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Fighting, paperwork slow Darfur peace plans - UN

(Reuters – 10 Oct. UNITED NATIONS) (*AlSahafa*) Continued fighting in Darfur is spoiling the atmosphere for negotiations while delays by Sudanese authorities are slowing dispatch of a peace force, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says in a new report.

In the report made public on Wednesday, Ban said he was "extremely concerned" about the "unacceptable" violence in the western Sudanese region, which he said was "not contributing to an atmosphere conducive to the peace talks".

In his latest regular report on the planned deployment of a 26,000-strong AU-U.N. peacekeeping force, Ban deplored "brazen and brutal attacks by as yet unidentified armed groups" that killed 10 AU soldiers in the town of Haskanita on Sept. 29-30.

Lack of unity among the rebel movements before the talks continued to be a problem, said Ban, who expressed concern at a statement by Khalil Ibrahim, leader of the Justice and Equality Movement, that he would continue fighting until a settlement.

But Ban also had critical words for Sudanese authorities, who he said had been slow to provide land for the new peace force and to comment on the list of troop-contributing countries that had been presented to them.

"It is of critical importance that the government extends the support and cooperation necessary to resolve the issues pertaining to land, landing rights for United Nations aircraft and the finalization of the list of troop-contributing countries," he said.

Sudan response pending on troop donors and land for Darfur force: UN Chief

(*SudanTribune.com*) reported that the top UN official called on Sudan to "extend the support and cooperation necessary to resolve the issues". The other issue pending is Sudan's approval on a list of troop donor countries for the Darfur force. The report acknowledged the commitment for a force with a "predominantly African character"

but stressed the need for “a force which could effectively implement the mandate set out in resolution 1769”.

UN envoy holds talks in Khartoum to prepare for peace negotiations

(*U.N. News Service* – 10 Oct. KHARTOUM) The United Nations Special Envoy for Darfur held talks today with senior officials from the Sudanese Government and neighboring countries to finalize preparations for major peace negotiations later this month that will try to end the conflict that has ravaged the region in western Sudan since 2003.

Jan Eliasson met with Sudanese presidential adviser and chief negotiator Nafie Ali Nafie in the capital, Khartoum, UN spokesperson Michele Montas told reporters.

The negotiations, which are scheduled to take place in Libya on 27 October, are designed to find a solution to the conflict between rebels, Government forces and allied Janjaweed militia groups. Mr. Eliasson and his African Union counterpart Salim Ahmed Salim will convene those talks.

Ms. Montas said Mr. Eliasson also chaired a high-level meeting today with representatives of the regional partners to the talks, including Ali Triki, Libya’s Minister for African Affairs.

(*SudanTribune.com*) reports that *the UNSG special envoy to Darfur disclosed that the forthcoming peace talks in Libya will focus on politically important rebel groups.* Involve Darfur parties that have political weight on the ground and not those with military mightiness.

(*Xinhua*) reported that Jan Eliasson said on Wednesday that he *"worried" over an escalation of tension in the western Sudanese region of Darfur.* "We call on all the parties to hold the responsibility, restrain themselves and respect the exerted efforts," the UN envoy told reporters.

UN says fighting between SAF and SLA Minawi in Tawilla

(*AlSahafa*) The UN said yesterday that fighting has erupted on 9 October in Tawila (60 km west of El Fasher) between SLA Mini Minawi and Sudan Armed Forces (SAF). According to the about 6,000 people sought refuge near AMIS site.

GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)

Libya says all rebel groups must attend Darfur talks

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. KHARTOUM) (*Akhbar Alyaum*) A visiting Libyan minister on Wednesday warned against the absence of any rebel group in the western Sudanese region of Darfur from the upcoming peace negotiations.

"Any armed faction not to be present in the negotiations will be held responsible for the continuous suffering of the Darfur people," Libyan Minister for African Affairs

Ali Abdel Salam Triki told reporters. "There is an international consensus that the next negotiations will be the last chance to solve the Darfur problem," the Libyan minister noted, urging all the Darfur factions to respond to the calls for an immediate stop of fighting.

Triki made the remarks while arriving in Khartoum on an official visit, which, he said, was aimed at doing more preparations for the upcoming peace negotiations in Libya on Oct. 27 between the Sudanese government and the Darfur rebel groups.

