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(Sudan Vision) National Congress Party (NCP) and Sudanese People Liberation Movement (SPLM), partners to the CPA, have agreed on disputed issues such as the national elections and Abyei as well as a number of economic matters.

At the conclusion of their two-day meeting in Juba, the FVP Salva Kiir and VP Taha agreed as follows:

1. The parties agree to refer their dispute to final and binding arbitration under the Permanent Court of Arbitration Optional Rules for Arbitrating Disputes between two parties of which only one is a State, subject to such modifications as the parties may agree in writing.
2. The venue for arbitration shall be in The Hague, the Netherlands.
3. The number of arbitrators shall be five. Each party shall appoint two from the list of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). The four arbitrators shall appoint a fifth to chair the tribunal.
4. The parties to the arbitration shall be designated as per the CPA.
5. The parties shall be availed equal and simultaneous opportunities to fully present their cases covering all issues of form and substance.
6. The issues to be determined by the arbitral tribunal are as follows:
 - a) To decide whether or not the Abyei Boundaries Commission Experts exceeded their mandate, to define and demarcate the area of the Nine Ngok Dinka Chiefdoms transferred from Bahr el Ghazal to Kordofan in 1905, as per the Abyei Protocol, the Appendix, ABC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures.
 - b) If the arbitral tribunal determines that the ABC did not exceed its mandate, it shall make a declaration to that effect, and order for the full implementation of the ABC report.
 - c) If the arbitral tribunal determines that the ABC Experts exceeded their mandate, it shall make a declaration to that effect, and shall proceed to define and demarcate on map the boundaries of the Nine Ngok Dinka Chiefdoms transferred from Bahr el Ghazal to Kordofan in 1905, based on the submission of the parties.
 - d) The parties agree that upon signing of the arbitration agreement, the permanent court of arbitration (PCA) shall provide full registry services and administrative support to the Abyei arbitration Tribunal and the Parties.
 - e) The Tribunal shall apply the CPA, the Abyei Protocol, Abyei Appendix, and applicable principles of law.

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UN allocates \$ 2.5 billions to UNAMID and UNMIS

(Al-Sudani) In response to recommendations of the 5-member committee, UN decided to allocate \$1.57 billions for funding UNAMID (July 08 June 09) and \$858,77 m for UNMIS for the same period.

USG concludes visit to Darfur

(Al-Rai Al-Aam) Undersecretary General Susana Malcorra concluded yesterday an official visit to the three Darfur States.

She will meet today with Presidential Assistant Nafie Ali Nafie who is also in charge of Darfur dossier.

UNAMID spokesperson said the USG has visited El Fasher, Nyala, Guneina and Zalinji adding that once back in NY should would do her best to ensure the provision of all that UNAMID requires particularly logistics so that the Mission was able to overcome challenges.

UN assisting JIUs in Abyei

(Al-Ayyam) JIUs began undergoing UNMIS-assisted training before their deployment. UNMIS will provide food, water and medicines to JIUs for three days as well as tents and construction of barracks.

That was stated by UNMIS spokesperson Brian Kelly who also said UNMIS was conducting unrestricted patrols.

Ameera Haq to address press conference today

(Al-Ayyam) DSRSG Ms Ameera Haq will hold a press conference today noon at UNMIS HQs on humanitarian situations in Darfur.

GoNU

JIUs arrive in Abyei, JDB to meet on June 25 to assess deployment

(ST) June 21, 2008 (KHARTOUM) — The Joint Defence Board will hold a meeting next week to discuss the enforcement of security arrangements in Abyei roadmap signed on June 8, 2008.

At its meeting of 25 June, the SAF-SPLA military council will make a comprehensive assessment of the implementation of the security arrangements and the deployment of the Joint Integrated Units (JIUs).

The 640 members of the joint units arrived to the disputed area on Wednesday 18 June. The UN transported the SPLA soldiers from Juba while SAF troops arrived from northern Sudan.

Colonel Valentino Tokmac, the force commander said the joint battalion has fully deployed and that all the forces pledged by both parties have reached the assembly point in Abyei.

He further added that the units would be trained for 10 days by the United Nations mission in Sudan and would then deploy according to the Abyei roadmap. The brigade will be responsible for maintaining security and help the displaced who had fled the area return to their homes.

Colonel Tokmac told Al-Jazeera that the only guaranty that clashes will not erupt again between the two forces is to operate together as a single force and to withdraw the SAF – SPLM from Abyei. The withdrawal of SAF, SPLA troops will help to strengthen the relations between the men of the two forces, Tokmac added.

Norway announces pledge to support Sudan with \$500 m, Bashir is NCP presidential candidate (Ray Al-Shaab/Al-Watan)

Norway announced its support to Sudan to the tune of \$500 m, pledged in Oslo Donors conference, to cover the period 2008-2011 besides commitment to write off Sudan debts, in coordination with related international institutions.

