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## UN/ Agencies

### **GoSS, United Nations agree on mechanism for implementation of the CPA**

(SMC – 13 Aug. KHARTOUM) The Government of Southern Sudan and the United Nations have agreed to form a mechanism to cooperate in implementation of the CPA.

GoSS Vice-President Dr. Riek Machar said he met yesterday with UNMIS' Acting SRSG, Mr. Taye-Brook Zerihoun and agreed to reactivate the DDR and de-mining processes.

## GoNU (CPA; Darfur Peace Agreement; ESPA)

### **National DDR plan approved**

(SUNA via ReliefWeb) The National Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Coordination Council (NDDRCC), chaired by Minister of the Presidency, Gen. Bakri Hassan Salih, Monday has approved the national plan for disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants, as submitted by the experts council.

The plan stresses importance of Sudan's sovereignty over the program, which will be implemented by Sudanese cadres and financed by national funds. The plan further asserted the right in seeking technical assistance from the international community and donors should they comply with the law and sovereignty of the Sudan.

Meanwhile, State Minister at the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Ahmed Mohammed Haroun, said in a statement to the press after the meeting that the Chairman of the NDDRCC will submit the plan to the Presidency for approval.

In the same line, the Commissioner for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration for North Sudan, Dr. Sulafaddin Salih, said the meeting discussed referring the issues of the DDR in the three areas to the Presidency. Dr. Salih revealed registration of some 45,000 demobilized persons in the North and that the Commission is studying the possible options for their reintegration in the society, adding that other 55,000 were registered by the South Commission. DDR Commissioner for the South Arop Mayak said DDR work in the three areas is made in coordination with the North Commission, pointing out that coordination is made via the national DDR Council. Secretary General of the NDDRCC, Brig. Osman Nouri, said the national plan considered the visions of the UN, the Constitution, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, the republican decrees as well as the points of view of the experts committee.

## **Police uncovers another explosives lab in Soba; 8 suspects to face charges**

(*AIRai AIAam et al* 14 Aug. KHARTOUM) Following a campaign yesterday police have uncovered more weapons and explosives owned by the same group that was arrested in AlSalama area, Khartoum South.

In this latest campaign, three suspects have been arrested. All eight (the 3 arrested and the 5 arrested earlier) are of Sudanese nationality and include an engineer and a doctor.

The explosives uncovered included a large number of ammunition shells of different calibers, a large number of firearms and grenades, bags full of explosive substances and highly inflammable nitro-glycerine all stored in a very technical manner under a cement bunker.

## **South has noting to do with the boundaries of Misseiriya land**

(*SMC – 13 Aug. KHARTOUM*) Prominent leaders of the Missaria tribe have blasted SPLM Secretary-General Pagan Amum's proposal that the Abyei boundaries be demarcated as per the 1977/74/95 documents.

Chief Hireika Izzaldeen says Amum has been talking about administrative boundaries within Misseiriya areas in the north which have no connection to the south. He said these boundaries were made according to an initiative from the Misseiriya and based on local government of federal system law. He said Amum proposal indicates that he is ignorant of the nature of the area.

He explained that internal arrangements within Kordofan established the areas of Mujlad and Mairam as part of the area.

## **More than 7 injured in Juba University clash**

(*Khartoum Monitor*) More than 7 students were injured at the University of Juba's main campus at Kadaro in clashes between first year students who favoured a postponement of the exams and those who wanted to sit for the exams.

Police had to intervene and arrested 7 students.

## **Relatives of jailed Mubarak el-Fadil allowed to see him**

(*AIRai AIAam*) Authorities have allowed lawyers and relatives of suspects of the recent attempt at sabotage to visit the jailed suspects.

Mubarak el-Fadil's relatives and lawyers have also been allowed to visit.

## **GoSS**

### **Entire village ruined as JIU fight in oil-rich Unity State**

(*The Citizen*) Unity State remains tense following a heavy shootout between the JIUs and the local people that left at least three people dead, including the state's spiritual leader.

The shootout occurred on Saturday some 30 kilometres south of Bentiu where people at the Tuarkiel village are resisting forceful disarmament amidst civil clashes. The entire village has been reduced to ruins, citizens report. The JIUs raided the village of what remained including cattle and goats yesterday. The state governor was due to take sleeping material and food to the clash victims.

Lawmakers are calling for a full investigation into how the governor sent JIUs to do the policing when the SPLA is present in the area.

### **MPs given 20 square kilometres of city plots**

*(The Citizen)* A land bonanza has seen each member of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly receive some 1,200 square meters of land in Juba for construction of homes.

The first phase of this project saw some 80 lawmakers yesterday receive a plot of land each following an agreement reached by the Assembly and the Central Equatoria State government nearly two months ago.

The state government had initially declined to parcel out land for the lawmakers but under yesterday's agreement, each MP will pay some 1,400 pounds (\$700) to the state government.

"We would later consider the unclassified staff and the citizens," says the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Natural Resources, Land and Environment in the Assembly.

### **Unity state defends recruitment of Kenyan teachers**

*(SudanTribune.com – 14 Aug. KHARTOUM)* Addressing a press conference yesterday in Khartoum, Unity State's state minister of finance Simon Jandong defended his state for resorting to seek teachers from Kenya and Uganda to teach English.

