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GoS: “UNAMID operations running smoothly”

Presidential Aide Nafie Ali Nafie sees UNAMID operations in Sudan as “running smoothly and that there was sufficient coordination between the Government of Sudan and the UNAMID. I do not believe that anybody will come back to us with any problem, particularly with regards to the deployment of peacekeeping troops.” Nafie added, “The peace process in Darfur is very much in progress despite the attempts of some foreign policies to contest that.” (*Al-Sahafa*)

Tension within the SLM Minnawi faction

An article in *Akhir Lahza* mentioned that the tension within the Sudan Liberation Movement SLM/ Minnawi faction is growing. According to a spokesperson for the SLM, Minnawi caused the tension by accommodating non-signatories of the Abuja Agreement on Darfur. He also failed to implement the security arrangement clause stipulated in the Abuja Agreement, the party spokesperson said. According to the same source, Minnawi’s delay in implementing the arrangements was “in order not to expose his back,” a step “that would result in division within the faction.”

Beja Congress leader suspended

A group of officials from the Beja Congress suspended the membership of chairperson Musa Mohamed Ahmed at a meeting held August 15 accusing him of splitting the political party along tribal lines. Amna Dirar, senior member of the Eastern Front, said the decision came after Ahmed organized a separate conference for the Beja Congress, an organization representing Beja tribal interests. “He considers himself the leader of two political parties (the Eastern Front and the Beja Congress),” said Dirar. “This is not acceptable ...

The Eastern Front was formed to represent all the people of the East, whatever their ethnic group. He has split us,” Dirar added. (*Ajras Al-Hurria, Sudan Tribune*)

Embassy slaying trial begins

The trial begins today for the five suspects in the January 1 shooting deaths of American diplomat John M. Granville and USAID driver Abdel Rahman Abbas Rahama. The five suspects have been charged with intentional homicide / manslaughter under Sudanese Criminal law (No.130). (*Al-Ayam*)

Corruption accusations denied

The Government of Southern Sudan Presidential Advisor on Human Rights and Gender Issues, Rebecca Nyandeng Mabiior, has slammed reports alleging that she accused GOSS Vice-President Riek Machar of corruption. “People in the same party do not speak against one another, especially to newspapers,” she said. The widow of the late John Garang reportedly made accusations related to public safety and the allocation of licenses for petrol stations, and not about corruption. She was concerned that licenses had been issued that would allow petrol stations to operate in residential areas. She said she had expressed concern that these licenses were given to foreign companies and had questions as to who was responsible for issuing these licenses. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

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