



SUDAN MORNING NEWS



<http://sudan.usembassy.gov/>

February 24, 2010

JEM agrees to a cease-fire yesterday

The Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) declared a cease-fire yesterday at midnight as part of a framework agreement signed between the Government of Sudan (GoS) and the JEM in Doha. JEM Chairman Khalil Ibrahim stated that the agreement will pave the way for realizing peace in Darfur. The signing of the agreement was witnessed by African Union and United Nations joint mediator Djibril Bassolé, the African Union and the United Nations Special Representative Ibrahim Gambari, permanent representatives of the United Nations Security Council, representatives of the Arab league as well as senior Qatari and Sudanese officials. The framework agreement is considered the first step towards the achievement of comprehensive and lasting peace in Darfur and was well received by international and regional community. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Sahafa, Akhir Lahza et al*)

SAF denies attacking JEM forces in Darfur

Sudan's Armed Forces (SAF) denies that there have been any clashes between SAF and JEM forces in Darfur. According to recent press reports, official JEM spokesperson Ahmed Hussein claims that SAF forces launched an attack on JEM troops in Darfur two days after signing a preliminary cease-fire agreement in Chad. (*Al-Ayam*)

Qatar donates \$1 billion for Darfur development

Following the signing of the framework agreement between the GoS and JEM, Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani announced that Qatar would donate 1 billion USD in support of rehabilitation and development projects in Darfur. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Darfur factions sign integrated unity agreement

Ten Darfur rebel groups attending the peace negotiations in Doha have agreed to integrate under one umbrella, which they call the "The Liberation Movement for Justice." The members of the newly merged factions include all six Sudan Liberation Movement-Revolutionary Forces (SLM_RF) factions -- the United Resistance Forces (URF), Sudan Liberation Movement-Mainstream (SLM-M), the Democratic Sudan Liberation Movement (D-SLM) and Democratic Justice and Equality Movement (D-JEM). The four others include SLM factions that had met with U.S. Special Envoy Scott Gration in Addis Ababa. The newly formed Liberation Movement Justice will be headed by Al-Tigani Al-Sissi. (*Al-Ayam*)

CPA partners resolve challenging issues

The two Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) partners who signed the peace deal in Naivasha in 2005 have finally reached an agreement over the outstanding issues challenging full implementation of the CPA. Speaking to the press in Juba, Vice-President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Riek Machar Teny confirmed that the two partners had resolved outstanding issues, including border demarcation, the Referendum and representation of Southerners in the National Assembly. (*Sudantribune.com*)

UN rejects postponement of elections

(*Akhir Lahza*)

The Sudan Morning News is compiled as a service of the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan. It presents a partial survey of the current Sudanese press and international reporting about Sudan. This summary does not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Government.