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### **UN/ Agencies**

#### **Presidential statement from UN Security Council on Darfur talks, Council warns of boycotting**

(*Akhbar Alyaum, Sudan Tribune*) the UN Security Council has concluded early this morning a consultation meeting in which it was briefed on a report by the UN Secretary General on preparations for the Sirte peace talks on Darfur. Sudan Ambassador to the UN Abdelmahmoud Abdelhalim told Akhbar Alyaum that the Security Council has urged all parties to attend and to engage fully and constructively in the talks and to reach an agreement on cessation of hostilities under the supervision of the UN and AU. In a presidential statement the Council threatened sanctions against whoever impedes the faltering peace process. The Council appealed to member states to provide aircrafts for transporting the requirements of the hybrid operation in Darfur. The Council asked the UN Secretary General to provide a report on progress and obstacles facing deployment of the hybrid operation.

#### **UN: 75 killed in clashes between Salamat and Habania tribes**

(*AlSudani*) Tribal clashes in an area near Buram in South Darfur have resulted in the killing of 75 people and injuring others. UNMIS said in a news bulletin yesterday said the Salamat tribe attacked on Monday last week the Habania tribe in Samaseen area west of Buram and other two areas near Shurab south-east Buram. According to unconfirmed reports the 75 people who have been killed are from the Habania. From the Salamat 6 people were killed and 12 injured. The attack came as a retaliation of an earlier one by the Habania against the Salamat in Manzoula villager south-west Nyala.

#### **UN turns the Darfurian Movements unification into a failure**

(*Sudan Tribune*) A rebel Darfur Movement leader, Eng. Abul Ghasim Ahmed , has accused the United Nations of interfering to spoil any action and effort through which the other seek to unify the movements, factions and leaders of Darfur to bring an end to the current crisis in the region. “UN has spoiled and aborted the first Juba conference and then the Momisa conference “humanitarian dialogue groups”, Abul Ghasim told Sudan Tribune by phone. He confirmed that the organization has strongly attempted to acknowledge the tribal approach to resolving the issue in the next negotiations, turning a blind eye to the political settlement.

## **UN and partners establish Darfur peace fund**

(*Sudan Tribune.com, AllIntibaha*) The UN and partner organizations announced on Wednesday that they launched the Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund for the restive western Sudanese region. The UN and partners said in a statement that the fund would be used to support peace building in Darfur and reconciliation through the implementation of community-based recovery and development activities in areas where local leaders could guarantee security and commit to a political dialogue. The Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund will complement positive developments on the political front during and after the forthcoming Darfur peace negotiations through providing program support to livelihood and governance, including rule of law, peace support at a local level and the expansion of basic social service delivery.

## **UN envoy appeals to Darfur rebels to attend talks**

(*Sudan Tribune.com – 24 Oct. UNITED NATIONS*) Three days before key negotiations on Darfur, a U.N. envoy appealed on Wednesday to reluctant and disunited rebel groups to show up, saying they could still consult with each other after the talks open. U.N. envoy Jan Eliasson said the "moment of truth" had arrived in the 4-1/2-year-old Darfur conflict and it was essential to get the talks going before momentum was lost.

**Read more:** [UN envoy appeals to Darfur rebels to attend talks](#)

## **UN working to diffuse tension between North, South**

(*BBC Mon*) *Radio Miraya FM website* - The force commander of the United Nations Mission in Sudan, Lt-Gen Jasbir Liddar Singh, has said that the United Nations is working hand-in-hand with the Sudan Armed Forces and the SPLA to try to evolve the approaches towards diffusing the tensions between the two parties. Speaking after the meeting of the Cease-fire Joint Monitoring Commission (CJMC) in Juba, Mr. Singh said that the commission has decided to play a proactive role by visiting the areas where there is tension. He called upon the political bodies monitoring the cease-fire to hold an emergency meeting on the security issues.

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

### **Bashir and Salva agree to solve issues through dialogue**

(*AlRai AlAam*) President al Bashir and FVP Salva Kiir held yesterday evening a meeting at which they discussed the pending and disputed issues between the two CPA partners and agreed to solve all pending issues through dialogue. The meeting resolved to continue constructive dialogue necessary for implementing the CPA.

