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SPLM criticizes SAF for deployment of troops

The Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM) has criticized the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) for increasing its deployment of troops in South Kordufan. Yen Matthew, an SPLM spokesperson, said that “the deployment of troops is a violation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).” (*Khartoum Monitor*)

GoS says deployment “not a threat” to SPLA

The Government of Sudan has sent a strong reassurance to the Sudanese People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) in the region of South Kordufan, informing them that the “increased deployment of troops” in the region “is not meant as a threat for the SPLA, but as a step to counter possible threats from the Justice and Equality Movement.” (*Al-Ahdath*)

Minnawi faction: we will not “surrender” rights

The Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction said that it would not hold out on any rights stipulated in the Abuja Peace Agreement. SLM spokesperson Saif Al-Din Haroon told reporters from *Radio MirayaFM* that “any negotiations between the Government and the Darfur armed movements should not be at the expense of the Abuja Agreement.” Haroon added, “the Government should think of other options as grounds of negotiation with the Darfur movements.” (*Al-Ahdath, Ajras- Al- Hurria, Al-Rai- Al-Aam*)

SAF warns factions of exploiting ceasefire

The SAF has warned Darfur factions against the exploitation of the non-conditional ceasefire recently announced by Sudanese President Al-Bashir. SAF urged the Darfur factions not to violate the ceasefire by providing military support to the Darfur armed movements. A SAF spokesperson stated “SAF was committed to its ceasefire declaration but would counter any attack by the armed movements.” (*Al Rai-Al- Aam*)

Misseriya and Dinka conclude session

Yesterday, the reconciliation conference between the Misseriya and Dinka tribes concluded their meeting in Abyei. The conference was attended by key tribal leaders, local administrators, and United Nations Mission representatives. Rahama Al Nur, Deputy Chairman of Abyei Administration, said that the meeting produced various recommendations, such as the establishment of local monitoring committees to prevent violations. The conference urged both sides to stop “media propaganda and rumors” that encourage “sedition amongst the population.” Meanwhile, the conference concluded its session and called upon the Government of National Unity (GONU) to speed up the repatriation process of the internally displaced and facilitate return to their original villages. (*Akhbar Al-Youm, Al-Watan*)

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