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Chad launches air raids on Sudan

According to press reports over the weekend, Chad has launched a military air offensive on Sudanese territory in a region near Al-Geneina, resulting in the summoning of the Chadian Ambassador in Khartoum. Chadian Minister of Information, Mohamed Hussein Mursal said that "Chad's attack was in retaliation for Khartoum's aggression on Chadian territory." Meanwhile, Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) spokesperson, Mohamed Othman Al-Aghbash, told reporters in a joint press conference with Sudanese Presidential Advisor Abdallah Masar that "military action will not solve the problem with Chad." This was affirmed by Masar who asserted that "Sudan will act responsibly to the Chadian provocation." He accused Chad of carrying out the agenda of countries that have an interest in using Sudan and Chad as a gateway to Africa and the world." (Al-Watan, Arab Al-Sahafa, *Sudantribune.com, et-al)*

GoS and UNAMID discuss security in Darfur

The Governor (Wali) of the state of Northern Darfur, Osman Mohamed Yousif Kibir, met with representatives of the United Nations/African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) on Saturday to discuss the security situation in the region. Kibir said that "the authorities in the state were keen on bolstering peace and stability in the region." (Sudan News Agency)

UN and AU security councils meet in Addis

Yesterday, the United Nations Security Council and Peace and Security Council of the African Union held a meeting in Addis Ababa, urging the completion of the deployment of UNAMID hybrid forces in Darfur, implementation of Sudanese peace agreements and a peaceful solution for the escalating tension between Sudan and Chad. (Al-Sahafa)

Northern Kordofan announces food shortage

The new Wali of the state of Northern Kordofan, Mohamed Al-Tahir Abu Kalabeesh, announced that the region was "facing an acute food vacuum, which the Government has pledged to fill." Speaking to a community-run association, Abu Kalabeesh stated that he would "adopt an open-door policy, to listen to community members and hear what they had to say." (*Al-Sahafa*)

Taban calls for release of GOSS revenue in bank

An editorial by Editor-in Chief Alfred Taban in Khartoum Monitor alleges that the Central Bank of Sudan "has confiscated the money of the people of Southern Sudan." Taban accuses the bank of withholding the 50% share of oil revenue belonging to the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS), as stipulated by the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The newspaper's Editor-in Chief cites this as "vet another violation of the CPA by the National Congress Party (NCP)," and says the NCP is attempting "to wage an economic war on the Government of Southern Sudan." Taban calls for the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) to "pressure on the NCP and prepare itself for a walkout from the government of national disunity [*sic*]."

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