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Presidency discusses redeployment of forces

A meeting yesterday of the Presidency cited January 7, 2008, as date for their next meeting to discuss a report of the Joint Defense Board on redeployment of the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) to areas north and south of the 1.1.'56 line. The January 7 meeting will also discuss issues pertaining to the deployment of Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) in the oil producing regions. (*Sudan Vision et al*)

Amum draws high standards as he sets to work

Newly appointed Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Pagan Amum, has called for a revamping of the state institutions in order to streamline all levels of government with the requirements of the National Interim Constitution. He told department heads at the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs that he will back efforts to realize equitable development and a just distribution of power and wealth. He also called for a campaign for national reconciliation on the basis of unity as a favorable option. (*Al-Watan*)

UNAMID takes over on December 31

December 31 will mark the transition of AMIS to the joint UN/AU operation, UNAMID. The UN is meanwhile studying offers for the provision of the 24 helicopters for UNAMID. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Tens dead in renewed clashes in South Kordofan

Renewed clashes between elements of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and Misseiriya tribesmen left tens of people dead and injured. Both sides are trading accusations as to who initiated the attacks that occurred on December 29 at Oum Direisa area, 20 kilometers south of Meiram in South Kordofan. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Sudan protests alleged Chadian incursion

Sudan has accused Chad of violating its territory. The foreign ministry said on Friday that three military aircraft flew into Sudanese airspace and bombed two localities east of el-Geneina in West Darfur. The ministry denied recent Chadian accusations of Sudanese support to Chadian rebels. (*Sudan Vision*)

Sudan protests handover of child traffickers

Sudan's foreign ministry issued a statement on December 29 saying that the Chadian decision to hand over convicts charged with attempted trafficking of children from Darfur to France is "clear proof of explicit involvement in the attempt and is in utter disregard of the rights of the children and their families." (*Sudan Vision*)

JEM attacks Sileia area

The foreign relations officer of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) announced yesterday that it attacked the Sileia area near el-Geneina in West Darfur. Abu-Bakar Hamid said that they raided the town on the request of the residents and clashed with government forces. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

U.S. president yet to sign Sudan Divestment Act

U.S. president George Bush is yet to sign legislation that specifically targets the main sources of revenue for Sudan. The U.S. Senate passed the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act last week but the bill awaits presidential endorsement. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

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