



Secretary-General presents AU-UN report to SC

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon submitted on 5 June the joint AU-UN report on the hybrid operation in Darfur to the Security Council, after sending it to Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir the day before. About the same time, the Chairperson of the AU Commission was submitting the report to AU Peace and Security Council members. A joint UN-AU consultative meeting with the GoS on the hybrid operation will take place in Addis Ababa on 11 and 12 June.

Security Council to visit five African countries

Fifteen Security Council members will leave New York on 14 June for a week-long visit to Africa, which will include Accra, Ghana (15 June), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (16 June), Khartoum, Sudan (17 June), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (18 June) and Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (19 June). The Council will be briefed on 8 June by UN Secretary-General Special Envoy for Darfur Jan Eliasson and will hold consultations on Sudan on 13 June.

UNMIS, government hold human rights workshop

The Human Rights Committee of Sudan's National Assembly and UNMIS held a four-day workshop on "Harmonization of National Laws with International Human Rights Standards", aimed at strengthening national capacity to comply with international human rights obligations.

Chaired by Priscilla Joseph, Chairperson of the National Assembly Human Rights Committee, along with Awais al Galy, a member of the National Legislative Committee, the workshop included members of the National Assembly, National Constitutional Review Committee, the Advisory Council on Human Rights, National Council for Welfare of Children, Khartoum Centre for Human Rights and students from Khartoum University. Participants identified gaps between international standards and existing national law and developed recommendations to harmonize the two.

UN assists over 100,000 Sudanese to return home

The UN has assisted over 100,000 displaced Sudanese to return home since January 2006, including over 55,000 refugees and almost 50,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs). All organized returns have been part of a Joint Plan with Sudan's Government of National Unity (GNU), the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) and the UN.

On behalf of the UN, the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) led refugee operations, ensuring their protection and supporting reintegration programmes on health, educational, water and sanitation projects as well as income-generating projects in main areas of return. The International

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On International Environment Day ...

"Two decades of war between the south and the north caused deterioration of the environment in the south. Many natural resources have been destroyed, and a lot of wild animals have fled out of the country. Also, forests have been destroyed in many petroleum exploration sites in the south and west."

Nasr Eldin Shulgami
Environmental expert
5 June

On the same occasion, citizens of Malakal, participated in a tree-planting campaign...

"I call upon the citizens to refrain from cutting trees, and if they did, they should compensate it by planting more trees, to limit the negative impact of deforestation."

Samuel Deng
Upper Nile Minister of
Forestry, Environment and
Agriculture,
5 June

Organization for Migration (IOM) transported all IDPs and many refugees, UNMIS provided overall coordination services and other UN agencies, such as the World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF, provided critical support with non-governmental organization (NGO) partners.

Return operations face funding shortfall

So far, UN agencies have received only \$16.5 million from donors and the Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) against pledges of \$68 million. While all agencies face significant shortfalls, IOM, which needs some \$20 million, is the worst hit. If additional funding is not urgently received, IDP return operations will cease in July 2007.

Advisor to Special Envoy visits El Fasher

Pekka Havisto, Senior Adviser to the UN Special Envoy for Darfur, and some members of the AU-UN Joint Mediation Support Team to Darfur and Abeche, called on the LSP Coordinator during a visit to El Fasher on 1 June. Discussions centred on the Darfur-Darfur Dialogue and Consultation between signatories and non-signatories to the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA). Operational issues, including location of the HSP/ Hybrid Mission headquarters, availability of water resources and political considerations were also discussed.

Police to set up women's desks in North Darfur

The Government of Sudan (GoS) Police Commander has agreed to establish women's desks in all police stations of North Darfur, which will respond to cases involving women and children. The assurance came when LSP Senior Police Adviser and AMIS Civilian Police Commissioner met with GoS Deputy Police Commander and other senior officers of North Darfur. The meeting was aimed at promoting rapport and greater collaboration with the GOS Police, and to explore ways of enhancing security in Darfur.

UNMIS Rule of Law promotes CPA, builds capacity

UNMIS Rule of Law Unit conducted Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) training in Abyei in May for Misseriya and Dinka chiefs, community leaders, Joint Integrated Units, and UN and NGOs. The training focused on improving knowledge about the general provisions of the CPA and specific knowledge of the Provisions for Abyei. The Rule of Law Unit and Legal Affairs conducted a similar CPA briefing in Southern Kordofan.

