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Concerns over violence in South Sudan

The Egyptian government expressed “deep concern” over the increasing growing tribal violence in South Sudan. Spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, Hossam Zaki, called on the international community to intervene, warning that clashes may extend to even more regions in Southern Sudan. Zaki suggested that development and capacity building programs in South Sudan could help curb violence in the region. The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) regional coordinator for Southern Sudan David Gressly in an interview with Reuters today warned that the violence could affect the elections next April. “At least 1,200 people have been killed since January and it’s probably higher than that,” Gressly said. “It is a concern of the United Nations and other organizations working here, that if this violence persists, it will be difficult to move election materials in some of the areas affected by the violence,” he said. Head of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul Yak further warned that the violence could threaten the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) between the North and South. The senior church leader added that the tribal conflicts were “a deliberate attempt to cause unrest.” South Sudan government officials have accused the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) of providing arms to rebels in the South. (*Sudantribune.com, Al-Intibaha*)

UNAMID new commander assumes office

A new force commander for the joint United Nations and African Union Mission in Darfur, Lt. Gen. Patrick Nyamvumba, assumed his duties in Darfur last Monday. He replaces General Martin

Luther Agwai. The mission issued a press release stating that the new commander has begun a familiarization tour and will inspect the various hybrid forces located in the region under his supervision. (*SudanVision*)

Darfur rebels prepare for more attacks

Two rebel Darfuri Armed Movements, namely the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Abdulwahid Nur Faction and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), in liaison with the Government of Chad, are allegedly preparing for launching attacks in different states of Darfur. The aim of these attacks is to cause unrest in the region in order to refute a recent declaration made by UNAMID in Darfur that Darfur is no longer considered in a state of war. (*Al-Wasat-Al Eqtisady, Al-Intibaha*)

IDP camps listed as electoral constituencies

The National Elections Commission (NEC) Registration Chief Al-Hadi Mohammed Ahmed announced that IDP camps in Darfur have now been listed as electoral constituencies, allowing internally displaced persons (IDPS) to exercise their voting rights. (*Sudan Vision*)

NCP leader defects to JEM

Informed sources told reporters that a leading NCP member from the legislative council in the Managil district, Abdulbagi Ali Awad Al-Kareem, has announced his defection to the JEM in Cairo. (*Al-Intibaha*)

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