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Qazi: I will work to build confidence among the Sudanese

(AlSahafa) The newly-appointed Special Representative to UN Secretary-General (SRSG) to Sudan Ashraf Qazi has pledged to rectify any impressions believed by the conflicting parties in Sudan as regards UN's bias to one side at the expense of others.

Qazi, who was recently appointed as SRSG replacing Ian Pronk, said he acknowledges the sensitivities of the issues, thus, he added he would intend to gain the confidence of all parties.

Qazi, who will officially assumed his post late next Oct., vowed he would concentrate his efforts on the implementation of the CPA, maintaining that any progress to this effect was linked with the solution of the struggle in Darfur region. He said that he would employ his resourceful experience in Iraq, where the sectarian conflict there left tens of thousands dead and millions displaced, to deal with some issues in Sudan.

He added that building absolute institutions and confidence to implement the political issues should be given priority, pointing out that the urgent requirement was the implementation of the CPA and that all parties were free to take any stance they desire.

Adada calls on government and DPA non-signatory movements to be prepared for deployment of hybrid operation

(AlSahafa) UN-AU Special Envoy to Darfur Adolph Adada has called on the government and Darfur rebel movements to be prepared for the deployment of the hybrid operation prior to join the final talks after six months in Tripoli, Libya. He urged them to work with determination to realize the aspiration of Darfur people in a bid to reach just and durable peace.

In a statement he issued in observance of the holy fasting month of Ramadan, Adada expressed hope that the holy month would carry the omens of lasting peace, which all observers agreed that it would not be militarily solved.

Adada renewed his call to all parties to the conflict to cease hostilities during this holy month in order to create atmosphere conducive to successful talks. He linked the success of UNMID to realization of peace on the ground.

GoNU (CPA, DPA, ESPA)

Sudan's Bashir offers Darfur ceasefire, blasts rebels

(*SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. ROME) Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir said Friday he was ready to call a ceasefire in the war-torn province of Darfur ahead of October peace talks while accusing rebels of prolonging the conflict.

"We think a number of factions are not ready for peace. They are enjoying their stay in luxurious hotels in Europe," Beshir told an evening news conference in Rome. "We can say they are marketing the suffering of their people in Darfur."

Beshir made the ceasefire offer ahead of his first meeting with Pope Benedict XVI, who voiced his "heartfelt hope" for the success of the peace talks, the Vatican said.

"We stated that we are prepared for a ceasefire for the start of negotiations in order to create a positive climate conducive to a positive end to the negotiations," Beshir said after talks with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi.

The Sudanese president said he asked Prodi to pressure "certain European countries harboring some of these rebel groups" to persuade them to come to the negotiating table.

During Bashir's audience with Benedict at the papal residence at Castel Gandolfo near Rome late Friday morning, the Vatican said "very positive views were expressed concerning fresh peace negotiations for Darfur."

A Vatican communiqué said: "It is the Holy See's heartfelt hope that these negotiations prove successful in order to put an end to the suffering and insecurity of those people."

For his part, Prodi called on Bashir's government to make "realistic contributions" to the October negotiations. He pledged financial help, transport and logistical assistance, as well as training for a UN peacekeeping force to be deployed in Darfur.

Meanwhile, *A leading rebel field commander of Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) rejected pledges by the Sudanese president to observe ceasefire* at the start of the peace talks on 27 October in Tripoli Libya.

Sudan's President Omar Al-Bashir met with the pope and Italy's premier Friday and offered to declare a cease-fire with Darfur rebels to coincide with the start of U.N.-backed peace talks next month.

However the SLA commander for North Darfur region, Suleiman Marajan told Sudan Tribune that the pledge implies that al-Bashir will not adhere to the ceasefire agreement with those who refuse to participate in Tripoli talks.

Marjan also said that Al-Bashir's pledge is an acknowledgement that he is not currently committed to the ceasefire agreement despite past statements saying otherwise.

