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Presidency to endorse Abyei accord document today

(**Al-Sahafa**) NCP and SPLM have reached an agreement on Abyei to be endorsed by the President of the Republic and his FVP Salva Kiir at a Presidency meeting to be held today.

The newspaper has learned that the two parties have agreed on formation of a joint administration for Abyei area of 20 members contributed equally from NCP, SPLM, Messeriya and Dinka Nygok and the chief of the Administration will be from SPLM.

They also agreed on withdrawal of SPLA south of Bahar el Arab and SAF brigade 31 will be pulled out of the area, to be replaced by JIUs.

NCP and SPLM also agreed to appoint a resident judge, facilitate return of IDPs and to refer any differences on demarcation of Abyei border to international arbitration.

The points of the agreement between NCP and SPLM are reportedly based on Abyei Protocol.

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Security Council fails to get a resolution passed to demand surrender of Ahmed Haroun and Khushayb

(**Al-Rai Al-Aam**) Efforts by European countries failed yesterday to get the SC pass a statement to demand Government of Sudan to hand over Ahmed Haroun and Ali Khushayb who are wanted by ICC.

Sudan Ambassador to UN Abdul Mahmoud Abdul Haleem said South Africa, Russia, China, Burkina Faso, Libya and Indonesia had blocked attempt by European countries particularly Britain and Belgium to come up with a presidential statement from the SC demanding handover of the wanted.

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Cambodia sends off third batch of UN peacekeeping de-miners to Sudan

PHNOM PENH, June 8 (**Xinhua**) -- Cambodia sent off its third batch of de-miners here Sunday at the Bochentong Air Base to take part in the UN peacekeeping missions in Sudan.

"Today's send-off is evidence of the willingness of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Cambodian people to provide essential security and support to those in conflict," said Douglas Broderick, UN resident coordinator in the kingdom.

The third batch consists of 139 staff members, 15 of whom had left on June 2 for camping work, said a military press release.

Ke Kim Yan, Commander in Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF), told the send-off ceremony that Cambodia has participated in "the UN

peacekeeping operation on humanitarian mine clearance in Sudan for the third consecutive year."

So far, Cambodian de-miners have cleared 57,542,488 square meters of areas in Sudan, he added.

RCAF Lt. Gen. Sem Sovanny said that the third batch of de-miners will replace the second one, who will return from Sudan to Cambodia Tuesday.

Along with consistent economic growth, Cambodia has also been seeking to enlarge its international military presence. It has joined two multinational military exercises respectively in Mongolia and Bangladesh, since peace was established in the kingdom in 1997

Chadian, Libyan leaders hold talks over Sudan

(ST) June 7, 2008 (N'DJAMENA) — The Chadian president paid yesterday a one-day visit to Tripoli for talks with the Libyan leader over the Sudanese accusations of Chadian support to the rebel assault on the Sudanese capital last month.

According to the Chadian presidency website, President Idriss Deby Ito held talks with the Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi on the Darfur crisis and the current tension between Khartoum and N'djamena.

Deby informed "the Libyan leader about the deterioration of relations between Chad and Sudan, the bellicose attitude of Omer Hassan El-Bashir marked by repeated attacks against Chad" said the Chadian presidency in a statement published on its official website.

President Deby denied the Sudanese accusations that Chad had provided the Justice and Equality Movement with the necessary means and support to carry out its attack against the Sudanese government in Khartoum on May 10.

"These accusations are only intended to obscure the tragedy that the Khartoum regime continues to perpetrate in the western Sudanese province."

"Muammar Gaddafi called on Chad and Sudan to promote dialogue to resolve the dispute between them" the website reported.

The Sudanese president reiterated during a meeting with the visiting UN Security Council delegation on June 5 his accusations to the Chadian government on its involvement in the foiled attack on Khartoum.

Bashir told the UN delegation that the continued support of the Chadian rebellion in Darfur meant to undermine the international community's efforts to bring peace and stability in Darfur.

However, different western sources point figures at the direct involvement of Libya in the attack. They also say that Khartoum knows very well this fact but prefer for the

time being to not open a new front and fears that any accusation to Tripoli could open the doors for more support.