Triki's visit in Sudan comes coincident with a visit of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for Darfur, Jan Eliasson, in the African country. It is expected that Triki and Eliasson will hold a meeting in Khartoum to coordinate their preparation works for the upcoming Darfur peace talks.

Kiir rejects SAF justifications for not withdrawing from oil areas

(*AlSudani, AlSahafa*) The First Vice President and President of the Government of Southern Sudan, Lt. General Salva Kiir Mayardit, has rejected the armed forces' excuses for not pulling out from oil producing areas in southern Sudan for security reasons.

During a public rally in Wau town today, Kiir said that the joint integrated forces – twenty four thousand in number – are able to protect the oil areas.

Salva Kiir said: "The Sudan Armed Forces say that it won't withdraw from the oil areas unless there are assured security forces to take over the oil areas. I don't accept this because there are joint units of the SAF and SPLA composed of twenty four thousand soldiers. If there are troubles in the oil areas, we should deploy the joint units there and then the SAF must withdraw."

Kiir affirmed that the SPLA forces pulled out from the north with the exception of a small force in south Kordofan and South Blue Nile for logistic reasons and lack of co-operation from the Sudan Armed Forces.

"We have a very small force in the Nuba Mountains which was supposed to redeploy to the south but we lack the means for transportation. So we postponed our retreat to the end of the rainy season, until the roads are accessible. "

Kiir added "We also asked our partners in the government to provide helicopters from the defense ministry to lift the SPLM soldiers from the Nuba Mountains to their posts in the south. But they said there was no reason why they should do that. But we raised this issue to the United Nations for consideration. "

Meanwhile, Lt. General Kiir has just arrived in Rumbek town, the capital of Lakes State on the last leg of his inspection tour to states of Greater Bahar Al-Ghazal region.

Sudanese refugees urge Australia to apologize

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. MELBOURNE) Angry Sudanese mourners for a young beating victim Wednesday urged the Australian government to apologize for making them feel "unsafe."

The government announced last week that Australia had closed its doors to refugees from Africa, accusing Sudanese in particular of being involved in crime and failing to settle into the community.

The president of Dandenong's Sudanese Community Association of Australia, Samuel Kuot, said at the funeral in Melbourne that his people now feared more attacks.

Some 300 Sudanese gathered for the funeral of 18-year-old refugee Liep Gony, who was beaten to death two weeks ago. Two young men have been arrested and charged with his murder.

Meanwhile police said another Sudanese teenager had been attacked at Melton, west of Melbourne. They said the assailants used the 17-year-old's mobile phone to send racist comments to his brother.

Kuot said Sudanese in Melbourne now felt unsafe after being singled out by Immigration Minister Kevin Andrews as being involved in crime and having problems integrating into Australian life.

"The Sudanese community as well as the African community expects an apology from the minister," Kuot said. "The community is angry. Many people are crying and emotional.

"We came to this country and expected it to be safe, and if you bring someone you need to protect them — you can't turn against them." He said an apology from Andrews might help calm the situation. "We feel unsafe and that more assaults will happen," Kuot told reporters.

Critics have accused the conservative government of attempting to play the race card ahead of an election later this year but Prime Minister John Howard has rejected the suggestion as "contemptible".

Harmony between CPA partners on demining operations in the east

(AlSudani) A joint unit from SAF, SPLM and the joint forces are involving harmoniously to remove mines in Eastern Sudan whereas some 155 mines were detonated in roads linking Kassala city with a number of areas.

State Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and the Secretary-General of the National Authority for Combating Mines Ahmed Haroun considered the project as aiming at linking the Eastern towns with the center and providing tools of development in the area.

The joint unit was reported to have completed the cleaning within two weeks of %80 of mines from four roads linking between Kassala-Lafa, Kassala-Karakoun-Hamashkoraib, Kssala-Gulsa, and Kassala-Awad.

On his part, Chairperson of the Security Arrangements Committee for the East Agreement Gen. Abdulgadir Nasreddin said that the removal of the mines in Eastern

Sudan would assist in implementing all the items of the agreement which stipulated the necessity of combing the area through joint teams.