### **SPLA denies taking over Hijlij oilfield**

(*Khartoum Monitor*) a leading source in the SPLA in South Kordofan state denied news that the SPLA took over Hijlij oilfields yesterday. He added that the SPLA and specially Miseria fighters who joined the SPLA recently withdrew to the south of the existing boundaries as per independence at the end of autumn. The withdrawal will be affected in accordance with the timetable set by the Joint Technical Committee of the

Political Ceasefire Commission. Newspapers yesterday carried news that a 100-strong force of the SPLA took over Keilak Alkharsana areas on Khartoum Higlig road and that SPLA's Miseria force took over the north-western part of the oil field.

### **Sudan should stick to the hybrid agreement**

(*Sudan Vision*) State minister of Foreign Affairs, Ali Karti stated that the deployment of hybrid forces in Darfur should be based on the references agreed upon which depend on the Africanization of troops. In press statement following his meeting with the special Chinese peace envoy to Darfur, Liu Guijin last Tuesday, Karti confirmed Sudan commitment to the agreement with the UN related to the hybrid forces in Darfur. He pointed out that some news is fabricated about Sudan rejection to the hybrid forces. He also assured the government commitment to the other technical components in the framework of the heavy package support.

### **As a result of Abyei issue Miseriya threaten to ask its tribesmen to withdraw from political forces**

(*Alwan*) The Abyei issue witnessed a new development as the Miseriya has put the political forces under a real test and began the process of setting up a committee to meet the leaders of the political organizations to hear their views on Abyei. Further, the Miseriya decided to ask their tribesmen to withdraw from any political party that does not support their views on Abyei issue on basis of the documents and records they have on Abyei. The Miseriya will hold a meeting this evening in preparation for the Miseriya Conference for Peace and Development which will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November in al Mujlad. The meeting will be briefed by the Wali of South Kordofan on the security situation in the area.

### **Minister of Defense assesses situation on the ground in White Nile**

(*AlAyam*) The Minister of Defense Gen Abdelrahim Mohamed Hussein, who visited the While Nile State yesterday, held a meeting with the state security committee, police and military authorities to assess the security situation in the state. The visit was preceded by press reports alleging the SPLA is massing troops at some areas of the state.

### **Police and Languages Council laws tabled at National Assembly**

(*AlRai AlAam*) The 2007 Police Law and the 2007 Law of the National Council for the Development National Languages have been tabled yesterday at the National Assembly.

### **Sudan's army confirms safety of Heglig oilfield in South Sudan**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 24 ct. KHARTOUM) The Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) confirmed on Wednesday the safety of an oilfield in Heglig region in southern Sudan, which had been reportedly seized by the former rebel (SPLM). The Heglig oilfield, the biggest one in Sudan, was "totally safe," said the spokesman of SAF. He told reporters that all the roads, airports, entrances and exits of the region were under the control of army forces, adding that the army forces were performing their duties there "with all the

efficiency and capability." The pro-ruling National Congress Party Akhir Lahzah newspaper reported on Wednesday that the SPLM had taken control of the Heglig oilfield. The Arabic-language daily claimed that the SPLM had deployed a battalion around the region and had cut the road between Khartoum and Heglig by putting some 100 soldiers at the northern entrance of the region.

### **US Rice concerned about Sudan peace deal, Darfur**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 24 Oct. WASHINGTON) U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on Wednesday she was very concerned about a crumbling peace agreement in southern Sudan and took aim at Khartoum for its behavior in Darfur and the south. Rice said the administration had asked for \$70 million in the supplemental budget to help with some of the reconstruction efforts in southern Sudan and also to help strengthen the government. "We are very concerned about the behavior of the north, about Khartoum, in dealing with southern Sudan ... about their behavior in Darfur and eastern Sudan," Rice said after being asked if Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir was still putting in roadblocks to bringing in peacekeepers into Darfur. "But their behavior in the CPA has also not been good," she added.

## **GoSS**

### **South Sudan's ambitious railway deal to create 5000 jobs**

(*The Citizen*) the 5,000 jobs would be available once work starts on an ambitious project to build a railway that stretches from Wau to the Indian Ocean at Djibouti, and from Juba to Eastern DR-Congo and Northern Uganda. The \$1.6 billion, 3-year project would begin as soon as the government of Southern Sudan and the company financing the work, Ayr Logistic Limited, ink the deal, the investors told *The Citizen* in last week while on a brief visit to Juba. The deal would be a joint venture between AYR and the new Sudan Foundation, and would be financed by the former and co-owned by the two parties.