Chadian president snubs UN delegation

(ST) June 7, 2008 (NDJAMENA) — Chadian President Idriss Deby Ito refused to meet a visiting UN Security Council delegation, a diplomatic source in the delegation told AFP on Saturday, denouncing Deby's move as risky.

Officially, the president was out of the country when the delegation arrived, although his whereabouts were not specified.

But diplomatic sources said he had in fact returned from an unannounced trip to Libya late Friday and felt "too tired" to meet with the delegation, which is on a regional tour.

"It is the first time a president has not received the delegation," the source said. "In doing that, in the situation in which he (Deby) finds himself, he is taking risks."

Prime Minister Yousuf Saleh Abbas received the delegation— with representatives from the 15 nations on the United Nations body.

The delegation, which arrived in Chad on Friday, went to the east of the country, bordering the troubled Sudanese province of Darfur, to meet soldiers in EUFOR, the European force being deployed in Chad and the Central African Republic, and visit refugee camps.

Positive outcome expected from SC delegation visit to Sudan, Official

(Sudan Vision) Sudan's permanent representative to the UN has reportedly described President Al-Bashir meeting with the UNSC delegation yesterday as productive. According to him, President Al-Bashir briefed the delegation on the progress of the CPA implementation and the government efforts to bring peace to Darfur.

Ambassador Abdulhalim further added that President Al-Bashir emphasized Sudan's cooperation with the UN, calling on the International Community to meet its Oslo pledges. The President has reassured the delegation of Government of Sudan support to humanitarian action in Darfur together with the facilitation of humanitarian organizations activities, he added, referring to the obstruction of that action by the armed groups.

Meanwhile, Abdulhalim added that President Al Bashir informed the delegation on the Chadian-supported JEM attack on Omdurman, affirming Sudan's commitment to all agreements concluded with Chad.

In a related development, Sudan's representative to UN was quoted as expressing expectation that the UNSC delegation visit to El Fasher, North Darfur, would yield positive results as to the deployment of the hybrid operations in Darfur.

The representative said the briefing given to the delegation by the North Darfur Governor would contribute to clarifying the reality to the International Community.

For his part, the head of the UNSC delegation said their visit to Darfur came within the framework of seeing for themselves the problems and challenges facing UN, and which would negatively affect the performance of the joint UN/AU mission in Darfur.

The International diplomat stated that their delegation upon its return to New York would reflect to UNSC the current problems with the aim of finding solutions to them. The head of the delegation expressed hope that the road will be paved before UN to continue with the flow of humanitarian assistance, particularly the organization of relief convoys from El Obeid to El Fasher to make provision for food supplies to IDP camps.

On the other hand, UNAMID spokesperson, Noureddine Mezni said UNSC delegation visit to Darfur was an important event that enabled the delegation to see the conditions on the ground and to get acquainted with the joint mission performance and the challenges it is facing especially as regards logistical aspects.

Mezni pointed out that the visit of the delegation will give the boost needed to complete the deployment of the hybrid operation.

Meanwhile South African Ambassador to the UNSC and co-head of the Councils' delegation Dumisani Kumalo stressed on the full implementation of the CPA, expressing convincing that CPA implementation will reflect on the security and stability countrywide.

In a separate development Sudan's representative to UN described ICC prosecutor's call for handover to ICC of Sudanese accused of war crimes was demonstrative of political and professional bankruptcy. Abdulhalim said the prosecutor is a pressure tool in the hands of parties that seek to destabilize Darfur. "ICC prosecutor demand is morally and technically defective", he noted.

Sudanese children in Chad camps are sold as soldiers – rights group

(ST) June 7, 2008 (LONDON) — A London based rights group said in a report released yesterday that young Darfuri refugees in Chad are sold as soldiers to the warring parties in the region.

Waging Peace said it gathered evidence proving that Sudanese children are being kidnapped in broad daylight and sold to armed groups operating in Eastern Chad. The children affected are mostly boys aged between nine and fifteen, the group said.