He added that they had noted clear improvements in the capacity of students, and attributed this to the step taken, which he noted was necessitated by the weakness of the southern cadres in teaching the language.

He said there was need to expand education after the realization of peace and this was what made the state to seek foreign teachers.

### **Juba peace talks to resume in mid Sept Monday, 13th August, 2007**

*(The New Vision - KAMPALA)* Peace talks in Juba talks between the Ugandan Government and the LRA will resume mid next month, Okello Oryem, the foreign affairs state minister of Uganda, has announced.

Oryem said they were consulting the Ugandan public on an agreement the Government and the LRA delegation made in Juba on June 29.

Oryem, who is a member of the Government delegation, made the remarks yesterday at the opening of a consultative meeting at the Kampala Serena Hotel.

He explained that the meeting was aimed at collecting public views on the modalities for the implementation of the agreement.

One of the issues to be debated is how the Uganda Government and the LRA will commit themselves to prevent impunity and adopt appropriate justice mechanisms to promote reconciliation in accordance with the Constitution and international obligations.

## **Darfur**

### **African Union says Khartoum and Minnawi's intransigence on the Darfur Peace Agreement is a major obstacle before talks**

(*AlSahafa; AlRai AlAam*) The African Union Peace & Security Council says invitations for a new round of talks between the GoS and the non-signatory groups of the Darfur Peace Agreement will be sent out by the end of this month.

Commissioner Said Djinnit of the African Union Peace & Security Council added that the obstacles that the African Union and the UN intend to eliminate in order to prepare the path for the talks include the need to convince the government and SLM-Minnawi to reopen the Darfur Peace Agreement for negotiations or to additions. He pointed out that Khartoum and Minnawi's intransigence on the Darfur Peace Agreement is a key obstacle that has to be overcome because peace will require more concessions from both.

Commissioner Djinnit also said that efforts are underway to encourage AbdulWahid on board the peace process. He also said that the African Union and the UN are exerting efforts to bring about a comprehensive ceasefire before the talks kick off.

### **Darfur Arab rebels capture 12 Sudan soldiers**

(*Reuters – 13 Aug. KHARTOUM*) An obscure mostly Arab Darfur rebel group said on Monday it had kidnapped 12 Sudanese soldiers and challenged the government to stop mobilizing militias to counter the four-year-old revolt in western Sudan.

The Democratic Popular Front Army (DPFA) said in a statement sent to Reuters that among the captured was officer Ali Mohamed. By way of proof they offered his military I.D. number, 44206.

"This is the first time we have captured government soldiers," DPFA Secretary-General Osama Mohamed al-Hassan told Reuters.

"We have been marginalised by the government. The government took advantage of our sons and paid them and gave them arms and used them to fight against others," he said.

He was referring to the Popular Defence Forces, mobilized by the government to quell revolts in Darfur and during decades of civil war in the south.

"We want them to stop the PDF, to leave people to live their lives and be able to farm and feed their cattle and eat and live in peace," he said, adding the group would continue to fight the government.

Darfur experts called the DPFA stance significant.

A Sudanese army spokesman dismissed the report as false.

"This is lie. There's no basis to the news," he said.

A Sudanese analyst who declined to be named said Arab tribes felt they had been largely ignored in peace talks with the government.

"They have development needs too, and feel they are being labelled the bad guys," the analyst said.

Sudan expert Alex De Waal said the government may be worried by this development. ([Read more ...](#)).

### **Government warns rebels armed movements not to fall prey to war-lords**

(*SMC* – 13 Aug. KHARTOUM) Government has described the demands by non-signatory factions of the DPA to be consulted over the nationalities that would make up the hybrid forces as an ambush launched by war-lords within these movements.

The head of the Directorate for Peace at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Siraj-el-deen Hamid, said that the issue of nationality of the peacekeepers has already been determined at the regional and international levels.

### **Darfur's Jamous says may leave UN care Thursday**

(*Reuters* – 14 Aug. KHARTOUM) Darfur rebel figure Suleiman Jamous said on Monday if the United Nations did not respond to his request to fly him out of Sudan for medical treatment by Thursday, he would hand himself over to the government.

"If they refuse to take me out, I will just go out to where the government of Sudan is waiting to be detained, and I will consider this a compulsory turning over to the government by the U.N." he told Reuters by telephone.

"Now I am becoming indifferent. If I am detained by the United Nations or the government of Sudan it is the same," he said.

The United Nations was not immediately available to comment, but two U.N. sources have said they were unlikely to fly Jamous out of Sudan. ([Read more ...](#)).

### **AbdulWahid says will not allow the UN to negotiate deal over the hawakeer [traditional land rights]; SLM-A/Wahid member says the movement is ready for talks**

(*AlAyaam; AlHayat*) AbdulWahid Nur says the issue of traditional land rights locally known as *hawakeer* should not be in the agenda for coming talks between the government and the DPA non-signatory groups. "We will not allow any party ... be it the UN or others ... to negotiate on the *hawakeer*."