### **South Sudan parliament backs withdrawal SPLM from central government**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 24 Oct. WASHINGTON) The lawmakers at Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly (SSLA) on Tuesday, passed resolutions supporting a decision taken by SPLM Interim Political Bureau and formation of a committee to meet the two presidents, Salva Kiir of the Government of Southern Sudan and Omar Al Bashir of the Republic of Sudan. Appreciating, honorable James Duku's presentation, the speaker of SSLA, Hon. James Wani Igga thanks mover of the motion and MPs for their frank and open deliberation on vital issues that is of concern to the whole nation. Hon. Wani said the select committee will immediately meet with president Kiir then proceeds to meet with President Al Bashir in Khartoum as peace seeker. Duku stated that the current evolving political crisis between the SPLM and the NCP spark by continues violations on the implementation of the CPA signed on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2005.

**Read more:** [South Sudan parliament backs withdrawal SPLM from central government](#)

## **Phone calls from regional and international leaders make Kiir change his mind**

(*Alwan*) Informed sources told Alwan that just before holding his last press conference in Juba, Salva Kiir has received many telephone calls from some regional and international leaders requesting him not take further measures that may deepen the rift between the SPLM and NCP. Kiir, who was planning to announce at the press conference the suspension of SPLM participation in the National Assembly and the state governments, have changed his mind in the last minute as a result of the calls which he had received.

## **Darfur**

### **Darfur rebels say they kidnap foreign oil workers**

(*Sudan Tribune.com* – 24 Oct. EL-FASHER, Sudan) The Darfur rebel Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) said on Wednesday it had attacked the Defra oil field in Block 4, one of Sudan's largest sources of crude, and kidnapped two foreign oil workers. "This is a message to China and Chinese oil companies to stop helping the government with their war in Darfur," said JEM commander Abdel Aziz el-Nur Ashr. He added they had taken two oil workers hostage, one Canadian and one Iraqi. JEM spokesman for the Kordofan region, which neighbours Darfur, Ali al-Wafi Bashar, said the attackers had fought Sudanese forces near the oil installation on Tuesday. "We took three army vehicles and killed 20 soldiers," he added. "We want all oil companies to leave Sudan within one week," he said, without giving details.

### **Outcome of Darfur movements meeting in Juba to be declared today**

(*Khartoum Monitor*) A source in the Darfur rebel movements presently convening in Juba said the outcome of the meeting will be declared today at press conference to be held by political leaders and military commanders.

### **IDPs appeal to humanitarian agencies to resume activities**

(*AlAyam*) IDPs in camps around Zalingy appealed to humanitarian agencies to resume their activities as the living conditions in the camps are deteriorating. They asked the UN and AU to exert pressure on the Government to release seven people are in detention since the events of al Himedia camp. The spokesperson of the IDPs in West Darfur Adam Boshi the suspension of the activities of the humanitarian agencies has increased the sufferings of the IDPs. He accused the government of attempts to force the IDPs to leave the camps. The IDPs spokesperson said they are not happy as the IDPs have not represented in Sirte peace talks.

## **ON SIRTE PEACE TALKS ON DARFUR:**

### **Government Affirms Keeness on Success of the Sirte Talks**

(*Sudan Vision*) President of the Republic Field Marshal Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir has underlined that the government is keen on the success of the negotiations to be held with the non-signatory rebel factions at the beginning of the coming week in Libya.

During the talks he held with the AU chief, Alpha Omar Konare last Tuesday in the Republican Palace, the President of the Republic discussed the final arrangements of Sirte talks as well as the humanitarian situation on the ground and the hybrid operation in Darfur. In statements he made following the talks, Konare reaffirmed the AU commitment to availing the prerequisite capacities for the success of the talks.

"We are working side by side with the UN to provide favourable conditions for the success of the negotiations," Konare said, adding that missing this opportunity for peace can only mean more suffering, strife and hardships.

The government meanwhile announced that it has formed its delegation for the talks, presided by Dr. Nafi Ali Nafi, the in-charge of Darfur file, in addition to the all the components of the Government of National Unity.

To that effect, Presidential Advisor, Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, denied any intention to postpone the talks, reiterating that all the signals received from the international community indicate that the talks will be held as per schedule.