Kiir: ending partnership with NCP impossible

(*Akhbar Alyaum*) Informed sources at the SPLM told Akhbar AlYom that the concluding session of the SPLM Politbureau meeting will be held today when Salva Kiir arrives to Juba after completing a tour to southern states. Kiir emphasized that it is impossible to end the SPLM-NCP partnership. However, he said SPLM should be allowed to practice its rights of replacing its ministers in the federal government. He has also highlighted the need for resolving all pending issues such as Abyei, borders and oil revenues.

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US firms exempt from embargo in South Sudan development

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. JUBA, Sudan) (*AlRai AlAam*) U.S. firms working to develop south Sudan will be exempted from U.S. sanctions under a deal to encourage investment in the impoverished region, a southern official said on Wednesday.

But South Sudan Finance Minister Kuol Athian said U.S. companies would not be allowed to invest in Sudan's oil sector.

Following a north-south peace deal in 2005 ending Africa's longest civil war, a semi-autonomous south Sudan government was formed with the right to vote on secession by 2011.

But U.S. economic sanctions, imposed on Sudan since 1997 after Washington accused Khartoum's Islamist government of "supporting terrorism", have prevented big U.S. and even European firms investing to rebuild the country.

"Investors who are interested in south Sudan are welcome. American companies are welcome to come," Athian said. But he said the new deal negotiated with the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets only applied to companies coming to invest in development of the south, which has little infrastructure already straining to cope with a huge influx of hundreds of thousands of returning refugees post peace.

U.S. dollar transactions to southern Sudan would also be made easier, he said.

WBEG Governor accused of implementing Sharia over ban of hard liquor

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. WAU) The governor of western Bahr El-Ghazal was reportedly accused of implementing Islamic laws because he prohibited the sale and drinking of hard liquor sold in sachets here.

Governor Mark Nyipuoc told Sudan Radio Service that some people are calling his decision a form of Sharia law, but says he is acting in the best interests of citizens. He claims that the hard liquor, imported from Uganda and known locally as 'knock out,' is destroying the lives of civil servants in Wau.

However the governor underlined that his decision concerns only this unhealthy alcohol. "I told them, my brothers and sisters, that is not Sharia. I have left the other beverages like beer to you but this particular one is killing you. I have been to Uganda, the citizens are not taking that, it is being brought to you to knock you out."

The governor is appealing to people in Western Bahr El Ghazal to drink moderately and not to allow alcohol to interfere with their work, the radio reported.

Differences over SPLM position of secretary General

(*AlRai AlAam*) The SPLM Politbureau meeting has entrusted its secretary General Pagan Amum to declare the outcome of the meeting. The meeting was reported to have been shrouded with ambiguity as regards the SPLM final stance towards its partnership with the NCP. According to some sources the meeting witnessed differences over the position of the SPLM Secretary General and on the SPLM vision on partnership with the NCP.

Wau to Host Peace Celebrations of 9th January, 2008

(*Sudan Vision*) First Vice President of the Republic, Salva Kiir Mayardit announced that the coming peace festivals set for 9th January, 2008 to commemorate the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement would be held in Wau, capital of Western Bahr El Ghazal State in Southern Sudan.

The event will witness the participation of President Al-Bashir and members of the Federal Government. Kiir announced that the occasion would be annual and rotated in different Sudanese towns.

GoSS Minister of Industry and Mining declares conditions for oil companies

(*AlSudani*) The Minister of Industry in the Government of South Sudan, Major General Albino Akol, declared that the oil companies expected to operate in Block B area will have to present a list of their assets to the National Petroleum Committee before starting the oil explorations.

Block B area covers Jonglei, Upper Nile, Lakes, Warrap, and parts of Central Equatoria and Eastern Equatoria States.

The concerned oil companies are Total, Marathon and Sudapet in addition to an American company and another Kuwaiti company.

SPLM Political Bureau reconvenes as NCP MP Pleas for talks

(*The Citizen*) Lawmakers from the National Congress Party yesterday plead for gentleman's talks to fix the ailing partnership with the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, whose political bureau was due to reconvene in Juba to issue a position statement on the issue.

"I will not wish the partnership with the SPLM to come to an end," Alfred Barakat (NCP, Western Equatoria) told the Citizen. "If there is a way, I would encourage the

two parties to stick to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement to the end by the two parties.

Sudan People's Liberation Movement Secretary General Pagan Amum warned Monday, after five days of heated meetings that went on into the night that the NCP – SPLM partnership was deteriorating. He said that it could still be improved if the NCP accepted to implement the key aspects of the peace agreement.