According to Waging Peace investigations, some camp leaders have themselves been involved in the violent abduction and sale of children under their protection. The trafficking has taken place with the tacit approval of the Chadian government who are on site at the camps.

The local leaders told the rights group that commanders from, a Darfur rebel group, Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) are involved in this traffic.

The report also said Chadian rebel groups and the Chadian and Sudanese armies are involved in this traffic. However, Waging Peace said it has photographic evidence of a JEM truck inside a refugee camp – despite being forbidden to enter by international humanitarian law.

The group also blamed the inertia of the soldiers of the EU troops who are deployed in Chad and the Central African Republic (CAR) to protect Darfur refugees.

The rights group said escalation of fighting in Darfur means more trafficking of children in refugee camps.

“Many refugees now fear a new wave of fighting. We are deeply concerned that if the troubles escalate more and more children will be violently trafficked and sold into armed groups.” Said Waging Peace researcher Anna Schmitt.:

Dr. Kamal Obeid: Sudan will not hand over any Sudanese citizen to be tried abroad

Khartoum, June 7 (SUNA) - State Minister at the Ministry of Information and Communications Dr. Kamal Obeid has reiterated that Sudan will not hand over any Sudanese citizen whether from the government or opposition to be tried abroad, pointing out that the Sudanese judiciary is qualified and capable to rule in any case inside the Sudanese territories.

In a statement to SUNA, Dr. Obeid described what the International Criminal Court has done as political roles that have nothing to do with law to complicate the situations in Sudan, pointing out that Sudan is not a member of the court and it has no jurisdictions over it. He said that allegations by the International Criminal Court to the effect that Ahmed Haroun had a role in escalation of the situation in Abyei are untrue and baseless as Haroun had been effectively participating in the reconciliation conferences in Abyei and led a move with the leaderships of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement to contain the conflict.

He affirmed that the International Criminal Court lacks objectivity and make accusations without evidence, placing itself in a ridiculous position. Meanwhile, Sudan Permanent Envoy to UN Ambassador Abdel-Mahmoud Abdel-Halim described the call by the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for handing over Sudanese nationals as political and professional bankruptcy, saying the prosecutor is one of the means for exerting pressures on Sudan, who is usually utilized by the circles that do not want peace and stability in Darfur.

He pointed out in a statement to SUNA that the call by the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for handing over Sudanese nationals is against the international law as Sudan did not sign Rome convention establishing the court, adding that this call is morally and technically wrong. Ambassador Abdel-Halim indicated that one can not talk about the universality of justice at a time some countries are exempted from coming under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

SPLM says NCP and UN responsible for crimes in Abyei

(Khartoum Monitor) SPLM has accused NCP and held UNMIS responsible for crimes committed against humanity in Abyei.

Addressing a gathering at ST. Mathews Catholic Cathedral in Khartoum on 6th June 2008, an occasion organized by the Abyei Civil Society Organizations in Khartoum for collection of material assistance for the destitute people of Abyei, the SPLM Secretary General and Minister of Cabinet Affairs in the Government of National Unity Mr. Pagan Amum said the NCP and its leader President Omer Al Bashir were responsible for what he called the “heinous crimes committed by SAF against humanity in Abyei”.

Mr. Amum said it was NCP leadership that ordered SAF to shoot, kill, burn and loot the property of the people of Abyei. He stated that up to now Abyei was still burning and SAF soldiers were still looting peoples property there in the town.

He added, “I have never seen any national army killing its people. SAF is supposed to be a national army, but how come that it kills the citizens of the Sudan whom they are supposed to defend” he wondered.

According to SPLM Secretary General UNMIS, which is supposed to monitor the implementation of the CPA, has failed to do something to prevent the crime perpetrated in Abyei by SAF. He said UNMIS officials and Peacekeepers in Abyei did lock themselves inside while watching SAF soldiers killing, looting property and burning the town.

“It was a grave failure from the side of UNMIS who are here in Sudan because of CPA,” he added. He said UN failure was partial contribution to the deterioration of humanitarian situation in Abyei.

