



## CPA vital for lasting peace, says Ban Ki-moon

In his latest quarterly report on Sudan to the Security Council, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned that events in the country in recent months were a sobering reminder of how fragile the country's peace accord was.

While the conflict in Darfur had undoubtedly affected the rest of the country, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) remained critical for long-lasting peace throughout Sudan, Mr. Ban said in the report. He urged the parties to implement all provisions of the agreement, adding that delay would undermine its very purpose of creating a peaceful and united Sudan.

## Council calls on all parties to attend Sirte talks

In a Presidential Statement adopted on 24 October, the UN Security Council called on all parties to the Darfur conflict to attend and fully engage in peace talks on 27 of the month in Sirte, Libya, and urgently agree on a cessation of hostilities to be overseen by the UN and AU.

The Council underlined its willingness to act against any party seeking to undermine the peace process by failing to respect a cessation of hostilities or impeding the talks, peacekeeping or humanitarian aid. It also expressed deep concern at delays in deploying UNAMID, calling on Member States to urgently provide aviation and ground transport still required for the mission.

## Negotiations when parties ready, says Eliasson

Speaking in a video conference from Asmara, UN Special Envoy for Darfur Jan Eliasson recently pointed to indications that some parties to the Darfur crisis were unprepared for peace talks in Sirte, Libya, and were not expected to attend.

"But I want to very much make the point that the consultations they are carrying out now in Juba, and perhaps elsewhere, will of course, also continue in Sirte." He said the meeting was expected to open on 27 October, but negotiations would only begin when all parties were fully prepared.

## Time for peace is now, says Konare

Visiting Sudan on 23 October, AU Commission Chairperson Alpha Omar Konare stated that President Omar al-Bashir and his government were determined to do everything to ensure the success of Darfur peace talks in Sirte, Libya.

Speaking after meeting with Mr. Bashir, Mr. Konare expressed hope that

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*On the SPLM's decision to suspend its participation in the Government of National Unity ...*

"This action and developments that followed it, and new language replacing the consultative approach and co-operation with differences and conflict pushed us to revisit general concepts on which the Comprehensive Peace Agreement CAP was based. One of these concepts is that maintaining peace is not the responsibility of one party without the other. Peace is a mutual choice ...."

**Omar Al Bashir**  
President of Sudan  
Addressing the National  
Assembly  
23 October

*On the Government of Southern Sudan's \$1,400,000 purchase of equipment for road construction in Juba ...*

"...By the 20 of December we will have 12 kilometres of tarmac road properly constructed with drainage ... that will be Christmas for the people. We also hope to finish the bridge before that. The ministry is keen to see that all these activities are achieved.

**Daniel Wani**

other Sudanese parties were similarly committed, stressing that the AU and UN were determined to support the talks. "The time for peace is now. ... We do not have the right for further delay, given the damage and destruction we see everyday," he said.

## UN and Partners set up Darfur Fund

The UN and Partners launched on 24 October the Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund, which will support peace building and reconciliation in Darfur through community based recovery and development in areas where local leaders can guarantee security and political dialogue.

The Fund will complement positive political developments of peace talks in Sirte, Libya, by providing programme support to livelihoods, governance/rule of law, peace support at a local level and expansion of basic social services. It aims to pave the way for a major investment plan focusing on recovery and reconstruction in Darfur.

## Sudan celebrates UN Day

Held this year under the theme of climate change, United Nations Day was celebrated throughout Sudan on 24 October with a televised debate, presentations on environmental issues, tree-planting, cultural as well as sports events and clean-up campaigns.

In a message read out at Khartoum State Headquarters ceremony by his Special Representative to Sudan, Ashraf Qazi, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon pledged to ensure progress on pressing global problems in peace and security, development, and human rights.

The televised debate on climate change featured several environmental experts, including Professor Abdallah Ahmed Abdallah, UN Sudan Association President and former Minister of Agriculture, Ismail Gizouli, Senior Advisor to the Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources and member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The Day was also commemorated in Kadugli, Ed Damazin, Wau, Malakal, Juba, El Fasher, and El Geneina.

## Massive polio campaigns planned

The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF announced on 22 October that they would launch with the Sudanese Ministry of Health massive polio immunization campaigns in Sudan from 23 to 25 October and again in November, following re-introduction of the virus into the country from neighboring Chad.

