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### **UN/ Agencies/ Partners:**

#### **Investigator rejects Sudan's claims of bias in UN mission.**

*Sudan Tribune.com* Nobel laureate Jody Williams on Tuesday rejected Sudan's claims that the UN mission she led to Darfur was biased, saying she did not lend any credence to Sudanese statements on its credibility. Williams also said the international community should "hang their heads in shame" over their response to the violence in the strife-torn western region of Sudan.

Williams said Sudan had sought to criticise the integrity of the mission appointed by the 47 nations in the UN's top human rights assembly at every step of the way, even before it was approved last December. The report by the mission of experts had harsh words for the international community's failure to halt the violence, calling its efforts "inadequate and ineffective." The report called on the UN General Assembly to draw up a blacklist of foreign companies "that have an adverse impact on the situation of human rights in Darfur."

#### **Britain urges UN sanctions on Sudan over Darfur**

*Sudan Tribune.com* Britain wants the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions on Sudan in response to its near rejection of U.N. plans to deploy peacekeepers in Darfur, its ambassador said on Tuesday. Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry said that it was time to put pressure on Sudan because the letter from Bashir "amounts to a renegotiation" of earlier agreements. The sanctions, which the European Union has already advocated, could include broadening a no-fly zone over Darfur to an arms embargo and adding to an existing list of four people subject to an assets freeze and travel ban.

## **Nigerian for hybrid force, Congolese successor for Pronk**

*Al-Rai Al-Aam* The UNSG has named a Nigerian General for the leadership of the hybrid force. Sources expect that the Congolese Foreign Minister, Rudolf Adada, may be appointed by the UNSG as SRSG to replace Pronk.

## **UNSC discusses tomorrow al Bashir's letter**

*Al-Ayam* Sources informed that the UNSC may discuss al Bashir's letter to the UNSG tomorrow, in the letter Bashir objected to indications that the United Nations would share control with the AU, which has 7,000 underfinanced troops in Darfur, and offered further talks.

## **GoNU:**

### **Bashir: accusations against Sudan part of a conspiracy.**

*AlAyam* President Bashir said charges and allegations on Sudan, the last of which was the report of the ICC, are nothing but sheer conspiracy against Sudan to keep it away from the path of great successes.

### **Minister of Justice renews Sudan's rejection to Human Rights Council Fact Finding report.**

*Alltibaha* The Minister of Justice informed the HR Council meeting on Sudan official rejection of the UNHR mission report on Darfur as invalid. He based his rejection by arguing that the mission was biased.

### **Deng Alor optimistic that NCP and SPLM will reach a common ground on Darfur.** *AlSudani*

SPLM Leader and Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Deng Alor, said the SPLM and NCP are planning to hold their third and last meeting in an effort to reach a common ground on the Darfur crisis. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie (NCP) and Pagan Amum (SPLM). Alor said that he is optimistic that the two parties would reach an agreement on this issue.

## **Southern Sudan/ SPLM:**

### **Kiir appreciates progress made on the implementation of the DPA.**

*Sudan Vision* V.P Salva Kiir expressed appreciation to the progress made on the implementation of CPA so far despite the difficulties encountered in some critical aspects of the DPA.

He called upon Uganda and other member States of IGAD to play more active role in the overall support of the implementation of CPA. In a meeting with the Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni the two presidents directed Uganda- Southern Sudan joint Commission of cooperation to convene in Juba as soon as possible for a speeding implementation of the agreement as this would contribute to the enhance of the capacity of the Government of Southern Sudan, The promotion of bilateral trade and in facilitation of cultural and other exchange.

### **Delays threaten south Sudan peace-diplomat.**

*Sudan Tribune.com* The peace in South Sudan is under threat from "worrying delays" in implementing security measures and the ongoing crisis in Darfur, a leading diplomat told a south Sudan investment meeting on Tuesday.

Kent Degerfelt, head of the European Commission delegation to Khartoum, highlighted sluggish progress on key issues which "threatens the security of southern Sudan".