Sudan tells IMF budget strained by peace accords

(*SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. WASHINGTON) The cost of complying with a series of peace accords is straining Sudan's budget, top Sudanese officials said in a letter to the International Monetary Fund released Friday asking for debt relief.

"The demands of implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, the Eastern Peace Agreement and the Darfur Peace Agreement are substantial," Sudan's Finance Minister Al-Zubeir Ahmed Al-Hassan and Central Bank Governor Sabir Mohammed Hassan told IMF Managing Director Rodrigo de Rato.

"The situation would be improved considerably with greater donor support and recognition of our accomplishments," the officials said in the July 27 letter laying out Sudan's economic policy plans through December 2008.

Sudan will make minimum debt payments of at least \$50 million to the IMF in 2007 and 2008, and will restrict new commercial borrowings to no more than \$700 million in each of the two years, the officials said.

Defense demands release of defendants of attempted coup, Amnesty accuses government of torturing them

(*AlSahafa, SudanTribune.com* – 13 Sept. KHARTOUM) The Chairman of Defense Board of persons accused of attempted coup Advocate Nabil Adeeb Thursday demanded their immediate release saying that the judge would have been decided Saturday on the plea he submitted to the court in this regard.

Adeeb told (*AlSahafa* daily) that the plea was based on a number of legal points; notably, the detainees exceeded the legal duration of detention without specifying certain accusation to them as well as renewal of detention for another period requires the approval from the Chief-Justice.

Meanwhile, (*Sudan Tribune*) reported that eight Sudanese men accused of an attempted coup have been tortured in detention in Kobar prison in the capital Khartoum, the human rights group Amnesty International said in a statement received on Thursday.

The eight, who include retired army officers and opposition politicians, are part of a group of more than 40 people arrested in Khartoum in mid-July. None of the men have been charged.

"They have been tortured and need immediate medical attention," Amnesty International said in its latest report on the detainees, which gave new details of their condition.

A Sudanese national security spokesman was not immediately available for comment, but the government has denied earlier reports of torture after the arrests.

Amnesty quoted fellow detainees as saying that one of the eight, retired army general Mohamed Ali Hamid, 70, was so seriously ill in recent days that they feared for his life. Appeals for medical treatment had been ignored, Amnesty said.

Reported torture methods included suspending prisoners by their wrists, tying them up and beating them with hosepipes. One detainee was lifted up by his moustache, Amnesty said.

Sudan to probe claims of rape published in UN's report

(*SudanTribune.com* – 13 Sept. KHARTOUM) The minister of Justice, Mohamed Ali al-Mardi, has formed a committee to probe claims included in a report of the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) alleging rape of a number of women in the village of Deribat, Southern Darfur State, official SUNA said.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNMIS gave, in a report issued on 20 August 2007, further details on women abducted, raped and kept as sex slaves following the December 2006 attacks on Deribat. A first report on the subject was published in April 2007.

The investigation committee is chaired by the legal advisor, Ahmed Ali, and includes the representatives of the Police forces, security, unit for combating violence against women and the government of Southern Darfur.

The minister set a one-month deadline for the committee as of the day it begins its work and to finalize its mission and to submit its report. The decision gave the authority of the minister of justice to the investigation committee in doing its task in accordance with the Act of 1925 and the Criminal Procedure Act for the year 1991.

He urged the authors of the UN report to cooperate with the investigation panel, and to provide it with any information in order to carry out its mission.

The Rapporteur of the Advisory Human Right Council, Abdelmoneim Mohamed Taha, said they requested the UNMIS to delay the publication of the content of the report till the setting up of a joint investigation committee of the mission and the Advisory Council for Human Rights. But, UNIMIS stated that the incident took place in December 2006.

