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#### **UN flight takes representatives of Darfur rebel movements to Juba**

(*Alwan*) UNMIS and AU have assisted in transporting representatives of the DPA non-signatories from different locations in Darfur to Juba to enable them to participate in a meeting sponsored by SPLM in preparation for the negotiations in Libya. A press statement issued by UNMIS said the meeting would be attended by the Joint Mediation Support Team of the UN and AU.

#### **UN and GoS discuss Naivasha crisis**

(*AlSudani*) The Deputy SRSR Taye Zerihoun has intensified contacts with the Sudanese parties in an effort to resolve the crisis between the CPA partners. He met yesterday with the Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Ali Karti.

The MoFA Spokesperson, Ali al Sadiq, said in a press statement after the meeting that Zerihoun has informed that he had visited and met with FVP and GoSS President Gen Salva Kiir Mayardit and a number of SPLM leaders who assured him that the partnership is not in danger and that the present situation could be overcome. Zerihoun said he has conveyed this to the UN Secretary-General.

### **GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)**

#### **South Sudanese to rejoin national government**

(*Reuter, Khartoum Monitor* – 17 Oct. JUBA) Sudan's former southern rebels said on Wednesday they would rejoin the national government to work through a stalemate on implementing a 2005 peace deal which ended Africa's longest civil war.

The Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) last week froze its membership of the coalition government complaining it was being sidelined and that key elements of a January 2005 peace deal were being ignored.

"President of south Sudan Salva Kiir is going to Khartoum tomorrow and there he will make a statement," said southern Information Minister Samson Kwaje.

Kwaje said they were rejoining the government to work through issues together, but added the SPLM still wanted to see progress by the third anniversary of the deal on January 9.

## **Bashir meets SPLM delegation, issues presidential decrees on ministerial reshuffle**

(*Akhbar Alyaum, AlRai AlAam*) President al Bashir has yesterday issued presidential decrees appointing a number of advisers, federal ministers and federal ministers of state.

### ***Presidential Advisors:***

- -Peter Niot Kok
- -William Ajak Deng

### ***Federal Ministers***

- Dr Lam Akol Ajawin, minister at the council of ministers' ministry
- Deng Alor Kol minister of foreign affairs
- Prof. George Bornek, minister of higher education
- Dr Mansur Khalid minister of foreign trade
- James Kol Rona, minister of humanitarian affairs
- Kosta Manibi, minister of investment.
- Lual Ashol Lual, minister of state at the presidency of the republic
- Telar Areng Deng, minister of state at the Ministry of Justice
- Abbas Jum'a Ubayd Allah, minister of state at the Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries
- Bol Mirial Dok, minister of state at the Ministry of Industry
- Isma'il Khamis Jallab, minister of state at the Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Aleu Anitu, minister of state at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

## **On SPLM decision to freeze participation in GoNU: Sudan President Bashir Hold Talks with Former Rebels**

(VOA) The Vice President of Southern Sudan, Riek Machar says his meeting with President Omar al-Bashir was cordial and full of promise. This comes after former rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement's (SPLM) pulled out of the unity government Sunday after complaining that President Bashir's government has refused to abide by a comprehensive peace agreement (CPA) it signed with the ex-rebels that led to the end of a 20-year war and formation of the unity government. Machar said their pull out of the unity government was a strategic signal to President Bashir's government about their unhappiness with its refusal to abide by the agreement.

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“It was a fruitful meeting. You would recall that on Sunday, I presented the interim political resolutions of the SPLM to the president through his minister for presidential affairs. Today we met and his request was that it would be good if the first vice president of the republic, Lieutenant General Salva Kiir Mayardit would come to Khartoum, and then they would resolve the issues. And according to him he felt that they could quietly work on these things,” Machar noted.

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“Well, basically it is our resolutions of the rule, which we broke down into four categories; the first category is six issues containing the non-implementation of the CPA. And in these are included the redeployment of Sudan armed forces from the two states in Southern Sudan, Unity state and Upper Nile state. Also, we discussed the issue of census, which is coming, the issue of borders, then the oil sector. These are within one category of non-implementation of the CPA. The second category was on violations pertaining to human rights, bill of rights, and arbitrary arrests of political leaders, including some of the political cadres of the SPLM. The third category was basically of the lack of inaction of affecting to reshuffle, which was requested by the first Vice President of the republic Lieutenant General Salva Kiir Mayardit,” he pointed out.

