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UN peacekeeping chief travels to El-Fasher

The UN Undersecretary for Peacekeeping Operations, Jean-Marie Guehenno, held talks on January 22 at the UNAMID base in El-Fasher with Joint UN-AU Special Representative Rodolphe Adada and UNAMID Force Commander Gen. Martin Luther Agwai. In talks he held with key figures of the Government of North Darfur, Guehenno lauded the progress on deployment of UNAMID and requested the government to guarantee the required facilitation for the success of the peacekeeping operation. (*Al-Sahafa*)

MP criticizes Vice President

Abdullah Wad-Abouk, a member of parliament for Mairam, South Kordofan, has criticized recent statements by First Vice President Salva Kiir in which Vice President Kiir accused the government of arming Misseiriya tribesmen. The lawmaker pointed out that such statements negatively affect implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

Committee arrives in South Kordofan today

Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Pagan Amum, says a joint military committee arrives in South Kordofan and North Bahr-el-Ghazal later today to help ease the tension in the region and look into means to secure the traditional nomadic routes. Amum heads a government committee tasked with resolving the tensions in the north-south border areas. (*Al-Khartoum*)

SPLA detains Misseiriya nomads

The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) has detained seven Misseiriya nomads who were in search of pasture for their livestock west of Abyei

town. On January 22, the local administrator in Abyei visited an assembly of about 700 Misseiriya and asked for restraint while authorities talk to the SPLA to secure the release of the nomads. The Misseiriya and the Commander of the JIUs have given the SPLA until 10:00 am to release the nomads or face the warriors. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

Sudan seeks closer ties with the U.S.

Foreign Minister Deng Alor says that Sudan has laid plans to improve relations with Europe and the U.S. and will start efforts towards that end after the AU summit meeting in Addis Ababa at the end of this month. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Sudan rebuffs reports on USAID murder

Sudan's Criminal Investigation Department has rebuffed recent press reports of a statement attributed by a U.S. citizen alleging that personal motives were behind the murder early this month of two USAID employees. The CID pointed out that investigations are still ongoing. On the FBI role in the investigations, the CID says that FBI agents are only providing technical assistance in the investigations but overall local authorities are in charge of the investigations. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

Cartoon of the Day



Unifying "those who bear arms."

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