"There are still worrying delays ... significantly including the establishment of (north/south) Joint Integrated Units, disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration, de-mining and the alignment of some of the so-called Other Armed Groups," he said.

Insecurity in Sudan's oil-rich south, with regular attacks by gunmen on roads hindering aid operations and deterring investors, has continued since a peace deal was signed in 2005.

And the ongoing Darfur conflict continues to be a destabilising factor, he told the meeting in neighbouring Kenya.

"The government needs to strengthen its relations with the African Union with a view to attain an all-inclusive peaceful settlement to the crisis," he said.

### **Darfur/ Darfur Peace Agreement:**

#### **Sudan must be told to stop Darfur crimes - Arbour**

*Sudan Tribune.com* Governments worldwide must tell Sudan they expect "massive crimes" targeting civilians in Darfur to stop, the United Nations' top human rights official said on Tuesday. Louise Arbour, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, said mobilising public opinion was key to ending abuses in western Sudan.

"Mobilisation of public opinion is absolutely critical," she told Reuters Television in an interview in Geneva, where the 47-member state U.N. Human Rights Council is holding a session. A mission sent by the Council to assess conditions in Darfur accused the Sudanese government on Monday of planning and taking part in international crimes, but Khartoum blames the abuses on rebel groups which refused to sign a 2006 peace deal.

### **Inter-tribal violence causing more suffering in Darfur**

*Sudan Tribune.com* In a trend that the African Union (AU) calls disturbing, ethnic communities in western Sudan are fighting each other, even as violence perpetrated by outsiders continues to displace civilians and hamper aid operations across Darfur.

In the latter half of February, the AU documented at least 100 deaths due to tribal clashes. In one attack, four young boys of the Tarjam tribe were shot in their sleep by members of the Rizeigat, while 32 people in the Tarjam village of Amar Jadeed were killed in a separate attack. Violence continues unabated. Despite the agreement, AU and international observers worry that spiralling violence will hurt ordinary Darfurians even more. In particular, rape has remained a tool to terrify women and girls. The AU has not been spared either. Following the murder of one of its civilian police officers on 1 February by unknown assailants in Kassab camp for displaced civilians in the northern town of Kutum, it was forced to stop patrols in the area.

### **China urges deployment of Darfur peacekeeping forces.**

*Sudan Tribune.com* China hopes the Sudanese government will reach a consensus with the United Nations (UN) and the African Union (AU) as soon as possible on deploying peacekeeping forces in Darfur, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang here Tuesday. Qin told a routine press conference that the Sudanese government and the international society have reached consensus in principle on deploying UN and AU peace-keeping forces in Darfur. China believes that the three sides could agree on detailed arrangements and turned agreements into actions at an early time.

### **Darfur Refugees affirm human connection with the Jews.**

*AlIntibaha* A number of Sudanese refugees took an unprecedented visit to the holocaust museum in Jerusalem. The visit was widely carried by the Jewish media as it reflects the sufferings of the Darfurian with those of the Jews. Worth mentioning that a number of Jewish American societies calls for solidarity with the Darfurians for what they believe to be unity of fate.

### **SLM-Minnawi forces declare war against Janjaweed militias in Darfur.**

*AlHayat* Sources revealed that SLM / Minnawi has waged intensive battle with the Janjaweed militia in Kalaki area resulting in the death of 18 and injury of 12. SLM official spokesperson said that the Janjaweed looted 500 cattle and entered into the movement area. The SLM thus declared war against them until law and order are restored

### **Rwanda threatens to withdraw forces from Darfur.**

*Al-Rai Al-Aam--* Rwanda may withdraw troops from Darfur: The Rwandan government threatened to withdraw its troops from Darfur if more resources are not made available to AMIS. Rwandan troops do not see any progress in their mission in Darfur.

**77 killed, injured in fighting between SLM/MM and Maalya tribe S. Darfur**

*Alsahafa*—53 people have been killed and 24 others suffered injuries in fighting between SLM/MM and the Maalya tribe in South Darfur. The two parties exchanged accusation over responsibility of renewal of fighting in the area for the fifth time.