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“We are committed to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The action we did was a wakeup call. We decided that we would recall the ministers of the SPLM from the government of national unity, and that is the federal government excluding the state, so this by any means cannot bring about war, because I believe the two parties are committed to the CPA. But we must make sure that the CPA is implemented fully and correctly so that we could be engaged in national reconciliation and healing and prepare the whole country for the coming general elections,” he said.

### **Abel Alier to mediate between SPLM and NCP the ruling party**

(*Khartoum Monitor*) Reports from Khartoum indicate that consultations are underway to tap the former First Vice President of Sudan Abel Alier as a mediator in the current crises between SPLM and NCP.

The daily *AlSudani* newspaper reported that some figures from southern Sudan are working on having Alier try to bridge the difference between SPLM and NCP. Several officials told *AlSudani* that Alier is a widely accepted figure with proven track record of resolving major issues such as those during the Naivasha talks leading to the CPA.

### **Kiir says NCP has grabbed his powers as thousands take to streets**

(*The Citizen*) Thousands of residents went into Juba streets in support of the SPLM resolution to suspend participation in the GoNU as in Khartoum; President Bashir finally agreed to meet SPLM deputy Chairman Riek Machar.

The masses walked 8 kilometers around Juba town in a move to inform the 14 countries who witnessed the signing of the CPA in Nairobi two years ago that their mandate was not yet over.

Speaking to the massive crowd, Government of Southern Sudan President Salva Kiir said his powers in the unity government have been grabbed by the governing National Congress Party. “I have no job to do in Khartoum that is why I come and stay here” said Kiir.

Kiir defended his party’s resolution to suspend its participation from the Unity Government. “We will not go back to war. No body wants to go back to war” he said. He warns that if the NCP refused to implement the resolutions taken by the SPLM political Bureau, a supreme body of the SPLM, there would be no agreement.

### **Press Release: Assessment and Evaluation Commission**

(*The Citizen*) the Assessment and Evaluation Commission (AEC) fully rejects statements attributed to it by NCP External Relations Secretary Kamal Ubayd to the Sudanese Media Center on 07 October 2007 in connection with NCP’s response to statement made by D.S Special Envoy Mr. Andrew Natsios regarding the political atmosphere between the Northern and Southern partners.

Mr. Ubayd had claimed that “the Evaluation and Assessment Commission had said 90 percent of the CPA has been rescued” Such a statement was never made by the Assessment and Evaluation Commission has never expressed any opinion regarding the statement made by D.S Special Envoy Natsios.

### **Salva: We will continue with NCP up to referendum**

(*AlRai AlAam*) FVP and President of GoSS and SPLM Salva Kiir said the SPLM will continue working with the NCP to the end, conducting a referendum on self-determination. We will try to remove all obstacles in order to achieve progress, he added. Addressing a public gathering in Juba, Kiir accused a group in the NCP of being against the SPLM and works exploiting the present crisis. Kiir said he has chosen to stay in Juba during the past period because he was marginalized in Khartoum

### **SPLA Refuses Withdrawing From Al Dabab and Abu Tarig in S. Kordofan before February Next Year**

(*Al-Sahafa*) The Political Commission for Cease-fire Co- Chairman Al Dirdiri Mohammed Ahmed said SPLA new timetable for withdrawing its troops from S. Kordofan and Darfur is considered a violation to commission's resolution determined in the presence of SPLM representative besides UN member.

Dirdiri said a SPLA allegation that it could not withdraw their troops because of the rainy season was “unjustifiable”. He explained that SPLA elements there are about some hundreds. He adds that armed forces have offered logistical support to complete withdrawing process like what happened in the east. But he said SPLA did not respond to the offer. Nevertheless Dirdiri said that they are waiting to hear from the UN on the SPLA violations.

SPLA has suggested a timetable for withdrawing from Al Dabab and Abu Tarig in south Kordofan. The timetable suggested that SPLA elements should start withdrawing from the two respective areas by the end of February next year.

However, political commission for ceasefire determined that SPLA shall withdraw forces from these two areas in a period of one week time.

