Authorities had ordered the paper out of print on the grounds that a recent article it published on the issue above could incite ethnic and racial hatred but Mahjoub Erwa, the editor-in-chief of *AlSudani* daily, pointed out to the press following his release yesterday that there were many newspapers in circulation that incite hatred and racial and ethnic grounds but are not stopped from circulation. He described the decision as unjust and wondered why authorities should use double standards on these issues.

### **Iranian foreign minister arrives in Sudan for one-day visit**

*(Local and international agencies.)* Iran's foreign minister has arrived in Khartoum for a one day visit during which he will meet President Bashir and his Sudanese counterpart.

During his meeting, Mr. Muttaki will discuss bilateral ties and regional and international issues.

## **Southern Sudan/ GoSS**

### **GoSS discusses development projects**

*(The Citizen)* The Southern Sudan Council of Ministers in its session yesterday, chaired by leader Salva Kiir dwelt on the achievements and constraints faced by the Ministry of Housing and Public Utilities particularly relating to electric power, water and the rehabilitation of government buildings in Juba town .

GoSS Vice president Machar cited the difficulties as in transporting construction materials from neighbouring countries as result of insecurity and failure of the World Bank to pay the companies that have been contracted to rehabilitate the region.

Dr.Riack Machar noted that lack of qualified cadres was also an impediment to infrastructure rehabilitation and development.

### **GoSS Legislative Assembly vows to bring corruptors to justice**

*(Allintibaha)* The GoSS Legislative Assembly has vowed to inquire from the GoSS finance minister Arthur Kouein on the fate of the \$60 million sent by the then GoS to the SPLM/A.

*SMC* reports that the GoSS Legislative Assembly is to hold an emergency session during the coming days to question a number of senior officials in the GoSS and the Minister of Finance over corruption issues and has vowed to bring those proved of graft to justice.

## **E. Equatoria: Aid NGOs urged to refrain from insecurity warnings**

*(SudanTribune.com)* The Commissioner of Torit County, Col. Massimino Allam, said the security situation in state of Eastern Equatoria is relatively good, except for Magwi County that is being terrorized by Ugandan rebels, Lord's Resistance Army. He appealed to international NGOs operating in the state to refrain from raising an alarm of insecurity, commonly known as "Level four, No go zone", before getting a clear security report from state authority.

He made this comment when addressing a consultative meeting with NGOs and state authority on how to distribute four million US dollars, Community Humanitarian Fund (CHF) approved by OCHA to Eastern Equatoria state.

Meanwhile the state minister of Information and Communication, Ben Loky, said there is noticeable duplication of work by International NGOs operating in the state and advised the NGOs to refrain from duplication, rather seek advice from the state authority who in turn will direct them on what to do and where to do it.

Responding to concern raised by NGOs that the indigenous people in Torit are not cooperating in reconstruction and development, especially on sanitation; Col. Allam says "Defecation in a toilet is against Otuho cultural norms". As such, I urge NGOs involve in promotion of sanitation to make pit latrine outside Otuho home estate and should not cover the roof. Otherwise, "It is a taboo for us Otuho to defecate in a latrine constructed within home compound because it would appear as one is defecating in a house", he remarks.

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## **SSDF's Daldoum says they will not let go of their share in the regular forces**

*(Alwan)* SSDF number two commander, Mjr. Gen. el-Toum Daldoum, says they will not heed to the SPLA instructions that they and 18 other factions either join the SPLA or leave the south because the south is where they belong.

He further pointed out that these factions will not leave their share in the regular forces to the SPLA and will not leave the southern Sudan police force to be run solely by the SPLM.

He pointed out that the SPLA should cooperate and partner with them should it be intent in on developing a stable southern Sudan.

## **Lakes State launches large-scale disarmament operation**

*(SudanTribune.com)* Lakes States authorities have launched a large scale operation to collect arms from civilians in the state in order to contain intertribal fighting and restore order in the region.



More than 156 A47 have been collected peacefully from the citizens in Lakes State.

SPLA soldiers went on a house-to-house search for guns in Rumbek.

According to Acting Governor, Awan Andrew Guol Riak, who is also the security advisor of Lakes State, said that they collected 331 guns in the first disarmament operation in 2006.

Awan stressed that protections of already disarmed lies in the hands of the state authorities.

One SPLA security personnel engaged in the operation said that they will try to make sure that this second disarmament campaign would help allay fears so that people can move freely and thus help lift the curfew.

### **SAF and police clash in Bentiu**

(*Sudan Tribune*) The SAF and local police clashed at Mirmir, Bentiu, on Tuesday 30 January leaving 3 people dead and four injured, reports say.

Civilians scared by the violent clash that erupted at night still remain indoors.

SAF soldiers are said to blame as they go unchecked disturbing public tranquility thus drawing the irk of the civilian population in the area that has no SPLA soldier around with the exception of 10 policemen.

The soldiers were said to be shooting randomly in Mirmir market.

The UN was expected to go and investigate the incident.

