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Chadian Forces attempt to lift siege on rebels

- Kamal Al-Obeid, the State Minister of Information and Communications, has said that “Chadian forces have been attempting to sabotage a blockade imposed by the Sudanese government on the rebels of Muhajiria by carrying food and fuel supplies to them.” Al-Obeid described N’Djamena’s support to the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) “as a serious violation to its security agreement” and accuses Chad of being “unwilling to stabilize its relations with Sudan.” Al-Obeid also said that the “Sudanese army will continue its siege on JEM and that any attempt to counter this action will receive a decisive response.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Intibaha*)

- According to *MirayaFM*, both Chad and Sudan sides have been exchanging accusations about rebel support. The Sudanese government denied the allegation and said it has not “violated its agreement with Chad,” and the Chadian government has said “Sudan has signed an agreement with a newly formed Chadian rebel alliance which is aiming to oust the regime in N’Djamena.”

- *Ajras al-Hurriya* quotes Al-Obeid as saying that “Chad was withdrawing from its security agreement with Sudan” and that the government of Sudan was angered by Chad’s recent support to JEM, as well as France’s silence towards N’Djamena.

Russian Special Envoy visits El Fasher

The Russian Special Envoy to Sudan, Mikhail Margelov, is currently in El Fasher as part of his six-day tour to Sudan. The Envoy visited both the Abu-Shok and Al-Salam internally displaced persons (IDP) camps to “assess the general condition of the people dwelling in the camps.”

Margelov also stated that it was “necessary to develop dialogue between both the government of Sudan and the armed movements in Darfur in order to achieve peace in the region.” He called for increased humanitarian aid to the region and the necessity of establishing development projects for women and displaced youth.” (*MirayaFM*)

“ICC spy” sentenced to 17 years of prison

Mohamed Alyosry Ibrahim, an alleged “Sudanese spy” who has been accused of cooperating with the International Criminal Court (ICC), was found guilty in a Sudanese court on counts of spying, criminal conspiracy, and passing on confidential military documents. The court issued its verdict on Wednesday and sentenced Ibrahim to 17 years of prison. Last month, Ibrahim was “apprehended while receiving confidential documents about a high-ranking official from a contact in one of Sudan's police forces” and “then trying to pass the documents to the ICC.” Ibrahim has denied the charges against him. A security officer told the court that Ibrahim had been trying to “fabricate a relationship” between Ahmed Haroun, Sudan's State Minister for Humanitarian Affairs, and pro-government Janjaweed militias accused of war crimes in Darfur. (*Sudaneseonline.com, Al-Ahdath, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Inflation rate on the rise in Sudan

The Central Statistics Bureau announced results of a price survey in a press briefing, revealing that the annual inflation rate for 2008 stood at 14.3%. (*The Citizen, Ajras Al-Hurria*)

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