### **Former Sudan rebels set Jan. deadline for implementing deal**

(*Reuters* – 16 Oct. KHARTOUM) Former south Sudanese rebels demanded on Tuesday that outstanding provisions of a 2005 peace deal with the Khartoum government be implemented by Jan. 9 to salvage an agreement that ended more than 20 years of civil war.

Sudan's president met a delegation led by the Sudan People's Liberation Movement's vice chairman, Riek Machar, the first meeting since SPLM ministers quit the government last week. The two sides say they will not return to war, but blame each other for a stalemate in implementing the Jan. 2005 deal.

## **Egypt Mubarak urges dialogue to contain Sudan's political differences**

(*Xinhua* – 16 Oct. CAIRO) Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said on Tuesday that during his upcoming visit to Sudan he will deliver a message by President Hosni Mubarak to urge all parties to pursue dialogue in order to contain their differences.

Abul Gheit will visit Sudan on Wednesday with Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman. He said that Mubarak made the appeal to the Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir and the leadership of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), according to a statement from the Egyptian foreign ministry.

The message also aims to encourage both parties to work together to tackle the challenges in implementing the comprehensive peace agreement signed between the Sudanese government and the SPLM in 2005, Abul Gheit was quoted as saying.

## **China urges Sudan to solve political crisis through dialogue, Arab League ready to assist in overcoming NCP-SPLM crisis**

(*Alsahafa*) The Arab League is anxious about the current differences between the NCP and the SPLM over the implementation of the CPA.

A statement issued Tuesday by the League's Secretariat-General said that the League has been tracing the recent developments with due concern, adding that as it had been a witness to the signing of the agreement, it was committed to call for dialogue between the two parties in a bid overcome disputes and implement the pending issues in the agreement.

The statement expressed the League's keenness for the respect of the CPA's provisions and commitment to implement them, resolving to assist in resuming negotiations in coordination with the international partners

Meanwhile, China voiced its concerns on Tuesday over the political crisis in Sudan and urges relevant parties to settle their problems through dialogue and consultations.

## **Government Delegation will leave to Egypt to Discuss Infiltration of Sudanese Refugees into Israel**

(*Alsahafa*) Government said its will send a delegation to Egypt early next November to discuss the phenomenon of infiltration of Sudanese refugees into Israel through Egyptian borders.

Commissioner of refugees Dr Mohammed Ahmed Al Agbash said the government is worried about the phenomenon which has become main headiness in western media. He said the government delegation to Cairo should meet Egyptian official in charge of refugees' dossier at the ministry of foreign affair, in order to handle the situation.

## **GoSS**

### **Four SPLA soldiers wounded in Bor town**

(*AlSahafa*) Four soldiers from the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) are wounded and admitted to hospital in Bor town, Jongolei State, after an attack by colleagues from another base.

According to Lt Colonel Nyandit soldiers from Paryak were matching on Sunday when they were shot at. He said the soldiers in Paryak can not now move to Bor. Lt Colonel Nyandit said the latest incident is the third time the SPLA soldiers are fighting themselves.

## **Darfur**

### **UN-AU joint mediation team presents to Darfur rebel groups road map for Sert talks**

(*AlSahafa*) The UN-AU Joint Mediation Support Team has explained to the representatives of the DPA non-signatory rebel groups its vision on the agenda of the peace talks to be held in Libya end of this month. The team's vision includes proposals on wealth sharing, power sharing, security arrangements, humanitarian and land issues, guarantees, implementation mechanisms and Darfur-Darfur dialogue. Sources participating in Juba meeting revealed that the most important issues are national income and budget, compensations, reconstruction, disarmament of the janjaweed, ceasefire and mechanisms for final security arrangements. On power sharing the issues include the status of Darfur region, participation of the Darfurians at the federal and state levels. In a surprise move the SLM Minawi Sidiq Abdelkarim (known as Masaleet) and Mohamed Ali Kily have joined the SLM (Group 19).

Meanwhile, SLM (G 19), SLM Ahmed Abdelshafi and SLM Abdallah Yahia are discussing possibility for a merger between the three groups.

### **Splinter Darfur rebels search for common ground**

(*Reuters* – 16 Oct. JUBA) Representatives of seven Darfur rebel groups met in south Sudan, on Monday, try to reach a common negotiating position ahead of peace talks with the government.

