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Sudan reportedly accepts UNSRSG

Sudan has reportedly accepted the nomination of Ashraf Qazi as the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General (UNSRSG) to Sudan, a post that has been vacant for over a year. Qazi is currently the UN Secretary General's envoy to Iraq. According to the Arabic language *Al-Rai Al-Aam*, Khartoum officially notified the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon of its acceptance of the nomination. (*Sudan Tribune, Rai Al-Aaam, AP et al.*)

Canada expels Sudanese diplomat from Ottawa

The Canadian Government informed the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) that a Sudanese diplomat posted to Ottawa will be expelled from Canada. The name of the Sudanese diplomat has not been released and the diplomat will be allowed to stay until only Saturday. Meanwhile, the Sudanese government expressed hope that its relationship with Canada would not be affected by its decision to expel a Canadian diplomat. Ali Yousouf, the Director of Protocol for the Sudanese MFA said, "We have clarified that this decision was taken because the Canadian diplomat's personal behavior went beyond his mandate." (*Al-Sahafa, Xinhua in Sudan Tribune, et al.*)

Criticism follows Sudanese expulsions

- Jan Pronk the former special representative of the UN Secretary General to Sudan criticized the European Union (EU) for offering an apology to Khartoum for the recently expelled EU envoy. In an interview with *Radio France Internationale* on Wednesday, Jan Pronk described the EU apology to Sudan as a "mistake" and "counterproductive". He further said "there is nothing to apologize for; the diplomat just did his job." Meanwhile, the U.N.'s humanitarian coordinator, John Holmes, criticized

Sudan for undermining an agreement on humanitarian access by expelling the country director of CARE from Darfur. (*Sudan Tribune, Reuters*).

Darfur violence spreads to Kordofan

On August 30, The Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) attacked the town of Wadbanda, 90 kilometers west of Nuhud in North Kordofan. *Akbar Al-Youm* reported that 47 members of the police force were killed in the fighting. Meanwhile, *Al-Rai Al-Shaab* stated that the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) publicly downplayed the attack, saying that SAF entirely controls the area. (*As-Sahafa, Al-Rai Al-Shaab, et al.*)

Relations normalized between C.A.R. & Sudan

President Omar Al-Bashir said yesterday at the conclusion of the visit of Central African Republic's President, Francois Bozize, that Sudan and the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) agreed to normalize relations. He added that the borders between the two countries will be opened and monitored by joint military forces. (*Al-Sahafa*)

U.S. Congress delegation visits Sudan

A U.S. congressional delegation led by Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee visited Sudan on August 28 and 29. The delegation visited Darfur and met with the Sudanese Foreign Minister, Dr. Lam Akol. The Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) reported that Akol briefed the delegation on Darfur and pledged that the Government of Sudan is doing everything in its power to solve the problems there. (*SUNA, Sudan Television*).

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