Sudan first vice-president congratulates nation on advent of Ramadan

(*SudanTribune.com* – 13 Sept. KHARTOUM) First Vice-President and President of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit has congratulated President Al-Bashir, the Government of National Unity and all Sudanese and Muslims on the advent of the holy month of Ramadan. Sudan began observing the holy month of Ramadan on Thursday as it is the case for most of Mideast countries and other Islamic African countries.

Salva Kiir, who returned to his office at the presidency in Khartoum on Tuesday after more than month, also received on Wednesday the president Omer al-Bashir at the airport after his participation in Ethiopia's millennium celebrations.

SPLM supports banning of circulation of illegal weapons among citizens, NCP rejects to apologize for inspecting suspects hideouts of illegal weapons

(*AlSahafa, AlRai AlAam*) Ministry of Interior insisted Friday to continue on implementing its campaign on collecting illegal arms among the citizens warning it would confront vigorously any violations in this respect with strict measures.

In a statement it issued, the Ministry said that it would not bargain the safety, security and property of the citizen, stressing that the concerned authorities were aware in carrying out their duties whenever they felt there was a threat to the national security.

On its part, SPLM expressed its support to ban possession of illegal arms, either be in the Southerners or Northerners vowing to cooperate with the state's concerned authorities to maintain social security providing non interference in the freedom of the political activities.

A press statement issued by SPLM's Deputy Secretary-General Yassir Arman, SPLM drew the attention that the authorities should differentiate between seizing illegal arms out of control of the regular armed forces and violation of political activities.

"With all mistakes accompanied these procedures, the SPLM' premises, which were ransacked proved to be vacant of any illegal arms", he assured. He reiterated the SPLM's unswerving backing to these procedures provided the prior knowledge of the SPLM of the NCP's moves demanding the NCP to regret rounding up of the SPLM's premises.

In the meantime, the Ministry of Interior dismissed to regret on what, it said, for its basic duties to protect the citizens, calling for those who fomenting security instability among the innocent people by using hand bombs in the streets to apologize for the citizens.

NCP-SPLM allow UN intervention to contain troops in South Kordofan

(*AlSahafa*) The NCP and SPLM have agreed on joint vision mechanism to reach breakthrough for impediments affecting the implementation of the CPA.

Following a meeting of the Political Committee, NCP Deputy President Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie described police crackdown on SPLM's premises as "unjustifiable" saying the two partners agreed to exert joint effort to urge the peace non-signatory factions to join the forthcoming round of talks.

Miseriya demands restoration of West Kordofan

(*Alwan*) Miseria Arab tribesmen have adhered to the restoration of West Kordofan State, which had been divided between North and South Kordofan States in the framework of the CPA.

The envoy of the Federal government Maj.-Gen. (Retrd) Algainaid Alahmar, dispatched to west Kordofan areas to probe the situation there following the recent incidents, was confronted with new obstacles posed by the citizens.

However, the citizens briefed Alahmar on their demands represented in restoration of west Kordofan State; absorption of PDF deployed forces into SAF and the implementation of Abyei Protocol.

DDR commissioner surprised on Ki-Moon statement

(Akhbar Alyaum) The Commissioner of the DDR for Northern Sudan Dr. Sulafeddin Salih expressed astonishment over Moon's statement on the children's situations in Sudan's disputed areas.

He told (SUNA) that his commission has been implementing its activities in full collaboration with the UN Agencies explaining that work in the child programs is progressing in East Sudan, Blue Nile and Nuba Mountains in coordination with the DDR commission for the South.

Sulafeddin stressed that preliminary preparations were currently underway to conduct similar operations in Darfur sector in close coordination with the Security Arrangements Commission.

He welcomed the keenness displayed by the UN Chief Moon to the children affected by conflicts in Sudan, hailing the move of Moon as bolstering efforts of cooperation between the government, the UN Agencies and the donors as well.

Salih emphasized the positive role played by the commission in raising-awareness in issues of deployment and re-integration of children affected by disputes throughout Sudan.

