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United Nations and the Transition Debate

Pronk condemns killing of policeman, three officials near Gineina

(Al-Sahafa, Akhbar Al-Yom, Al-Wihda, Al-Wattan)—The SRSG Jan Pronk expressed his concerns on the increasing violence in the IDP camps in Darfur. He condemned the killing of a policeman and three Sudanese aid workers of the Water, Environment and Sanitation governmental agency in Western Darfur. In a press statement issued yesterday, Pronk called on the local leaders in the IDP camps to take measures to stop violence against all those who work for the interest of the Sudanese people in all parts of the country.

Darfur insecurity limiting UN aid workers' access to needy

The Citizen—Volatile security in Darfur limiting UN aid workers' access to needy. United Nations humanitarian staff in Sudan's strife-torn region cannot reach at least one in five of those in need of assistance because of the ongoing violence and insecurity there, the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) reported today. AU soldiers and foreign journalists run for cover from SLA faction that opened fire on them during an AU patrol near the SLA-controlled Fakyale village in central Darfur, south of the town of El-Fashir, June 10, 2006. The AU patrol was prevented from entering the village and was forced to change course, with no casualties. (AP) Direct attacks against humanitarian workers, acts of banditry and fighting among rebel groups mean the UN has access to less than 80 per cent of beneficiaries, well below the rates achieved in 2004, according to UNMIS.

The mission said it is also worried that the security conditions inside some camps for internally displaced (IDPs) are so poor that humanitarian operations there have been placed at risk. In Zamzam camp in North Darfur, the presence of arms belonging to the elements of the SLA, is raising concerns. Last Thursday IDPs killed three government workers and a police officer at Zalingi camp in West Darfur.

The reports come as the SRSG, Jan Pronk, completed a two-day tour of South Darfur as part of his regular visits to the three states in the region.

Pronk met South Darfur Governor and members of the local government yesterday, also holding talks with the local UN staff and NGO workers and inspecting a government-run camp for about 13,500 IDPs at Sureif.

CPA

Alor: situation in Abyei stable due to wisdom and patience of the people of the area but patience has limits

(Akhbar Al-Yom)—The Minister of the Cabinet Affairs, Deng Alor, said he would like to advise his brothers in the NCP to accept implementation of the Abyei Protocol for the benefit of the NCP-SPLM partnership and the CPA. He said Abyei remained stable, without administration, due to the wisdom and patience of the people of the area. However, he said patience has limits. He stated that there are three armies in the area (UN Zambian troops, SAF and SPLA). Also there are some small militias allied with SAF and a police force from the state of South Kordofan.

- Joint Defence Board says it is ready to takeover mission of international troops in Darfur

Al-Intibaha—The Joint Defence Board affirmed following its meeting yesterday that it is ready to shoulder the responsibility of the international peacekeeping troops in Darfur. The Board discussed the costs of preparing the Joint Integrated Forces for this mission. The Spokesman of the Joint Defence Board said the Board has not discussed number and size of required troops.

GoNU

Sudan, Uganda to investigate human rights violations in the South

The Citizen—Uganda and Sudan have agreed to investigate alleged gross human rights abuses by Ugandan soldiers in Southern Sudan. Capt Paddy Ankunda, the spokesman for the Uganda delegation at the ongoing peace talks in the Southern Sudanese capital, Juba, revealed this to the Daily mirror yesterday. “brig. Mamur of the SPLA and Col Leppold Kyanda have embarked on a joint investigation into the reports of abuses by our forces and whoever will be found in the wrong will face justice”, Ankunda said.

Minister of Defence: No security mandate in Khartoum or South Sudan for Joint Defence Board

Sudan Vision—Addressing the media representatives and officials of SAF, the minister of defence, Lt. General Abdul Rahim Mohamed Hussein revealed that Joint defence board (JDB) will not have any role in the internal security whether in Khartoum or south Sudan as per CPA provisions. . He added that SPLM< has no internal security mandate throughout Sudan as stipulated by CPA provisions, the internal security responsibility is exclusively assigned to Sudan Police fore.

The Minister went on to elucidate that disarming of tribes in south Sudan is entirely the jurisdiction of the DDR Commission (DDRDC) and not of SPLM/ stating that all SPLM acts in this respect constitute breach of the CPA.

Minister of Foreign Affairs heads for N'djamena

Sudan Vision—A senior government delegation heads today for the Chadian capital N'djamena in a visit that aims at bridging the gap of differences between Chad and Sudan and normalise relations between them. The Ministry of Foreign affairs spokesman Jamal Mohamed Ibrahim informed journalists that the minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Lam Akol, would lead the government delegation to N'djamena.

Southern Sudan

GoSS demands transferring its funds from Banks in the north

Al-Sahafa—GoSS and Bank of Sudan officials discussed yesterday transferring GoSS funds from banks in the north to the Central Bank branch in Southern Sudan. The World Bank Adviser in Juba said there is no reason now for keeping GoSS funds in northern banks.

