



Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping visits Sudan

UN Undersecretary-General for Peacekeeping Jean-Marie Guehenno arrived in Khartoum on 21 January for a week-long visit to Sudan. During his stay, he will meet with Sudanese government officials and a variety of stakeholders on CPA implementation and deployment of UNAMID.

UNDP launches Human Development Report

The yearly Human Development Report 2007/2008 was launched by the UN Development Program (UNDP) at its Khartoum headquarters on 22 January.

The report, entitled "Fighting Climate Change: Human Solidarity in a Divided World", was introduced by Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sudan and UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan Ameerah Haq.

"As the Human Development Report 2007/2008 makes clear, what we do today about climate change has consequences that will last a century or more," Ms. Haq said. She called on leaders, parliamentarians, media and society in Sudan to limit future climate change and help the most vulnerable adapt to what was already unavoidable.

Ms. Haq added that the world lacked neither the financial resources nor the ability to develop the technology to act upon climate change. "What is missing is a sense of urgency, of human solidarity and collective interest," she said.

Banditry threatens Darfur food supplies, says WFP

Increased banditry was threatening food supplies for more than two million people in Darfur, raising the possibility that rations would be cut, the World Food Program (WFP) said in a press release on 23 January.

So far this year, bandits have stolen 22 WFP-contracted trucks and abducted their drivers, 18 of whom are still missing. "Our main trucking companies now refuse to send in more vehicles because of this upsurge in banditry ... we have no one to deliver about half our

HEARD on RADIO MIRAYA

"I've been officially informed by Joseph Kony that Vincent Otti is dead, and that it's not affecting the peace process. Therefore, he decided that the peace process [should] move forward immediately."

Riek Machar

Vice President of GoSS

23 January

On President Omar Al-Bashir appointing Musa Hilal as an Adviser to the Ministry of Federal Affairs ...

"We believe this step may lead to many problems, and a lot of complications, considering Musa Hilal is among the controversial names in relation to the problems which happened in Darfur, and being one of the accused in this case.

Seif Al-Dein Haroun

SLM/Minni Minawi

Spokesperson

22 January

"If the President appointed Musa Hilal, then it is his decision, and he has the right to appoint whoever he finds suitable for any post in Sudan. Musa Hilal as a citizen has the right to be recruited..."

Omar Adam Rahma

Leading member of NCP

22 January

On the Sudanese government releasing ceasefire monitors representing JEM at the Ceasefire Commission, following their abduction in El-Fasher ...

"We consider the arrest of these brothers, who legitimately represent JEM in the Ceasefire Commission as a real violation of all the charters and treaties ... especially the Addis

monthly food relief requirements,” said WFP representative Kenro Oshidari.

If the situation continued, the WFP would be forced to cut rations in parts of Darfur by mid-February, said Mr. Oshidari.

GoSS announces \$24 million for IDP returns

Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) Vice-President Riek Machar announced in Malakal on 21 January that the GoSS would provide \$24 million to assist with voluntary returns of internally displaced persons.

Speaking at the opening of a Southern Sudan Peace Commission-sponsored conference, Vice-President Machar stressed the importance of citizens returning to their homes and taking part in the upcoming census.

Participants at the four-day conference included the governors of Upper Nile, Jonglei and Unity states as well as representatives of the UN and other organizations in the area. Noting that the Upper Nile area represented a strategic region for Sudan, Vice-President Machar urged the governors to focus on peace and development.

“Security in the Upper Nile is the most important topic that you can discuss here,” Vice-President Machar said, noting that the area had suffered major insecurity during the war. He added that security incidents were currently mild, compared to the end of 2006 and beginning of 2007.

UNMIS holds free medical camp in Kurmuk

Some 1,542 patients were treated at a free medical camp organized by UNMIS’ Pakistani Contingent in Kurmuk, Blue Nile State, on 15 January.

Set up in Government Middle School, the camp was equipped with seven outpatient departments, a minor operating theatre and an electrocardiograph (ECG) room. Patients, who included 742 men, 234 women and 566 children, were suffering from malaria, diarrhea, upper respiratory tract infections, anemia, worm infestations and dyspepsia.

To date, the Pakistani Contingent has held 18 free medical camps in Blue Nile State.

Security situation

Southern Sudan and the Three Areas

Students demonstrated at the Ministry of Education in Juba on 22 January, complaining about the non-payment of their teachers’ salaries and poor teaching methods. The demonstration ended peacefully.

Ababa agreement which created the Ceasefire committees.”

Ahmed Hussein Adam

JEM Spokesperson

18 January

Live debates and call-ins:

Is there any improvement in the cleaning of Juba town? (18 January).

The role of women to vote in the census and elections. Guest: Margret Labany, Director of Finance Administration at SSCCSE (21 January).

Summons & Warrants of Arrest - Implementation Process. Guest: Rajander Kumar, UN Police Advisor.

Forestry conservation. Guests: Khamis Abu Anja, Advisor in the Ministry of Agriculture, and Forestry, and Justin Sebit, Deputy Director for Forestation, and Natural Conservation, Ministry of Agriculture, and Forestry in GoSS (22 January).

Features and interviews:

Prices in Juba; Soldiers cleaning Juba; Interview with the Chairman of the De-mining Commission.

Darfur the Road to Peace:

The episode takes a look at traditional healing techniques in Darfur, and the role of such healers in Darfuri society.

UN Mirror:

The programme focuses on the third CPA anniversary, including three interviews with celebration organizers Raeid Hamid, Administrative Assistant, Staff Counseling and Welfare Section on collaboration with UNMIS National Staff Union; Rejois Shan, Administrative Assistant at the General Director’s Office about the celebration period; Mustafa Ahmodi, Administrative Assistant, at the Mail and Pouch Section.