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Arusha conference

- According to the U.N. special envoy to Sudan, the Government of Sudan (GoS) is not responding enthusiastically to news of the joint Darfur rebel negotiating platform agreed to during the Arusha conference. The GoS says a Darfur peace deal it signed with one of three rebel negotiating factions in May 2006 should not be reopened in order to address the concerns of other rebels, who have since split into more than a dozen factions. "The government does not want to have to renegotiate the Darfur Peace Agreement, so this is a matter we will discuss both with the government and with the non-signatories." Eliasson held talks with Presidential Advisor Nafi Ali Nafi who urged the international community to convince Abdelwahid Nur to join the current peace efforts. Nafi warned the U.S. against creating a dispute between the Government of Sudan and the UN, and added that Sudan has many experiences with the U.S. in this regard. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Sudani, et al*)

The Turjum and Abala tribes continue fighting

- Clashes renewed between the Turjum and Abala tribes in South Darfur on Tuesday. 17 people were killed and more were wounded in the area of Um Lyona and the Nabagaya area 35 kilometers south Nyala. The Turjum tribe blamed government officials in South Darfur for failing to support reconciliation initiatives between the two tribes. (*Al-Sudani*)

Rumbek meeting of Darfur rebel groups failed

- The UN refused to provide flights to Rumbek for a meeting between the Darfur rebel leaders and First Vice President and President of South Sudan, Salva Kiir. The rebels hoped to meet with Kiir after concluding the Arusha conference. Rebel field commander Jar Al-Nabi Abdelkarim said that the

UN told them that the UN is only able to provide transportation from Darfur to Arusha, and no where else. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

U.S. envoy encourages West to contribute hybrid

U.S. special envoy to Sudan, Andrew Natsios stated that Sudan must allow non-African troops to be part of the hybrid forces or it will face sanctions from the UN Security Council (UNSC). In a press conference in Washington, Natsios stated that the U.S. has called for all countries to send troops to the hybrid forces of Darfur. Natsios says that the African force in Darfur is not well trained to maintain peace and security in Darfur. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

International Criminal Court returns to Darfur

- The International Criminal Court's (ICC) lead prosecutor, Luis Moreno Ocampo, reiterated his call for Sudan to hand over two Sudanese citizens indicted by the ICC, Ahmed Haroon and Ali Kushaib. "I don't think Sudan wants to be an isolated country, therefore it should respect the law," Ocampo said, adding that the door is still open for more suspects to be indicted. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Rai Al-Shaab, et al*)

Construction begins on university in Rumbek

The construction of a new university Rumbek will start next month. Rumbek university, the fourth in the southern Sudan, will start with six faculties. Last year the Sudanese president Omer al-Bashir pledged during a visit to Rumbek last year to construct a university in the capital of the Lakes State.

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