Sudan's Ambassador to Norway Dr. Mohamed Ali Al-Tom said that Foreign Minister Deng Alor discussed, during his current visit to Norway, with Norwegian senior officials issues pertinent to the implementation of the CPA, developments in Darfur and the road map agreement on Abyei.

He described Alor's visit to Norway as "successful and positive" and would contribute in consolidating the relations between the two countries.

Presidential advisor Mustafa Osman who accompanied Alor told reporters on Thursday in Paris that France pledged to mediate an end to the current crisis between Sudan and Chad, saying that French officials promised to convince Chadian President Idriss Deby to halt supporting the rebels in Darfur region.

On the other hand, Mustafa Osman Ismail has confirmed that President Omer Al-Bashir would be the NCP presidential candidate in next year's elections.

Sudan national carrier suspended for one month

(ST) June 21, 2008 (KHARTOUM) — The Civil Aviation Authority has banned the national air carrier from flying for a month for breach of administration rules. The authority however said no link between this suspension and the crash of last month.

The Civil Aviation Authority said the one month suspension of Sudan Airways includes domestic and international flights.

Mohamed Hassan al-Mujammar, CAA director of safety and flight operations indicated that Sudan Airways failed to carry out the requested improvements outlined in an annual audit carried out at the end of May

The CAA suspension will be implemented from next Monday 23 June.

Salva Kiir inaugurates HQs of Sudan security service in Juba

(ST) June 21, 2008 (JUBA) — The First Vice President of the republic inaugurated today the new headquarters of the National Intelligence and Security (NISS) in Juba. He praised the potential role of the services after the realization of peace.

In accordance with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), the intelligence and security services are one in the both parties of the country. Since 2005, many SPLM high-ranking officers integrated into the services, the general Majak Agot is the second man in the NISS.

The Vice-President Ali Osman Taha, and the head NISS, Salah Abdallah Gosh attended the inauguration as well as many ministers and officials from the national unity government and southern Sudan government.

Kiir congratulated the NISS and expressed hope that this service would be an example and positively affect the unity of the country. He also said both parties should implement the CPA.

Vice-President Taha expressed hope that this new building will contribute to ensure protection and security of the citizens and support political stability in the country.

While the head of the NISS said in his speech that there are plans to set up units throughout the country. He further stated that the security apparatus in the South works to ensure security for citizens and protects the institutions of the southern South Government.

Presidential Assistant Minnawi paid surprising visit to Chad, met with Deby

(Al-Sahafa) SLM leaders confirmed a surprising visit paid by the Senior Presidential Assistant Minni Minnawi to Chad two days ago but did not elaborate about the purpose of the visit.

The Presidency said it had no information about the visit stating that an official could not visit Chad under tense relations between the two countries. The newspaper has learned from sources that Minnawi met with Idriss Deby and that a neighbouring country was making efforts to unify SLMs and JEM.

SLM (FW) chairman Dr. Al-Reyah and SLM spokesperson El Tayeb Khamis have also confirmed that Minnawi was presently in Chad.

50% of Abyei police force deployed in Abyei

(Sudan Vision) Operation Deputy Commander, Lt. Gen. (Police) Tariq Osman Altahir, revealed that 500 police staff was needed for the present stage in Abyei in accordance with the pact recently concluded between NCP and SPLM, dismissing any dispute over force command as the issue has been agreed upon between Federal Police and South Sudan Police Authorities.

In statement to Sudan Vision, Altahir noted that 50% of the police force agreed upon to Abyei area has arrived and got deployed.

He added that the said force was composed of criminal, passport and civil register Departments personnel and they were exclusively federal as has been provided for by the CPA.

GoSS

GoSS Interior Minister reveals expulsion of an Israeli national from Southern Sudan

(Al-Rai Al-Aam) GoSS Interior Minister said GoSS was fully committed to laws that ban the entry of Israel passport-holders to the territories under its control.

Mr. Mayom said Sudan was one country and GoSS is committed to the general policy of the state not to establish relations with Israel.

He explained that an Israel national has earlier entered Southern Sudan and that resulted in a crisis between GoSS and Government in Khartoum but it was quickly overcome.

Darfur

SLM's Nur turns down meeting request from Sudan's Alor

(ST) June 19, 2008 (PARIS) — A Darfur rebel chief living in exile in France declined a meeting request with the visiting Sudanese foreign minister.

Sudan's top diplomat arrived on Wednesday to Paris, asked the French government to help in the resolution of Darfur crisis by facilitating contacts with Darfur rebel groups and Chadian government.

Abdel Wahid al-Nur, the chief of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) said he would not meet with Deng Alor because he is here in his capacity as a minister of the national unity government.

"Despite my deep respect and consideration to Deng Alor personally, I feel obligated to turn down his meeting request because he is in Paris as a minister of a government that I refuse to negotiate with unless it stops the daily atrocities against Darfur civilians".

Al-Nur added that he looks to meet him and any other officials from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) here in Paris or elsewhere but not as members of the Sudanese government.

"I consider the SPLM as natural and strategic ally for our movement but I hope Deng Alor can understand our position. I have to defend the cause of our people," he said.

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