In a different development, the government has decided to declare a ceasefire as of 27 October, simultaneous with the inaugural session of the talks. Sudan's Ambassador to the UN, Abdel Mahmoud Abdel Halim, stated that the decision comes for creating a favorable environment for the negotiators to reach an agreement as well as for building confidence.

The Arab League Secretary General, Amre Musa, for his part expressed his hope that Sirte negotiations will finally and decisively resolve the Darfur crisis, revealing that the Arab League will continue its efforts to establish peace in Darfur through its coordination and communications with the AU, UN and concerned states. He added that the conference for supporting the humanitarian conditions in Darfur to be held at the end of the current month in Khartoum constitutes an important step towards the implementation of DPA provisions. He further pointed out that the conference will witness the participation of international and Arab organizations and financing funds, Arab businessmen and Arab ministers and officials.

### **Darfur entities to agree on charter for Sirte**

(*AlIntibaha*) The Darfur entities will meet today in El Fasher to agree on a common position and a charter for Sirte talks to be delivered to GoS team for negotiations, AU and rebel groups. The document to be agreed is hoped to represent the views of the people in the three states of Darfur.

### **Joint Mediation Team announces arrival of six rebel groups in Sirte**

(*AlAyam*) The UN-AU Joint Mediation Support Team said that representatives of seven rebel factions have arrived in Sirte for the Darfur peace talks. The Team expected that some field commanders to have arrived late yesterday. The Team's Information Official Ola-David George said from Sirte that the peace talks will begin as planned this Saturday. Sources suggest the Joint Mediation Support Team is planning to go ahead with the talks despite the absence of the influential factions. The Team says

delegations who arrived represent the SLM (Khamis Abaker), Revolutionary Democratic Front (Salah Abu al Surah), National Movement for reform and Development (Ismail Ali Sybo), United Revolutionary Front Forces (al Haj Adam Abu Jado), field commanders headed by Mohamed al Fayez and JEM Joint Command (Taj al Din Niam).

### **Joint AU-UN delegation heads for Libya to attend Darfur peace talks**

(BBC Mon – 24 Oct. Khartoum) *Suna website* - The joint AU-UN delegation left for Tripoli this afternoon to take part in the Darfur peace talks between the government and the movements which have rejected to sign the Abuja Peace Agreement. The meeting is expected to be held on 27 October in Sirte town. In a statement to Suna, AU spokesman Nouredine Mezni affirmed the AU's commitment to achieve peace in Darfur calling on all the movements to participate in these talks so that peace is achieved in Darfur. Mezni reiterated the international community, the AU and the UN's commitment to achieve peace in Darfur. He hoped that the Tripoli talks would be the final one for achieving comprehensive peace in Darfur.

### **JEM boycotts Sirte**

(AlRai AlAam) In a surprise development the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) decided to boycott, after consultations with other rebel groups, the Sirte peace talks on Darfur. JEM spokesperson Ahmed Hussein Adam said, in a press statement, that his movement is not prepared for participation in the talks.

### **SPLM delegation to leave for Tripoli**

(AlRai AlAam) The SPLM informed that it will send a delegation under the leadership of Edward Lino to Tripoli to explain the efforts which the SPLM has made to unify the rebel groups that met recently in Juba. GoSS Vice President Riak Machar said the SPLM delegation is not part of the Government's team of the talks.

### **SPLM slams accusations by Sudan ruling party of sabotaging Darfur peace**

(Sudan Tribune.com – 24 Oct. KHARTOUM) The former rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) blasted statements by a senior Sudanese official accusing them of standing behind decision by Darfur rebel groups to boycott peace talks in Sirte, Libya.

Sudan's presidential advisor Mustafa Ismail was quoted by Agence France-Presse (AFP) as saying that he suspected that SPLM "sought to torpedo the Sirte negotiations" through a Darfur rebel groups meeting they were hosting in Sudan's southern capital of Juba.

"Ismail is looking for a scapegoat in their failure to address the Darfur crisis. He should have left the Darfur matter to those in the NCP who were assigned the issue" Yasir Arman, deputy SPLM secretary general told Sudan Tribune by phone. "If Ismail and others in the National Congress Party (NCP) listened to suggestions by the SPLM to resolve the Darfur crisis things would have been very different" Arman said. Arman said the SPLM stands ready to contribute to a peaceful settlement to the Darfur crisis.