Darfur

Minawi complains officially to UN and African Union

(*AlSudani*) SLM's Minawi has submitted an official complaint to the UN and AU as regards what it described as "violations and attacks on its positions in Haskanita and Muhajiria.

A leading figure in the movement Mustafa Algameel told (*AlSudani* daily) that said that Minawi would visit Muhajiria today to get acquainted with the recent incidents, indicating that the movement's forces in the various areas were fully alerted.

In the meantime, the Native Administration in Muhajiria area held SLM's Minawi responsible of the deteriorating security and humanitarian situations in the area.

Joint Mediation Support team and Government to discuss Sert agenda

(*AlSudani*) The Libyan government is to hand over during the up-coming two days a Memo. Of Understanding (MOU) to the UN pertinent to technical arrangements for the peace negotiation between the government and peace non-signatory movements, scheduled for 27 Oct. in Serti, Libya.

Sudan's Ambassador to Tripoli Saeed Saad told (*AlSudani* daily) that all efforts were currently underway with the aim to finalizing all aspects of pertaining to the talks.

In the same context, a diplomatic source, who asked anonymity, disclosed that a joint meeting comprising Libyan government officials, UN, AU, Peace Envoys and representatives from Egypt and Eritrea would be held to discuss the talk's agenda.

Escalating violence in Darfur highlights need for civilian protection

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. NEW YORK) Civilians in Darfur are bearing the brunt of escalating fighting between the Government of Sudan and rebel factions, Human Rights Watch said today. The organization called on both the Government of Sudan and rebel factions to cease attacks on civilians and ensure they are protected.

Thousands of civilians were displaced following recent attacks between October 4-8 on the towns of Haskanita and Muhajiria, weeks before the warring parties are scheduled to meet in Tripoli for a new round of peace talks.

“This is not the first time we’ve seen the warring parties talking about peace while launching new attacks on civilians,” said Peter Takirambudde, Africa director at Human Rights Watch. “The lack of concern for the civilian population is appalling.”

Human Rights Watch describes how the situation in Darfur has evolved in the last year from a relatively straightforward conflict between rebels and the government into a violent scramble for power and resources involving government forces, Janjaweed militia, rebels and former rebels, and bandits, with civilians, peacekeepers, and humanitarian aid workers caught in the crossfire.

Sudan army still attacking Darfur town - rebels

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. KHARTOUM) Sudan’s army still carrying out attacks in southern Darfur Muhajiriya town where 45 people killed yesterday, Darfur rebel commander told Reuters today.

Rebels said militias mobilized by the government, known as Janjaweed, along with a small number of army soldiers were still burning villages around Muhajiriya on Wednesday. But the army says it was not involved in Monday’s attack.

"What is happening in the Muhajiriya area is tribal clashes between the people of the area and has no relation with the Sudanese army which took no part in it," it said in a statement issued late on Tuesday, its first public reaction.

Analysts say the upsurge in fighting ahead of talks due to begin in Libya on October 27 is a land grab to garner stronger negotiating positions.

Thailand to send 800 peacekeepers to Darfur

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. BANGKOK, Thailand) Thailand will send 800 troops to Darfur to join a peacekeeping operation in the war-torn region of western Sudan by the end of the year, a government spokesman said Wednesday.

Thailand’s Cabinet approved a plan Tuesday to send one battalion of 800 troops on a one-year mission to the United Nations and African Union joint mission to Darfur by Dec. 31, said government spokesman Chaiya Yimwilai.

The troop deployment will cost Thailand 350 million baht (US\$11.2 million; €7.9 million) for the first six months, according to a government statement.

Aid group evacuates Darfur rebel town after militia attack

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. JUBA, Sudan) The sole international aid group in an embattled Darfur rebel town where unconfirmed reports say a militia attack has killed dozens is pulling out due to the pervasive insecurity, the regional director said Wednesday.

Medecins sans Frontières, also known as Doctors Without Borders, said it counted at least 39 severely injured people, mostly civilians, in the town of Muhajeria before it had to evacuate, adding that it could not confirm rebel statements that more than 48 people had been killed.

«There were casualties reported to us, but we couldn't verify them, » said Banu Altanbas, the head of MSF-Holland for South Darfur. She said the town was too insecure to fully inspect, and that most civilians had taken refuge in its northern part, close to a small base of African Union peacekeepers that were also treating some of the wounded.