71 killed in intertribal fighting in Lakes State

By Manyang Mayom

July 24, 2006 (RUMBEK) — Fighting has broken out between the Gok clans and Agar clans' tribes of western Lakes State due to cattle rusting which resulted in the dead of (71) citizens with many more wounded. This occurred on the 12th -21st of July while the first Vice-president Salva Kiir Mayardit was visiting Rumbek town.

The clashes in Rumbek West are still storming side-shadows of night killing and incognito people coming out from Western Bhar-El-Gazal to Lakes State.

“Death in Rumbek has no end at all, when you had completed one days eating your breakfast and meat, therefore you must to be careful in sleeping night hours in case of revenged from unknown family groups”, said Sudan Tribune correspondent to describe the volatile security situation in the area.

The problem started on the aforementioned date when young men from the Gok went on a cattle rusting mission to the nearby Agar area of the Nyang Clan which consists of many others clan to form Kuei.

The Cattle rustlers managed to surprise the Nyang cattle camp as they were able to tie up the main guards who were armed with the AK47 rifles as was the raiders who away with over 300 head of cattle. People from the Nyang clan with young men followed the track of the stolen cows were conducted and concluded. The stolen cattle were returned to their owners.

On their way back something unexpected happened. The idea of returning the stolen cattle was not welcomed by some Gok clans' responsible officials such as the Cueibet County Commissioner who was reported to have totally disagreed with decision to return back the cattle to the Agar Nyang Clan.

The Commissioner was reportedly said to have ordered the army in his County to lay an ambush and prevent the cattle from being returned to their rightful owners. His argument was that Agar had taken Gok cattle in a similar way before. This decision to way lay the cattle was tragic.

Once the cattle arrived at the ambush site, fire was opened and many Agar accompanying the cattle were killed and their cattle were returned to Gok County. This action by the Gok spurred the Nyang young men to take up their AK47 rifles to fight the Gok.

As a result 71 citizens were killed on both-side. All of this happened while the president of South Sudan and the First Vice-President of Sudan Lt.Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit was in Rumbek. Included in his entourage was the GOSS Interior minister H.E. Daniel Awet Akot who hails from the Gok area. President Kiir immediately dispatched Awet and the Lakes State Governor H.E. Brigadier John Lat Zechariah who is also from the area of Gok clan, to the trouble spot to resolve the issue amicably.

Unconfirmed reports say that the negotiations had been successful and the stolen cattle were to be returned back to the rightful owners.

The whole of Lakes State has become like the United State (US) western frontier states in the 19th century with gun toting as the hallmark of maturity that is allowed by law. Every young man was well armed with a pistol, a knife and a shot gun. Here in the Lakes State the situation is more or less the same worse indeed. Men of all ages are armed with AK47, Pistol gun and they are not from the military, therefore if the whole state citizens are armed with guns which had made the traditional weapon, the spear, Obsolete then any small dispute will be resolved with the use of fire arms between citizens at the heavy cost of lives.

“It is the duty of the state government to protect the lives of it citizens by collecting all illegal arms from those citizens who posses these deadly arms as dictated by the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA)” people say here in Rumbek.

Already guns had been collected by forces in other States. “Why is this not applied in the Lakes State instead of encouraging citizens to settle their scores with gunfire and the unnecessary lost of lives”.

Nowadays here in Rumbek, insecurity of traditional stick is host going on illegally which always resulted of beating the official in the town during the night hours. It had happened sometime that schoolboys are tracked by the cattle rusting beating them with black type stick. It look deem automatically dead on sports.

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Darfur/Darfur Peace Agreement

Darfur Donors Conference postponed to mid-August

SUNA, Sudan Vision—Darfur network general secretary, Ali Abu Zaid, reported to SUNA that the Islamic and Arab states, donors to Darfur, conference scheduled to be held in Cairo on 26 July 2006 has been postponed to mid-August due to the current events in Lebanon and Palestine.

He stated that the network received a notification by the Arab League Secretariat conveying the approval of the would be conferees to postpone the said conference as the Arab league has so requested due to its involvement in relief work in Lebanon.

216 SAF personnel tried by courts in North Darfur

Al-Sahafa—The head of the Judiciary in North Darfur State, Mutasim Mohamed al-Jack, said 216 military personnel have been tried by courts in North Darfur State since 2004. He said all these sentences have been implemented.

Bush presses rebel leader to help on Darfur peace

Sudan Tribune, Reuters-- July 25, 2006 (WASHINGTON) — U.S. President George W. Bush pressed Darfur rebel leader Minni Arcua Minnawi on Tuesday to help implement a deal aimed at ending the violence in western Sudan, the White House said. Bush also told Minnawi, who was visiting Washington, that his force "must refrain from instigating violence," said Frederick Jones, spokesman for the White House National Security Council. Jones said Bush asked Minnawi to work with other factions to try to get broad support for the peace deal.

Minnawi has said he has no opposition to a U.N. force in Darfur. However, his credentials as a peacemaker have been questioned after he imprisoned opponents who have accused him of torture since the peace deal. He denies the charges but a U.N. helicopter last month evacuated a senior SLA official, Suleiman Adam Jamous, from Minnawi's Darfur stronghold to a hospital outside the region after weeks of detention. Jamous opposed Minnawi and had expressed reservations about the deal.

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