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MFA summons UNAMID on statements on SAF

Yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the representative from the United Nations/African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) to request that the mission refrain from issuing statements about operations in Darfur of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF). (*Al-Watan, Al-Wifaq*)

Taha: Sudan has “overcome” humanitarian gap

Sudanese Vice-President Ali Osman Mohammed Taha has confirmed that “Sudan has overcome the humanitarian gap caused by the expulsion of 13 international humanitarian aid organizations.” Taha also called for “more cooperation between the responsible bodies to ensure an integrated approach toward resolving the humanitarian issue in Darfur.”(*Al-Wifaq, Al-Ayam*)

NCP Bloc member to handle the Darfur dossier

Presidential aide and National Congress Party (NCP) bloc member Ghazi Salah-El-Din will be handed the responsibility of the Darfur peace dossier, which includes overseeing negotiations with the armed movements in Darfur. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

Special Envoys to hold meeting in Doha today

A meeting by the Special Envoys of the permanent member states of the United Nations Security Council and the European Union is scheduled to take place in Doha today to support peace in Darfur. Among the issues to be discussed will be Qatar’s efforts to ease tension between Khartoum and N’Djamena as well as bringing stability to Darfur. (*Sudan News Agency*)

Chad willing to “ease tension” with Sudan

-An article published in *Sudantribune.com* today disclosed that Chadian President Idris Deby affirmed “his readiness to ease the current tension with Sudan.” The statement came during a recent meeting held with Qatari State Minister for Foreign Affairs Al-Mahmoud. Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir told Al-Mahmoud that “Khartoum supported Qatar’s initiative.” Sudanese officials have warned that Chad must stop its support to Darfur rebels, particularly the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM). Qatari Minister Al-Mahmoud announced that a summit between Al-Bashir and Deby would take place in Tripoli soon. (*Sudantribune.com*)

-Contrary to Sudan Tribune’s article, *Miraya FM* reports that the Chadian government has denied receiving any “official notice” from the Qatari government concerning negotiations between the Chadian and Sudanese governments to reverse the tense relations between the two countries. (*MirayaFM*)

Violent clashes between Rezaigat and Misseriya

The violent clashes that broke-out between Rezaigat and Misseriya tribes yesterday in the area on the border between South Darfur and South Kordofan states resulted in deaths and many casualties. Police forces in the region said that more than 3,000 fighters on horse-back and driving 35 vehicles entered the region, launching their attacks and targeting regional police reserves as well. (*Al-Sudani*)

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