He pointed out that the Arusha consultations had mentioned the issue as a possible agenda item for the talks but his view is that the talks should focus on citizenship rights, a just distribution of power and wealth, full and equal rights to all and a clear separation of religion from state.

He pointed out that foreigners resettled by the government on the lands of Darfur to boost their elections chances have to go back home.

*AlHayat* daily reports meanwhile that Commander Gadoura, a senior member of SLM-AbdulWahid, says the movement is ready for talks for a real peace and not a peace like that signed with SLM-Minnawi.

### **Darfur rebel leader demands security before talks**

(*Reuters* – 13 Aug. PARIS) A key Darfur rebel who has boycotted a meeting aimed at paving the way for peace talks said on Monday there was no hope for the process without security on the ground first.

AbduLWahid Nur, whose movement commands wide support among some 2.5 million Darfuris living in refugee camps, met Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade in Paris to try to seek a solution to the standoff that has hampered the talks. But he said fighting had to stop before progress could be made.

"We want security on the ground and then we can go to the next steps," Nur told reporters after the meeting. "We want conflict suspension, conflict resolution, then conflict transformation. The African Union started with the second step. This is why the process is going to collapse."

He dismissed the meeting in Arusha as a "creation of the Khartoum government" aimed at dividing the rebel movement. "They are not representative of Darfur people," he said.

But Wade, who met Nur after a request from Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir as well as overtures from Nur himself, said the SLA leader should join the talks.

"I told him, you have to go to the discussions," he said. "To be a party, you have to be present. I have never seen a movement stay outside, come in the day before elections and get a good result. You have to participate in the process." ([Read more...](#)).

### **Outrage over AU chief statement on Darfur force**

(*SudanTribune.com* – 13 Aug. WASHINGTON) A Darfur rebel leader expressed "deep disappointment" over statements made by African Union (AU) chairman in which he said that the UN-AU hybrid force will be under AU command.

UN resolution 1769 authorizing on Darfur stated that "there will be unity of command and control," meaning a single chain of command and that "command and control structures and backstopping will be provided by the United Nations".

Abdelwahid al-Nur leader of Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) told Sudan Tribune that Konare's statements "only mean that we are back to square one".

“This is a UN-AU force and as such it should incorporate troops from all over the world. We need an effective peace force to protect civilians. We do not simply want the deployment of extra troops in Darfur that do nothing but receive salaries” he added.

In the same vein, Suleiman Marjan, a leading commander from the SLA says, "The African Union chairman statements in Khartoum yesterday lead us to reconsider our position on the participation of the African troops in Darfur because they take a sensitive issue like this [Darfur crisis] as business to earn money and gain positions."

Marjan said African Union officials seem more inclined to satisfy Khartoum than playing a neutral role to end the ongoing crisis in Darfur.

Eric Reeves, an academic and an expert on Sudan affairs, told Sudan Tribune that “Khartoum has managed to secure Konare as an ally within the AU, which ensures that deployment of an AU/UN force will be that much more difficult”.

“Konare’s statement will make it impossible to attract non-African troops or civilian police; this is an enormously consequential development, and deeply threatens the viability of the force” he added. ([Read more ...](#); [and ...](#)).

### **Darfur rebel commanders say not concerned by Arusha outcome**

(*SudanTribune.com* – 13 Aug. LONDON) Suleiman Marjan, a leading commander in the rebel Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) said they traveled to Arusha earlier this month only to hold talks on the sideline of the consultations with other SLM factions on the reunification of the movement.

The rebel commander told Sudan Tribune that "We are not concerned by the outcome of this meeting. Also we didn't take part in the sessions."

Marjan added "People should know that." He further indicated they only attended the closing session on August 6 and only carried a unity message on the behalf of the field commanders to the other SLM factions participating in the AU-UN sponsored meeting in northern Tanzania.

Marjan expressed disappointment by the results of the inter-SLM talks in Arusha said “They all agree with us on the need for the unity but when you go in depth with them every one try just to have our support for his leadership. They are not really genuine for the plight of Darfur people and the unity of the movement."

He also disclosed that they agreed with the United Nations envoy to organize a meeting for the field commanders and the chairman of the movement Abdelwahid Al-Nur very soon. He added that they are waiting for the UN to honor its pledge. ([Read more ...](#)).

### **Miscellaneous:**

#### **Chad government, opposition agree 'historic' deal**

(*AFP* – 14 Aug. N'DJAMENA) Chad’s government and opposition agreed Monday to put off elections until 2009 and to share some power in the meantime, in a deal described by EU mediators as a "historic chance" for peace there.

The accord followed six months of negotiations between the Patriotic Salvation Movement of President Idriss Deby Itno, which dominates the national assembly, and most opposition parties.

It allows for elections to be put off from next December to enable new computerized and tamper-proof electoral lists to be drawn up and biometric voters' cards to be issued to prevent fraud.

In the meantime the opposition, headed by the Coordination for the Defense of the Constitution (CPDC) which groups some 20 parties, including four in parliament, will take part in the government and in "public activities".

The Action Federation for the Republic (FAR), which has seats in parliament, was the only major opposition bloc not to have signed the agreement. ([Read more ...](#)).