Hybrid force Deputy Chairman meets government officials

(Khartoum Monitor) The newly appointed Deputy Chairman of the Darfur Hybrid Force, Major General Karengi Karake who arrived in Khartoum on the 14th Sept. 2007 Friday morning has met government officials to discuss the Darfur issue.

Speaking to Khartoum Monitor exclusively, The African Union Spokesperson Nouredin Mezni said that Major General Karake who came from Addis Ababa to Khartoum will later on pay a visit to Darfur to acquaint himself with the force commanders in Darfur's three states.

Soldiers of East Front flee camps

(Allintibaha) The internal differences within the East Front have been escalating a matter which has motivated the military field commanders to submit a protest memo to the triple leadership.

However, the deteriorating living conditions in the military camps with the increasing number of the soldiers fleeing the camps, led a prominent figure in the Beja Congress to strongly lash out at the current leaderships of the front accusing it of indifference.

Beja Congress Leading figure Ali Muneeb accused the Front President and the President Assistant Musa Mohamed Ahmed of crating tribal bloc to impose his domination on the Front.

Darfur

Darfur rebel figure arrives in Chad

(*All Press, SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. KHARTOUM) Darfur rebel figure flew to the Chadian capital, N'djamena from Nairobi, where he was transported by a special plane yesterday, after the UN declined to admit him to its hospital in Kenya.

Suleiman Jamous, the humanitarian coordinator of the rebel Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) told Sudan Tribune from Chad that he arrived yesterday to N'djamena because the UN said that he didn't meet the required conditions for admission to its hospital there.

"Once arrived to Nairobi they paid me a ticket on Ethiopia Airlines to Chad and gave me 500 US dollars" Jamous told Sudan Tribune.

Jamous said he will contact friends to find a western country that is ready to receive him for testing to diagnose his disease. "Not a great record by the UN," said a Western observer commenting the

UN rejected to admit him at its hospital. He further regretted that "The international community wants his help with the peace process, but no-one so far has offered to help him with his health."

UN doctors since eight months said that Jamous needs a stomach biopsy which could not be performed in the U.N. hospital in Kadugli, southern Kordofan. He said he is glad to be in Chad where some members of his relatives reside.

Sudanese president had ordered to facilitate his departure from UN military hospital in southern Kordofan dafter a meeting with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon last week.

Chad rebels warn EU force against blocking them

(*SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. DAKAR) Chadian rebels warned on Friday they would fight a European Union peacekeeping force destined for the eastern border region with Darfur if it tried to obstruct their struggle to topple President Idriss Deby.

The EU plans to start deploying a protection force of up to 4,000 troops in Chad and Central African Republic next month to help protect refugees from Sudan's Darfur region and Chadian civilians displaced by violence.

"If they come on the pretext of Darfur and block our advance on the capital we will not allow them to do so," said Albissaty Saleh Allazan, a leader of the Assembly of the Forces of Change (RFC), one of Chad's rebel groups.

"They will receive a very, very bad welcome. If they don't touch us, ok. But we will be advancing on N'Djamena. If they get in the way, they will see what we are made of," he told reporters in Senegal's capital Dakar.

The insurgents launched a series of raids on government forces along a more than 400 km (250 mile) stretch of border earlier this year, a desolate expanse of parched earth and dusty scrub already destabilized by the conflict in Darfur.

Their boldest strike was in April 2006, when they sped across the country from the eastern border and attacked N'Djamena, the western capital, three weeks before an election which returned Deby for a third term in office.

Activists eye profile-raising day for Darfur

(*SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. NEW YORK) Activists on Friday announced a campaign timed to coincide with the UN General Assembly to draw attention to the on-going crisis in Darfur, in western Sudan.

The groups plan to rally Sunday to "send off their country's delegations to the United Nations General Assembly in New York with a united message: 'Don't Look Away Now'," they said in a statement.