### **Tribal chiefs blame NCP and SPLM for insecurity in southern Sudan**

(*AlAdhwaa*) Southern Sudanese traditional chiefs have blame the National Congress Party and the SPLM for the incidents of insecurity in southern Sudan.

A conference of the Council of *Sultans* pointed out that the widespread and unchecked spread of firearms greatly compromises their role.

The conference convened yesterday and highlighted, among other things, the role of the *sultans* in development and their ongoing efforts to facilitate repatriation from northern Sudan.

### **CES governor forms land committee**

(*Sudan Tribune*) The Governor of Central Equatoria State issued an order yesterday for the formation of a committee to hold talks with the Rejaf Community on land issues.

The committee's terms of reference is to negotiate and receive land from the local communities for the GoSS to build ministries, agencies, schools, hospitals and hotels on the eastern bank of the River Nile.

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- ❖ *Akhbar Alyaum* is still following up on the fate of the \$60 mln. and has issued a full-page interview with Pagan Amum, the Secretary-General of the SPLM, in which he was responding to recent statements from the former SPLM/A finance secretary over the issue.

## **Darfur/ DPA**

### **NCP and SPLM MPs in fist-fights in Nyala**

(*AlSahafa*) National Congress Party and SPLM MPs engaged heated trade in accusations that resulted in fist-fights in the Legislative Assembly in S. Darfur yesterday with the SPLM MPs threatening to withdraw from the regional government and break the partnership with their National Congress Party partners in government.

The police in Nyala had to intervene to stop the fist-fight.

Sources say that the argument was sparked by SPLM MPs' immediately following a declaration by the Speaker that the regional budget has been endorsed.

The SPLM MPs were opposed to the fact that the regional budget allocated funds for some institutions such as the Popular Defence Forces, the Popular Police Forces and womens and students' unions and passed laws they saw as not conforming to the CPA.

The Speaker of the regional assembly said on his part that he will seek to move legal measures against three SPLM MPs who walked on the podium during deliberations and said that they may even be stripped of immunity.

The police rushed when they were called to intervene and thought that the SPLM MPs had light weapons on their persons.

### **El-Geneina lawyers say it is difficult to have a quiet night in town**

(*AlAyaam*) Lawyers plying their trade in el-Geneina town have called upon the government to play its role in protecting the civilian population.

They report continued cases of insecurity and random gunfire without any step being taken from the state and have called on the government to rise up to the challenge.

### **Sudan best suited to prosecute Darfur crimes - minister**

(*AP/ST*) The Sudanese can do a better job prosecuting crimes in Darfur than anyone else, Sudan's justice minister said Wednesday, asserting that international courts have no valid reason to investigate suspects in the area.

Justice Minister Mohamed Ali al-Mardi made the assertions as a team from the International Criminal Court was in Khartoum, Sudan's capital, to pursue investigations into what the United Nations and others describe as war crimes and crimes against humanity in the vast area of western Sudan.

Al-Mardi declined to comment on specifics of the ICC mission in Khartoum, the fifth visit by a delegation from the court.

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### **Japan donates equipment to AU Darfur peacekeepers**

(AP/ST – 31 Jan. Khrt.) Equipment worth some US\$200,000 (A154,400) was handed over yesterday to the AU by Japan's ambassador at a ceremony in El-Fasher, the capital of North Darfur province.

Ambassador Mryuichi Ishii said Japan made the donation because, "ordinary people in Darfur have no means to cope with these armed groups." Women, children and the elderly are in particular need of protection, he said at the ceremony.

The donation includes computers, cameras, printers, and photocopiers to be used in a training program for the 7,300 AU forces and personnel in Darfur that is worth US\$2.8 million (A2.2 million) and primarily managed by United Nations' agencies.

❖ *AlSahafa* reports that the government said yesterday that it will announce a surprise on the issue of Darfur within the next 72 hours. The paper does not elaborate.

### **Other Developments**

#### **Chinese oil CPCN to improve Sudan social facilities**

(Xinhua/ST – 31 Jan. Khrt.) The China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) signed here on Wednesday a donation agreement with the Sudanese Ministry of Welfare and Social Development to help improve the country's social system.

Under the agreement, the CNPC will offer the ministry 1 million U.S. dollars to help improve conditions of social institutions and facilities in Sudan.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, CNPC President Jiang Jiemin said that the company observes the principle of mutual benefit and common development and will continue to contribute to the growth of the Sudanese economy and charity activities.

Sudanese Minister of Welfare and Social Development Samia Mohammed told Xinhua that CNPC top management came to the ministry to offer to set up a fund in support of

those who need help, and the ministry needed to forge partnerships with various organizations to fulfill its mission.

She said that the ministry will consult with the company to make good use of the fund.

Meanwhile, the CNPC also signed another agreement with the Sudanese Ministry of Energy and Mining, under which the Chinese oil company will earmark 900,000 dollars to train Sudanese oil professionals.

The CNPC began its business in Sudan in 1995 and has since then donated more than 30 million dollars in charity activities.