Darfur: Reject Deployment, Be Sanctioned, Soldiers Warned

(*This Day*) chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Luka Yusuf, has said any of his officers and men that reject deployment to Darfur region of Sudan would face severe sanctions. Yusuf said such actions would be interpreted as disobedience of the orders of the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Alhaj Umaru Yar'Adua.

He said this yesterday, while addressing officers and men of the Division 1 of the Nigerian Army, at the 29th Battalion Parade Ground, Kaduna, while on familiarization tour.

He warned that any soldier who refused to join his contingent to the war-torn region would be forced to comply with the order after he might have been sanctioned, in line with dictates of relevant military laws for disobedience.

According to him, being the most populous nation on the continent, Nigeria has the obligation to protect citizens of other African nations in the spirit of brotherhood.

Yusuf, however, assured that subsequent contingents for Darfur would be better equipped and armed than the previous ones, to prevent a recurrence of the recent tragedy.

Jimmy Carter Hopes Elections in Sudan Will Bring Peace to Darfur

(*VoA*) More than 200,000 people have died and millions more have been displaced by the conflict in Sudan's Darfur region. U.S. President Bush has called the crisis there "genocide."

Despite international pressure and the planned deployment of a peacekeeping force, the killing and suffering continues. Former President Jimmy Carter is a frequent visitor to Sudan, and his human rights organization in Atlanta, Georgia is deeply involved in humanitarian work in the country. He spoke to VOA's Kane Farabaugh about the Carter Center, his concerns for upcoming peace negotiations and his hopes for future elections in Sudan.

In an interview with Voice of America, Mr. Carter downplayed the exchange. "He was just doing his duty, but he did it in a non-diplomatic way."

When asked, "If anything else, those kinds of headlines do bring attention to the situation there, even if we're forgetting about it," he replied, "That's beneficial. It's very important for the world not to forget about Darfur, not to forget about the persecution of a displaced person."

The United Nations is preparing to deploy a peacekeeping force of 20,000 soldiers to Darfur later this month. It will join an African Union force of 7,000 already in the region. As peace talks continue amid the planned deployment, President Carter is looking ahead to future elections in Sudan.

"We hope that we can help to arrange an honest election now scheduled for 2009, including a census that is supposed to begin next February to prepare for the voters list that will be used in the election. So we hope we can break a deadline and prevent future deadlock and open up the way for progress in the future," Mr. Carter said.

Darfur rebel group scraps ceasefire

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. KHARTOUM) Fighting has erupted between the only Darfur rebel group to have signed a 2006 peace accord and Sudanese troops, the UN said Wednesday, after the rebels accused Khartoum of attacking a town they control.

The United Nations Mission in Sudan said that exchanges of fire took place on Tuesday between the Sudan Liberation Army faction of Minni Minawi and the Sudanese army near the north Darfur town of Tawila

"The circumstances of the incident remain unclear," UNMIS said in a statement that did not mention casualties. UN staff in the area has been evacuated to Darfur's main town of El-Fasher, it said.

Violence has been mounting in the troubled Sudanese region in the run-up to new peace negotiations set for the Libyan capital Tripoli on October 27.

The latest clashes came after Minawi's SLA faction, the only rebel group to have signed the peace deal, had threatened to take up arms once more after it said more than 50 people were killed in a government-backed attack on the south Darfur town of Muhajariya.

"From now on, our movement will not stand by and do nothing in the face of such attacks," Arku Suleiman Dhahia, commander in chief of the SLA said on Tuesday.

"If this happens again, we go back to square one which means war and it will be worse than the one before (the peace deal was signed) 2006," he told journalists in Khartoum.

As a result of the attack, Minawi, now a special advisor to President Omar al-Beshir, cut short a visit to Darfur in which he had been trying to persuade other rebel factions to join this month's peace conference in Libya.

The Khartoum government denied any involvement in the attack, blaming it on "clashes between tribes in the region".

UNMIS said that around 6,000 people had fled Muhajariya to seek refuge around a nearby African Union military base.

"Other residents reportedly fled to neighboring villages and the surrounding areas, leaving the town, which had a population estimated at 20,000 inhabitants, completely deserted." It said that a large number of shops and houses in Muhajariya had been burnt to the ground.