On this fourth "Day for Darfur," activists will urge "the international community to honor their responsibility to protect the people of Darfur" and demand a African Union-United Nations peacekeeping force in the area.

"Furthermore, all UN delegations are urged to ensure that the Government of Sudan facilitates the swift and unimpeded deployment of the peacekeepers," they added.

Rebel commander urges defiant leader to attend Darfur talks

(*SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. KHARTOUM) Rebel commander in the Darfur region of western Sudan urged the founder of their movement on Friday to take part in negotiations on ending four and a half years of conflict in Darfur.

Peace talks between the Sudanese government and the rebels are due to open at the end of October in Libya under the auspices of the United Nations and the African Union. But Abdel Wahid al-Nur, founder of the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A), has set conditions for taking part.

"We want him to come and state his demands at the negotiating table," Jarelnabi, an SLA commander, told Reuters. "His refusal to participate in the negotiations does not serve our cause," he added.

"He (Nur) is intransigent and believes he can resolve the Darfur problem alone. That is not right," said Jarelnabi. Jarelnabi advised Nur to be flexible. He further added he would go to the talks.

US envoy says Darfur ceasefire commission ‘collapsing’

(*SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. BRUSSELS) A senior US official yesterday called for the establishment a new ceasefire commission in Darfur to monitor ceasefire violations, underlining that the current ceasefire commission is collapsing.

President George W. Bush’s special envoy to Sudan Andrew Natsios told Radio France Internationale (RFI) in Brussels on Wednesday “We need a new oversight commission that will enforce the ceasefire”. Natsios hinted that the surge in fighting could jeopardize the upcoming peace talks in Libya between the rebel groups and the Khartoum government.

Hollywood puts spotlight on Darfur in new documentary

(*SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. TORONTO) A major Hollywood studio and top US screen star have unveiled a new documentary addressing the bloody conflict that has raged without resolution for four years in Sudan’s Darfur region.

Darfur won a prominent place at this year’s Toronto film festival, with the debut of the politically minded documentary produced by studio giant Warner Brothers and featuring actor Don Cheadle.

In "Darfur Now," US director Ted Braun chooses not to focus on the constant violence in western Sudan, but instead on the efforts of six people trying to find an end to the war that the United Nations says has killed 200,000 people and displaced two million.

The goal of the production was not to go to the front line but "to show the hope" embodied by those trying to end the bloodshed, said Braun, who spent four months filming in Sudan.

Along with Cheadle, star of "Hotel Rwanda," Braun’s team follows a prosecutor with the International Criminal Court, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, an American activist, and a Darfur woman who joined rebel forces after the death of her son.

Moving back and forth from Darfur, California, The Hague, Beijing and UN headquarters in New York, the documentary attempts to convey the complexity of the conflict and of any possible solution, the director said.

"It is an extraordinarily complex conflict," Braun said. But the film also is meant to stir international public opinion to take up the Darfur issue, he said.

Ethiopia to deploy 5000 troops in Darfur

(*SudanTribune.com* – 13 Sept. KHARTOUM) Ethiopia will deploy five thousand soldiers to a joint U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force in Darfur, Sudanese media reported yesterday.

Sudanese president Omer al-Bashir and the Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi on Wednesday discussed the efforts exerted by various parties to work out a political solution for Darfur crisis and its support for the peacekeeping force with 5000 troops.

"The two sides also discussed the importance of unifying African stands to tackle all issues facing the continent." The Sudanese TV reported. Al-Bashir was in Addis Ababa to attend celebrations to mark Ethiopian Millennium along with several African leaders.

The force is expected to be made up mostly of peacekeepers from Africa with backup from Asian troops.

Sudan undertaking Arab resettlement programme in Darfur - US

(*SudanTribune.com* – 13 Sept. BERLIN) Arabs in Sudan's Darfur region are being displaced as they fight over land abandoned by Africans who have fled to refugee camps in a new trend in the conflict-ridden area, a senior U.S. official said on Thursday.