**The ICC question:**

**GoNU Parties Political Committee affirms implementation of the unified approach to ICC prosecutor report.**

*Sudan Vision.* The Political Committee of the National Unity Government parties held a meeting at the Council of Ministers' General Secretariat Sunday and reviewed the report of the prosecution of the ICC on accusation of Sudanese nationals on violations of international law of human rights.

The meeting recommended support to the government stance on rejection to trial of any Sudanese outside the country. The meeting stressed the importance of mobilizing the people support to the Sudanese Judiciary which is competent and efficient to carry out its role for realizing justice.

**Lam Akol: trial of Haroun and Kosheib outside ICC jurisdiction.**

*Sudan Vision* Minister of Foreign affairs, Dr. Lam Akol stated that Sudan is capable and keen in putting on trials of citizens implicated in war crimes In Darfur. The Minister cited as evidence of previous trials in these connections, describing the accusations of bringing two Sudanese national to the ICC as outside the jurisdiction of the ICC, and only it could be applied if the country was incapable or not keen to put the suspects on trial.

**South Darfur State receives new Wali. *Sudan Vision***

South Darfur State will today officially receive its new Governor, Abu al Gassim Imam who has been recently appointed in accordance with the DPA implementation program.

**Other Developments:**

**S. Sudan lawmaker relations with Kenya a matter of concern.**

*Sudan Tribune.com* A Southern Sudanese lawmaker in the State of Eastern Equatoria said today that relation with Kenya a matter of concern; after attacks carried by a Kenyan tribe against the local population in the area.

The chairman of state Assembly Specialized committee of peace, human rights, relief, rehabilitation, Humanitarian affairs, regional and International Corporation, Michael Losike Lokerui said southern Sudan relationship with Kenya, especially along Lokichoggio border was a matter of great concern that required urgent attention before it could explodes into full scale war.

He says members of Kenya Turkana tribe frequently sneaked into Kapoeta East County, attacked, rids cattle and even killed innocent southern Sudanese that compelled Toposa to retaliate.

The lawmaker says, as peace maker, they would like to return a Turkana child along with 17 camels and 11 calves that were raided by Toposa as a sign of normalizing relationship along the border with Kenyan government.

He appeals to Kenyan District Commissioner along the border to do the same by returning more than 540 heads of cattle raided from Toposa by Turkana at different intervals. Speaking from Kapoeta town, Hon. Lokerui says it's the policy of GoSS and of Eastern Equatoria state to address all issues related to cattle raiding that continue to threaten pastoralists community from enjoying the fruit of the CPA that was received through lost of many lives of southern Sudanese, especially people of eastern equatorial whose territory has been the major operation theatre.

### **US threaten tough measures against Sudan.**

*Sudan Tribune.com; AlSudani* The United States and others will consider imposing a range of punitive measures against Sudan for its refusal to accept an international force into Darfur region, the State Department said on Tuesday.

U.S. State Department spokesman Tom Casey told reporters the United States and other countries felt a growing impatience over what he called Sudan's "delaying tactics" in allowing a joint African Union-United Nations force into Darfur.

"To the extent that Sudan continues to frustrate implementation of this agreement, the U.S. and other members of the international community are going to have to think seriously about implementing additional measures to deal with the humanitarian crisis in Darfur," said Casey.

Casey declined to say what these measures would be but U.S. officials in the past have indicated they could include a range of financial measures against Sudan's government to put pressure on Khartoum to accept the hybrid force.

### **France excludes international sanctions on Sudan.**

*AlWihda*. French foreign ministry spokesperson ruled out a new international resolution on Sudan, adding that “we would remain within the existing resolution, in the hope that the Sudanese government would reconsider its present stance and move to implement the UN plan”.

**African Development Fund approves \$14.5 million for Sudan.**

*AlWihda* ADF board of directors, in its 640 meeting in Tunisia on 7 March 2007, approved a US\$ 14.5 millions to develop institutional capacity and support poverty alleviation programs.