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Sudan disappointed in “France’s negative role”

Ali Karti, the Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that Khartoum was disappointed with France’s “conflicting stance” on the Darfur peace process. The Sudanese Government has “officially conveyed its frustration” with “France’s negative stance” through the French Ambassador in Khartoum. Karti added that “it is impossible for France to support the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) leader Abdulwahid Mohammed Nur on one hand and attempt to broker peace in Darfur on the other hand.” (*Al Intibaha*)

Efforts continue to reconcile with JEM

Amin Hassan Omer, a leading National Congress Party (NCP) member and a member of the negotiating delegation in Doha, has announced that “efforts are still underway to finalize a goodwill agreement,” which “will be signed between the Sudanese Government and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM).” Omer explained that the document is “likely to be signed today.” He also stated that the two parties had agreed on “nearly all outstanding differences between them,” except for the issue of prisoner release. Arab League representative Salah Halima said that the Doha talks “seem promising” and expressed hopes for the two parties to reach a peace deal soon. (*Sudan News Agency, Sudanese Media Centre*)

SAF and SLA troops liaise with UNAMID troops

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Mutrif Siddig has affirmed that the presence of Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Sudan Liberation Army (SLA)/Minnawi faction forces in Muhajiriya will “boost the peacekeeping efforts of UNAMID troops,” not “result in a conflict

of interest.” Siddig also stated that the SAF and SLA troops were liaising with UNAMID hybrid forces in the region “in order to improve security and provide protection for civilians.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Intibaha*)

New probes in Darfur war crimes

The Sudanese Government has announced that field investigations for the alleged war crimes committed in Darfur are “now in progress” and that witnesses are being interviewed by a fact-finding committee charged with investigating war crimes in Delajj, Western Darfur. Sudanese Minister of Justice Abdel Basit Sabdarat said that the commission will review the allegations made against the militia commander Ali Kushayb, one of two suspects named by the International Criminal Court (ICC)’s chief prosecutor. Kushayb was previously cleared in 2007 by Sudanese courts from any wrongdoings in the Delajj case. (*SudanTribune.com*)

PCP member sentenced to six months of jail

Kamal Omer, a leading member from the Popular Congress Party, was sentenced to six months in prison yesterday for publishing a series of “erroneous” articles in the *Rai-Al-Shaab* newspaper “against the SAF.” The articles alleged that the SAF was “holding some army officials, declared innocent by a military court, for attempting a coup against the regime” along with other “reportedly false” information. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Al-Watan*)

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