But huge doubts remain about whether Darfur's rapidly fracturing rebel groups will be able to agree on a joint set of grievances and negotiating points before they travel to Libya for the negotiations with Khartoum on Oct. 27.

Even as the meeting got under way, rebels' leaders said some fighters were shifting allegiances.

Organizers of the meeting in Juba, capital of south Sudan, said rebels would have up to five days to find common ground. Some delegates in Juba told Reuters they were optimistic.



A spokesman for the meeting's organizers, the South Sudan Darfur Taskforce, said they were hopeful the founder of the rebel Sudan Liberation Movement, Abdel Wahid Mohamed el-Nur, would attend.

### **Thai troops to join UN peacekeeping mission in Darfur**

(*Peoples Daily*) Thailand's Supreme Command Headquarters would send troops to join the United Nations and African Union peacekeeping mission in Darfur, Sudan from late this year, said a senior officer Tuesday.

Lt.Gen Palangkoon Klahan, director of the Military's Civil Affairs Division, said 800 Thai soldiers would participate in the peacekeeping mission in the western region of Darfur, which makes Thailand the only country outside the African Union member countries selected to join the task.

The Thai troops would leave Thailand tentatively on Dec. 31, Palangkoon was quoted by Thai News Agency as saying.

The Thai military's task would cover protection of civilians, their buildings and facilities as well as ensuring free movement of staff working for the United Nations and humanitarian organizations, said Palangkoon. They would also help to enforce the Darfur Peace Agreement and prevent any attempt to obstruct it, he said.

### **Chad declares state of emergency on Sudan border as 20 killed**

(*Irish Examiner*) CHAD'S government yesterday declared a state of emergency along its eastern border with Sudan's Darfur and in its remote desert to the north to tackle a flare-up of ethnic violence that killed at least 20 people.

The emergency periods, which will last 12 days, gives local governors powers to restrict movement of people and vehicles, meetings and media coverage in the eastern Ouaddai and Wadi Fira regions and an area known as the BET in the north.

The measures, which also gave authorities 24-hour search and arrest powers, came a day after European Union foreign ministers approved the deployment of a peacekeeping force of up to 3,000 European troops in eastern Chad in the coming weeks.

"In addition to the situation of war on the frontier with Sudan... we are seeing more and more murderous inter-community conflicts that bring bloodshed to certain regions of the country," Communication Minister Hourmadji Moussa Doumgor said.

"The administrative and military authorities of the relevant regions must tackle this intolerable situation with all appropriate means," he said in a statement.

President Idriss Deby's government announced the move after at least 20 people were killed in recent ethnic clashes in the Wadi Fira region of eastern Chad following the desertion of a group of former rebels loyal to the defence minister.

The violence between the Tama and the Zaghawa communities broke out after an estimated 1,000 Tama fighters, ex-members of the former rebel group FUC (United Front for Democratic Change) who had been loyal to and served under Defence Minister Mahamat Nour, abandoned the eastern town of Guereda last week and moved close to the border.

### **In southern Darfur, signs of another massacre**

(*The New York Times* – 16 Oct.) African Union and United Nations officials are looking into reports of a new massacre in Darfur, in which witnesses said Sudanese government troops and their allied militias had killed more than 30 civilians, slitting the throats of several men praying at a mosque and shooting a 5-year-old boy in the back as he tried to run away.

According to several residents of Muhajiriya, a small town in southern Darfur, two columns of uniformed government troops, along with dozens of militiamen not in uniform, surrounded the town around noon on Oct. 8 and stormed the market.

[\[Find attached the full text.\]](#)

### **I'm impersonated, says Darfur rebel commander**

(*The Citizen*) Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) Commander Abdalla Harran yesterday told the Citizen that an individual among the factions meeting in Juba Tuesday used his name and claimed to be a founder and Chairman of SLM/A.

Representatives of seven Darfur rebel groups met in south Sudan on Monday to try to reach a common negotiating position ahead of peace talks with the government.

The SLM/A Commander said someone called him from Khartoum, asking if he was in Juba because the person had been informed thus. “I’m in Jabal Marra” said Hassan. “What will take me to Juba since I am not part of Tripoli meeting?”

He accused some individuals saying “After they failed to bring genuine peace to Darfur they started using our names” Hassan said.

The SLM Commander said that the position of his group is crystal clear. Any meeting anywhere without providing security and cessations of hostilities is futile.