Arms continue to flow into Darfur, Security Council expert panel finds

(*U.N. News Service* – 10 Oct.) The Sudanese Government and rebel groups in Darfur continue to violate the Security Council arms embargo, sending heavy weapons, small arms, ammunition and other military equipment into the war-torn region over the past year, a panel of experts set up to monitor the ban says in a new report.

The panel finds that the Government has shipped arms and equipment – including military airplanes and helicopters – by air into the airports of Darfur's three provincial capitals, El Fasher, Nyala and El Geneina.

This occurred even though the Government did not submit any requests for approval or exemption to the Security Council committee set up in 2005 as part of the arms embargo, the report states, covering the period from the end of September last year to the end of August this year.

Government warplanes also made numerous offensives over flights in Darfur, and engaged in aerial bombardments, although the panel notes that the frequency of aerial attacks has declined since April.

Several non-State armed groups have also received weapons, including assault rifles, rocket launchers and anti-aircraft guns that were bought in an unnamed country and then transported through Eritrea and later Chad to reach the rebels in Darfur, which lies on Sudan's western flank.

The panel says it is still awaiting responses from several Member States concerning that shipment, as well as other shipments to non-State armed groups.

It reiterates its earlier recommendation to expand the arms embargo to cover Sudan's entire territory and issues a fresh recommendation calling for a ban on the sale and supply of arms and related materiel to non-State armed groups located in or operating from neighboring Chad.

For its part, the Government had used white aircraft in many of its offensive over flights in Darfur, including in at least one instance a plane with "UN" markings.

All sides, including local Arab tribal militia, are not enforcing any accountability for breaches of the laws and rules of war, while the panel states that rape is being widely used as an instrument of warfare.

Darfur rebel movements launch peace plea

(*SudanTribune.com* – 10 Oct. CAIRO) Two major rebel movements of the western Sudanese region of Darfur have inked a peace plea in Cairo ahead of an upcoming meeting in Libya on Darfur issue, Egypt's official MENA news agency reported Wednesday.

Representatives of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) and the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) signed the plea for peace at the end of their talks on Tuesday, spokesman for JEM Ahmed Hussein was quoted as saying.

The plea urged all conflicting parties in Darfur to work for reaching tangible results at the talks scheduled for Oct. 27 in Libya, said Hussein, who is on a visit here for talks with the Sudanese opposition officials living in Egypt.

The peace plea also called on regional and international sides to exert utmost efforts to realize a just peace in Darfur, underlining the importance of reaching a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

During the meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit on Monday, the Sudanese groups reiterated their commitment to attend the talks in Libya and voiced their desire to reach a peaceful settlement with the Sudanese government.

Rights activists urge Darfur ceasefire

(UPI – 10 Oct. HASHKANITA) Human rights activists Wednesday called for a ceasefire between Sudan government troops and rebel fighters in Darfur to save civilians caught in the crossfire.

Human Rights Watch, an international group based in New York, said the civilian population in Darfur is bearing the brunt of the fighting, with thousands displaced from the towns of Hashkanita and Muhajaria this month. A new round of peace talks in Tripoli, Libya, is still weeks away.

“This is not the first time we’ve seen the warring parties talking about peace while launching new attacks on civilians,” said Peter Takirambudde, Africa director at Human Rights Watch. “The lack of concern for the civilian population is appalling.”

International organization warns of possible attacks on Nyala

An international human rights organization has warned of possible attack on Nyala, South Darfur by an estimated 800 herdsmen driving jeep vehicles equipped with mortars.

The organization, Ages Trust, identified the armed group as Arab Janjaweed resented from the government for not receiving their salaries, adding that most NGOs had evacuated their employees from Nyala to Khartoum.

Meanwhile, a reliable source denied possible attack on the city of Nyala by the armed group describing them as uncountable group, led by Gumma Tagalo Musa who were attempting to blackmailing the government.

Tripoli at the edge as Darfur displaced people rejects them

(The Citizen) The Darfur talks set for Tripoli looked farther doomed yesterday, after the Internally Displaced Persons leaders agreed to reject them.

IDPs Camps Spokesperson had decided not to participate in the Tripoli meeting on October 27 because they know it would be a big failure.

“We are not part of it because we have been completely ignored on everything” said Shartai. The IDP representatives have put forward fresh new proposals to contain the violence.