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[Ugandan rebels kill 23 people in southern Sudan](#)

(ST) June 7, 2008 (JUBA) — The Ugandan rebels killed 23 people including soldiers and several children in southern Sudan near the border with Congo, the southern Sudan army said today.

General Peter Parnyang, spokesperson for the army, told AFP that the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) guerrillas had targeted the villages of Nabanga and Yamba, two kilometres (12 miles) apart, on Wednesday and Thursday.

"They killed six children and 14 soldiers" in Nabanga before also killing a local chief in Yamba, he said.

The LRA has for the past several years run bases in South Sudan and has also set up bases in northeast of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), from which it has mounted frequent incursions since September 2006.

Its chief Joseph Kony and three of his commanders have been gone into hiding to avoid arrest following warrants issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The Ugandan army said on Thursday that Kampala has agreed with its neighbours Sudan and the DRC to attack the LRA rebels if Kony — who insists on the ICC charges being dropped — spurns peace talks.

"The LRA have started war," south Sudan's Information Minister Gabriel Changson Chang told Reuters in Juba. "Southern Sudan will not be the place where they can wage this war."

Chang said his government would decide how to respond. "We do not yet have a definite position on this," he said.

Kony failed to show up for the signing of a final accord with Kampala on April 10 in South Sudan.

Twenty years of fighting have left tens of thousands dead and displaced two million people, mainly in northern Uganda. Several thousand have also been killed in southern Sudan.

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The LRA said still commitment to negotiated peace settlement, and are eager to get back to the negotiating table to resolve the conflict.

The former (LRA) negotiator David Nyekorach-Matsanga told Al-Jazeera TV English Service that he has spoken with the chairman of the rebel movement Joseph Kony who asked him to reassure the southern Sudanese authorities and Uganda of the seriousness and willingness of the LRA to resume peace talks.

He also said that Kong re-appointed him as chief negotiator and explained him the circumstances of the clashes with the SPLA.

Nyekorach-Matsanga said he is in contact with the Ugandan government and seeking to reach southern Sudan government vice-president Riek Machar.

The LRA say they riposted to attack by the Sudanese soldiers.

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ICC planned to divert plane of Darfur war crimes suspect

(ST) June 5, 2008 (NEW YORK) – The International Criminal Court (ICC) attempted to divert a plane that carried Ahmed Haroun, state minister for humanitarian affairs, on his way to Saudi Arabia in December to perform the annual Islamic pilgrimage.

“We were getting ready to divert his plane and force it to land and arrest him” ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo told Sudan Tribune today.

Ocampo said that his office received help on plan from other countries though he declined to name them.

“Some countries were willing to support and provide information on Haroun [travel] plans. We organized the logistics. Everything was settled” he said.

Earlier this year a well placed source in Khartoum told Sudan Tribune that Haroun, wanted to fly to Saudi Arabia on a forged passport.

Haroun ended up cancelling his travel plans after the Sudanese government found out, the source added.

“As soon as Haroun leaves Sudan he will be arrested. He is a fugitive. Inside Sudan he could have freedom. Outside Sudan he will be in jail,” the ICC Prosecutor said.

Ocampo said the Saudi Arabian government was aware of the plans to divert Haroun’s plane.

The judges of the ICC issued their first arrest warrants for suspects accused of war crimes in Sudan’s Darfur region last May.

The warrants were issued for Ahmed Haroun, state minister for humanitarian affairs, and militia commander Ali Mohamed Ali Abdel-Rahman, also known as Ali Kushayb. Sudan has so far rejected handing over the two suspects.

Sudan has not ratified the Rome Statue, but the UN Security Council (UNSC) invoked the provisions under the Statue that enables it to refer situations in non-State parties to the world court if it deems that it is a threat to international peace and security.

Ahmed Haroun: ICC just a group of terrorists and pirates

(**Al-Sahafa**) State Minister for Humanitarian Affairs Ahmed Haroun reacted to the news of ICC attempt to divert his plane.

“The mere thinking of diverting my plane is terrorism, piracy and criminal act,” he said. “The ICC is telling a lie, I have never wanted to travel for pilgrimage,” he added.

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