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Arab League to discuss developments in Darfur

Based on a request by Khartoum, the Arab League General Secretariat has called for an “emergency meeting” tomorrow for the council. According to the Arab League’s Council Director, Mohammed Al-Zaidi, the council will review the latest developments in Darfur and the implementation of the Doha Summit resolutions. (*Al-Ayam, Sudan Vision*)

GoS: JEM preparing for another attack

- The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced that “national intelligence authorities have discovered that the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) is preparing for a military offensive on Sudan from Chad with the assistance of Israeli intelligence.” (*Al-Sahafa*)

- Meanwhile, an “unnamed security official” has confirmed Sudan’s western border with Chad is under “strong surveillance” by the Sudanese Armed Forces. (*Al-Sudani*)

“Thousands” return to villages in Darfur

Thousands of internally displaced persons are “leaving their camps and returning back to their hometowns and villages.” The step comes within the efforts exerted by national aid organizations to “assist in the repatriation process of IDPs” and “helping them with their voluntary return.” Commissioner for the Humanitarian Aid in West Darfur State, Mohamed Hassan Awad, “acknowledged the efforts of these local organizations” which, according to Awad, “have exerted tremendous efforts in closing humanitarian gaps as a result of the expulsion of the 13 foreign aid organizations.” (*Sudan News Agency*)

JIU accused of smuggling weapons

Speaking at a press conference, the Governor of Lakes State, Daniel Awet Akot, accused officers from the Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) of “smuggling weapons into the south” and claimed that he has “ample evidence that arms are being infiltrated into the south.” Akot added that “the proliferation of arms from the north is the reason for the failure of the disarmament exercise in the south.” (*Al-Watan, MirayaFM*)

Adada rapped for “rosy” report on Darfur

- Yesterday, the UNAMID Joint Special Representative Rodolphe Adada was “strongly rapped” by members of the UN Security Council during a closed session in New York for allegedly providing “too rosy a report” on recent developments in Darfur. According to the article, Adada had “provided reports that conflicted with previous UN reports and that of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.” (*SudanTribune.com*)

- An article in *Al-Sahafa* quotes Adada as informing the Security Council that “the Darfur conflict has gone from a high-intensity to a low-intensity dispute,” and that “the death toll, as a result of the conflict, has decreased since 2003.” However, Adada warned that “the unstable security situation and the troubled relations with Chad could result in further escalations in the region.”

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