President George W. Bush's special envoy to Sudan Andrew Natsios told reporters in Berlin he was worried by the development which was pushing up mortality rates in the region.

He also said some evidence suggested the Sudanese government was undertaking a population resettlement programme by bringing in Arabs from Niger and Chad.

Natsios said he had talked to the Sudanese government about the new displacement and said some people claimed the Sudanese government was encouraging the trend. He added that mortality rates had risen in the last few months in Darfur due to a strong rainy season and floods.

SLM Minnawi's attempts to convince Nur to join Tripoli talks

(*AlSahafa*) SLM field commander Jarelnabi Abdulkareem told (*AlSahafa* daily) Thursday that his faction was exerting strenuous efforts via the UN to bring in Nur to the negotiating table, scheduled for 27 Oct.in Tripoli.

He called on Nur not to turn deaf-ear to his colleagues in other movements stressing that his participation is considered as genuine part of the political solution. Abdulkareem said that they did not differ with Nur on his demands as regards disarming the Janjaweed, and individual compensations arguing that these demands were obtainable through UN-sponsored negotiations.

He appealed to all factions to facilitate environment conducive for the talks assuring his movement's commitment to cease-fire. He warned the Government of North Darfur of fabricated repatriation to the IDPs in Tura and Kukul areas calling the government to display more seriousness.

Brown pledges support for peacekeeping force in Darfur

(*SudanTribune.com* – 15 Sept. London) Prime Minister Gordon Brown said Sunday that Britain will probably provide technical support for the thousands of peacekeepers in Darfur, the vast, war-battered region in western Sudan.

He spoke as demonstrators prepared to march near his office in London to demand more action by governments such as Britain's in the Darfur crisis.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., Brown said: "The tragedy in Darfur is one of the greatest humanitarian disasters of our time." He said a cease-fire is the key to moving forward in Sudan, warning that more pressure would be applied if that did not happen.

The African Union-United Nations peacekeeping mission of about 20,000 troops and 6,000 police is expected to start arriving in the western region of Sudan next month. It will replace a beleaguered 7,000-strong AU force that has been unable to halt the bloodshed.

"It's likely we will provide technical assistance, but it's also likely ... that we will give support to those African countries that are actually contributing to the force," Brown said.

He provided no details, but Britain may provide personnel for the headquarters of the U.N.-AU force, and flights and equipment for its African soldiers and police.

He appealed to the international community to ensure that the stepped-up peacekeeping force is on the ground in Darfur as soon as possible.

France to deploy 4.000 EU troops in Darfur

(*Alwan*)The French Defense Ministry has declared that Paris was selected the EU as a mastermind for a military deployment plan intended by the EU to be deployed in Chad and Central Africa, the two countries bordering Darfur region.

French Ministry of Defense Spokesman said the duty of France according to the mandate has meant that France would work out primary scenarios for the preliminary planning to the military operation aimed at boosting UN police in the area.

Darfur reconstruction fund granted a loan of \$10m

(*Khartoum Monitor*) Darfur reconstruction and development fund started consultations to implement a \$10m. loan granted by the Jeddah based Islamic Bank for Development.

The loan is to be used to rehabilitate a number of hospitals and schools in Darfur's three states, as well as rehabilitation of water plants and dams said Dr. Mustafa Zubeir who is the fund's planning and studies manager and has just concluded a visit to El-Fashir.

He added that the concerned departments handling the funds have specified the utilities to be maintained. It will build vocational training centers and also rehabilitate industrial schools in Darfur.

He added that during his visit to El Fashir, he collected data on the construction of five roads. Hospitals rehabilitation will include rural hospitals and a unique hospital for nomads.

GoSS

GoSS told to demarcate borders if NCP fails

(The Citizen) The Government of Southern Sudan was yesterday told to go ahead and demarcate the Abyei Border without the National Congress Party input, in case the latter continues to dillydally over the issue.

