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Sudan seeks reconciliation, says minister

President Bashir is in Addis Ababa to head the Sudanese delegation participating at the January 31 AU Summit. Following a meeting yesterday with China's Representative to the AU, Foreign Minister Deng Alor said that Sudan has withdrawn its nomination for the presidency of the AU and wants to focus on reconciliation within the regional and international community. He said that despite pledging support for Sudan in international forums, China has warned that the international community is losing patience on the events in Darfur. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Sudan, UN discuss Status Of Forces Agreement

UN peacekeeping chief, Jean-Marie Guehenno, held talks with Sudan government officials over the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) governing the deployment of UNAMID forces. A statement issued by the Office of the Spokesman for UNAMID said that the meeting discussed a number of issues, including preparations for a high-level meeting on the fringes of the AU summit to discuss the deployment of forces in Darfur. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Committee to discuss redeployment of forces

Speaking to the Sudan Media Center, the Spokesman of the Joint Defense Board (JDB), Mjr. Gen. AbdelRahman Mohamed Zein, said that the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) will be discussing in early February the issue of redeployment of their forces to their respective sides of the 1.1.'56 line. He also said that the monitoring mechanism of the SAF and the SPLA that operates under UN supervision will be presenting a report on the status of redeployment at that meeting. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

GoSS requests maps for minefields

The Minister of Transport and Roads of the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS), David Deng, said that the GoSS has provided maps of the minefields planted by the SPLA and that they are now requesting the federal government to provide them with a map of mines planted by government forces in southern Sudan during the war years. He said that his ministry has a budget of USD 100 million. Meanwhile, the head of the World Food Programme (WFP) in Sudan, Kenro Oshidari, said that the WFP emergency program has constructed over 2,000 kilometers of road and has cleared over 500 landmines and unexploded ordnance in southern Sudan and has plans to open up more roads with assistance provided by the Japanese government. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Darfur talks to resume

Libya's Secretary for African Affairs, Ali AbdelSalam Al-Tireiki, told the press in Addis Ababa that his country will be hosting a new round of talks on Darfur at the end of February 2008. Libya is intensifying efforts to bring the Darfur holdout groups to the talks. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Eastern Front requests probe results

The Eastern Front (EF) has renewed requests on authorities to unveil the results of the probe into an incident in Port Sudan that left 21 people dead in 2005. (*Akhir Lahza*)

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