According to WHO Polio Coordinator Dr Haithami Salah, polio was found in a two and a half year-old boy from South Darfur, with onset of paralysis reported on 10 September. The virus was genetically linked to one circulating in Chad, where six cases were confirmed this year.

GoSS Minister of Roads and  
Bridges  
23 October

*On Darfur factions meeting in Juba who are expecting to travel to Libya to request postponement of the peace talks ...*

"A smaller delegation is going to Libya to attend the opening of the peace talks and request for adjournment ... until they have finished the process of ... coming together on reunification and capacity building."

**Cannon Clement Janda**  
Chairman of the Southern  
Sudan Darfur Task Force  
23rd October

*On accusations by Sudanese Vice-President Osman Taha that the SPLA was amassing troops along the north-south boundary ...*

"The SPLA is within its areas of responsibility south of the 1-1-56 line in a place called Wountaw ... This is where the SPLA is because the SAF has deployed on the other side (of the line) ... This area belongs to the administration of Upper Nile state. We have not deployed north of the 1-1-56 line ..."

**Brigadier Mac Paul**  
SPLA member of the Ceasefire  
Joint Military Committee  
22 October, Juba

## Security and Humanitarian Developments

### West Darfur

Heavy fighting reportedly broke out on 22 and 23 October between the SLA Free Will faction and Arab militia, allegedly supported by GoS forces, in Umm Dukhun (210 kilometres southwest of Zalingei). The fighting resulted in an unknown number of people being killed or injured, while several others fled into neighbouring areas in the Central African Republic.

Following the killing of a member of the Border Intelligence by IDPs on 20 October in Hamidiya IDP camp, Zalingei, Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) surrounded the camp and began shooting. Initial reports indicated that SAF suffered three casualties, and that seven IDPs were arrested.

### South Darfur

The Salamats attacked the Habaniya tribe on 22 October near Samasin (about 38 kilometres southwest of Buram) and in two other locations near Shurab (about 35 kilometres southwest of Buram). Unconfirmed reports suggested that a total of 75 Habaniyas were killed and an unknown number wounded, while six Salamats were killed and 12 wounded.

A large number of IDPs reportedly moved out of Kalma Camp to Nyala on 21 October, following a shooting incident three days earlier. According to a press statement issued by AMIS on 20 October, armed assailants attacked the camp, which resulted in fatalities as well as several wounded and missing persons.

A group of armed men stopped two UN-contracted commercial trucks en route to deliver food relief in Jabra (85 kilometres northeast of Nyala) on 18 October. The attackers looted the drivers' personal belongings and fled with the trucks. The same day in Jabra, four armed men stopped a convoy of three UN-contracted commercial trucks, severely beating and injuring the drivers, and looting their belongings. The attackers released the drivers and trucks, leaving the food untouched.

## Southern Sudan and Transitional Areas

The situation in Rubkona is reportedly calm following clashes between local police and Sudan People's Liberation Army soldiers on 16 and 17 October.

An unknown number of people were killed and cattle looted when Murle tribesmen reportedly attacked the payams (townships) of Baidit and Makuach on 18 October.

Armed men, identified by witnesses as local soldiers, forcefully took goods from shops at Rubkona market (10 kilometres north of Bentiu, Unity State) on 22 October. They fired shots at those attempting to resist, reportedly injuring five traders. Local police are investigating the case.

## MIRAYA HIGHLIGHTS

### Talk Shows with Phone-ins

#### Polio Immunization Campaign:

Dr. Afework Assefa, World Health Organization (WHO), and Dr. Anthony Laku, GoSS Ministry of Health.

#### Southern Sudan Police Reform

**Agenda:** Major General of Police Machar Akau Machar, Director for Orientation and Service and Official Spokesman for Southern Sudan Police Service (23 October).

### Interviews and Features

Programmes on Children's Diseases, a Police Team Site Leader, the SPLM freezing its activities in the Government of National Unity and an interview with the Minister of Agriculture on World Food Day.

### UN Weekly

This week the 30-minute programme included an interview with Abubakr AIKarouri, UNMIS training officer.

### Darfur: The Road to Peace

Sufism and its roll in creating harmony and well-being in the community.