A team of experts set up to after the signing of Comprehensive Peace Agreement , with a mandate of taking scientific research and analysis on Abyei Miseria border yesterday told South Sudan legislators and the public that it was not possible to map the nine Ngok Dinka chiefdoms in 1905 because there was no map.

Khartoum rejected the experts' first report, where the experts used the 1956 boundaries, accusing them of going beyond the terms of reference. But a member of Parliament from Abyei area said the Miseria World Health Organization claim ownership of the land are not indigenous, and came after the Sudan railway was built.

South Sudan opens first prisons training center

(SudanTribune.com – 14 Sept. JUBA) Southern Sudan government has opened officially the first prisons training center on 11 September. Another training center will be opened in the capital of the Lakes state, the UNPD said in a press statement.

The Lologo Regional Training Center was inaugurated at a ceremony that also saw the launch of the Prison Service training programme for 550 former soldiers of the Sudan People Liberation Army Officers (SPLA), who are being transferred from the army to join the Prison Service.

It is estimated that the Prison Service will receive up to 1,500 former combatants over the next six months. In addition to re-orienting and training former combatants in a 3-month orientation course, the training center will also be used as the site for specialist training courses for the Prison Service. Courses offered will include training of trainers, welfare officers, medical officers and management training.

South Sudan may reinvestigate Garang death

(SudanTribune.com – 15 Sept. JUBA) The Government of South Sudan (GoSS) has announced that it may consider fresh inquiries into the death of its founder president John Garang, Kampala based the Monitor reported.

The announce follows growing agitation by many Sudanese that the former SPLA/M leader could have been assassinated.

The spokesperson of South Sudan government, Samson Kwaje, said although that GoSS believed in the official account of the Khartoum-sanctioned commission of inquiry which said Garang died in a chopper crash caused by "bad weather and human (pilot) error", the inquest is still open.

"That does not prevent further investigations," he said in an interview at his office on Wednesday. Garang is (was) a giant in our politics and there will (continue to) be a lot of speculation (about his death). We are not going to say that (findings of the official commission) was the final report and believe that those who have more information can come out."

Sudan's Jonglei Governor calls on donors to support John Garang Institute

(*SudanTribune.com* – 14 Sept. BOR, Jonglei state) The Governor of Jonglei state, Brig. Gen. Philip Thon Leek, has called upon donors to contribute to the establishment of Dr John Garang Institute of Science and Technology three miles from Bor.

The project aims to initiate the formation of qualified human resources for the future exploitation of the vast natural resources available in the State such as petroleum, wildlife, fisheries, livestock, and agriculture and water resources.

In a statement sent to Sudan Tribune, the governor announced that Garang's institute will open on 9 January 2008.

"The Institute was initiated in 2005 by the State government to lay foundations for socio-economic development by beginning to produce the required human resources in sufficient quantity and quality which is aimed at supporting the future utilization of the vast natural resources available in the State such as petroleum, wildlife, fisheries, livestock, agriculture and water resources." The governor said.

The construction work is expected to be completed by late November to mid December 2007 and the Institute will be opened on 9th January 2008 to mark the third CPA anniversary celebrations.

Kiir receives report on North-South border

(*Akhbar Alyaum*) A British historian has submitted an integrated report to Vice –President and President of GOSS Silva Kiir on his vision on the

South-North border and the international border of the South in the context of one Sudan, re-enforcing his view point with British documents.

Historian Douglas Johnson was tasked by Kiir to probe on the British's archives about information that would assist in identifying the original borders between the South and the North.

Before his arrival to Khartoum three days ago Kiir received the report, which he would present to the concerned government institutions.

Minister of GOSS Affairs Dr. Luka Biong said that Johnson would review his Report on Saturday in Juba before the meeting of the Experts Committee on Abyei, in the presence of the representatives of the diplomatic missions accredited in the South and Chiefs of international commissions and organizations.