Under a Rule of Law-brokered MoU between the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) Prisons Service and the Prisons Service of Kenya, 40 GoSS Prisons Officers left Juba on 28 May for a three-month senior prison management course at Kenya Prisons Service Staff College in Nairobi. Between 15 and 29 May, the Public Grievances and Corrections Board, in cooperation with the Rule of Law Unit, conducted training workshops on administrative oversight of the Civil Service. Participants also included officials from the National and Khartoum State Judiciary, the Auditor General's Chamber, the Presidency, and the Ministry of Finance.

At a workshop on 'Harmonization of National Laws with International Human Rights Standards'...

"Not all laws comply with the Interim Constitution, and the spirit of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, such as the prison law which releases convicts who know the Koran by heart. Many other laws need to be examined, and amended."

Priscilla Joseph Pouch
Chairperson, Human Rights Committee, National Assembly, 4 June

Denouncing new American-British draft resolution for more sanctions on Sudan...

"The timing is very bad, and would affect negatively the overall peace efforts, and the situation in Darfur; not to mention the economic development in Sudan. Sudan will seek the assistance of its friends in the Security Council to block the proposed resolution."

Ali Al-Saddiq
Foreign Ministry spokesperson, 3 June

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Security and Humanitarian Developments

North Darfur

Armed Rezeigat Abbala killed a Tarjem tribesman in Karo Karo village (50 kilometres west of Nyala) on 30 May. The next day, the Tarjems clashed with a group of Abbala and killed two of them.

An AMIS vehicle was robbed on 3 June by two armed bandits near El Fasher when two AMIS pickup trucks were travelling to Force HQs from the AMIS camp in ZamZam, 13 kilometers southwest of El Fasher.

West Darfur

Two UN vehicles on their way to Agoura were hijacked by a group of armed men on 4 June, 30 kilometres northwest of Geneina.

A woman IDP at Hassa Hissa IDP camp in Zalingei was killed on the night of 3 June when two armed men wearing military fatigues entered her hut and shot her. On 5 June, two incidents of armed robberies took place in the village.

Three trucks carrying women, children and a few men arrived in Umm Dukhun (220 kilometres south of Zalingei) on 4 June. The IDPs had fled fighting in the Dafaq area of South Darfur.

Southern Sudan and Transitional Areas

A major fire broke out in Juba's Customs Market on 31 May, destroying eight shops and injuring more than 15 people. UNMIS rushed dozens of firefighters, engineers and doctors to the scene, assisting local authorities to control the fire.

A Popular Defence Force (PDF) splinter group from Debab has moved into the Talodi area, 100 kilometres southeast of Kadugli. The group reportedly fired at the local SAF unit causing tension in the area.

The Food and Agriculture Organization and NGOs distributed seeds and farming implements to 43,295 families, mainly returnees and their host communities in Unity, Upper Nile, Lakes, Warrap, Northern and Western Bahr el Ghazal States. The distribution included 325 tonnes of crop seeds, 167,518 common hand tools, 93 kilograms of vegetable seeds and 980 fishing kits.

In Northern Bahr el Ghazal, IOM has distributed to date 4,368 Non Food Items (NFIs) kits in Aweil East, West and North counties. The IOM is also planning to preposition 500 plastic sheets in Maluakon and Gok Machar for the rainy season. CONCERN has distributed 2,352 NFIs kits among beneficiaries in Aweil West and North, and will preposition 1,008 kits for the rainy season.

Ministry of Health and UNFPA, began training on Emergency Obstetric Care in Upper Nile, Northern Bahr El Gazal, Lakes and Jonglei States. Training on Voluntary Counseling and Testing, and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV, was organized by UNFPA, on 4 June for counselors.

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Interview

Dr Ojulu Ochalla, Chairman of the South Sudan Democratic Alliance (SSUDA), on the phone-line from the U.S, talking about his party's views on the political process in South Sudan and the disarmament of the SSDF militia elements allied with SSUDA. (5 June)

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How to educate children (4 June)

Bleaching

Is it the men who push women to bleach their skins, often causing irreparable damage to their health? (31 May).

Darfur: The Road to Peace

DDDC talks in Nyala

Part II of interview with Abdul Mohamed, Chairperson, Preparatory Committee for the Darfur-Darfur Dialogue and Consultation, who discussed efforts to ensure grassroots involvement in the DDDC. Programme also featured participants of the first DDDC talks in Nyala.

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ED Damazin Special

Interview with Abdul Dayem, UNMIS Head of Office. Also a feature on the creation of a new county in the Blue Nile State, and a report about hospital conditions in Ed Damazin.