



SRSB to attend Sudan Ministerial meeting in Addis Ababa on the CPA

Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sudan, Ashraf Qazi, represented the United Nations at the Sudan ministerial meeting on 5 December 2007. Convened by the US Secretary of State

Condoleeza Rice, the meeting included CPA parties and the regional partners who discussed implementation of the Sudanese peace agreement while attempting to re-energize the role in implementation, of the regional partners.

Special Envoy Jan Eliasson Visits Sudan

As part of the ongoing and extensive activity toward the UN and AU's joint mediation to expedite preparations for direct negotiations between the Darfur Peace Agreement parties and non-signatory movements, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Darfur, Jan Eliasson, arrived in Sudan on 5 December to hold a series of consultations in Darfur, Juba and Khartoum with allstakeholders concerned. In Darfur, Mr. Eliasson met with leaders of DPA non-signatory movements, local authorities, and UNAMID leadership. In Juba, he met with leadership of the Government of Southern Sudan, the SPLM Task Force on Darfur, as well as the Darfuri Movements present in Juba. In Khartoum, he held talks with senior Government officials and the diplomatic community.

UNMIS Gender Unit Convenes a Workshop on Enhancing Women's Political Participation

A two-day workshop on 'Strengthening Women's Political Participation, organized by the UNMIS Gender unit convened on 5 and 6 December 2007 in Khartoum. The workshop participants included women in political parties, political parties' leadership, civil society groups, members of the donor community and other relevant stakeholders. Topics such as strengthening women's political participation, reviewing existing national and international legal mechanisms related to women's political participation, as well as enhancing gender equality principles within political parties were discussed. The expected outcome was to identify strategies to enhance women's participation in the political processes, particularly in anticipation of forthcoming mid-term elections in 2009.

HEARD on RADIO MIRAYA

On Miraya FM's exclusive interview with Musa Hilal , about the SPLM preventing him to visit Juba despite an invitation from the Darfur Factions meeting there:
"I was supposed to go to Juba today or yesterday, Mr. Edward Lino phoned me and invited me to come to Juba, to meet with the Darfuri Movements, there may be some general discussion to overcome the Darfur crisis, but we were informed that the Chairman of the SPLM has no idea about our visit, and he rejected it."

Musa Hilal
One of the Arab leaders in Darfur
5 December 2007

On Miraya FM's exclusive interview with Mubarak Al-Fadil in which he denies making any political deal for his release from detention:
" The arrest is political and the release is political. The legal procedures are right and wrong [at the same time]. Al-Mardi [Justice Minister] received a political command...and the moderate wing [in the NCP] succeeded in closing the file."

Mubarak Al- Fadil
Chairman of the Umma Party for Reform and Renewal
5 December 2007

UNMIS Human Rights assists in Sudan's efforts to combat violence against women

In collaboration with the unit responsible for combating violence against women at the Sudanese Ministry of Justice, UNMIS Human Rights organized a three-day workshop on 'Human Rights and

Community Policing' on 4 to 6 December at the Police Home in Khartoum. The workshop, attended by police officers of the Community Policing Unit of the Sudan Police Forces was organized in context to the implementation of recommendations made by a group of experts on Darfur, as part of the UN Human Rights Council. As well as that, the workshop was also an UNMIS contribution and effort to the 16 days activism and campaign for combating violence against women.

7th Information Campaign Day on IDP Returns

The Sudan Information Campaign for Returns (SICR) successfully put together the seventh consecutive Information Campaign Day on Saturday 8 December. The information days vary in theme, with a primary focus on informing internally displaced persons, this time in the Soba Aradi camps of Khartoum, on the Joint Organized

Return Plan of the Government of National Unity and the Government of Southern Sudan; this is achieved by providing accurate, relevant, and timely information to IDPs in the form of pamphlets, brochures and presentations, enabling them further to make informed decisions on their possible return options. The campaign is also supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNMIS and non-governmental organizations.

Security Developments

Southern Sudan an Transitional Areas

JIU and SPLA troops were deployed to key locations in Bor on 29 November to control the area an 2 days prior by Murle tribesmen on a Dinka Bor tribe near Padak (200 km southeast of Malakal), during which eight Dinka Bor were reportedly killed and up to 7,000 cattle stolen. The Dinka Bor tribesmen then launched a pursuit operation to recover the stolen cattle and were ambushed by the raiders. A further 27 people were killed, including over 20 Dinka Bor tribesmen. A revenge attack took place on 29 November, with Dinka Bor tribesmen storming parts of the Murle occupied town. They forcibly entered an INGO hospital and killed four patients from the Murle tribe. Other casualties included a national staff member from said INGO, whose compound, vehicles and equipment were damaged.

Darfur

In El Fasher, North Darfur, a group of armed men attempted to forcibly enter a UN office on 1 December; the attempt failed and the attackers fled the scene. In South Darfur, a number of unknown armed men shot at a UN contracted truck on 29 November, in Elkuwei village near Al Daein town. The driver sustained serious injuries.

MIRAYA HIGHLIGHTS

Live Debates and Call-ins

The role of paramount Dinka chiefs and ways of traditions of the tribe: Chief Menyel and John Chol – 28 November

Behavioral Change for people in Southern Sudan: Dr. Hon Ghada James, Chairperson for Information & Culture, in Central Equatoria State Legislative Assembly – 28 November

The right of the child; Africa Charter convention; Articles 28. on drug abuse and 29. on sales, trafficking and child exploitation: Louice Koropo and Taban Robert, Rule of Law promoters – 29 November

Illegal Marriag: Live Phone-in – 30 November

Livestock Marketing: Noel Lomude, Inspector for Animals Planning and Marketing, Ministry of Animal Resources & Fisheries. John Nomenso, Senior Inspector for Animals Planning & Marketing, Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries – 3 December

Features and Interviews

Interviews: Director John Bakowan on situation of Rift Valley Fever in Upper Nile State; Dr. Tarig Amer on Hemorrhagic fever; Upper Nile State Advisor William Tuil; Upper Nile State Advisor William Tuil (Part 2).

Darfur: The Road to Peace

A profile on street children in South Darfur

UN Mirror

An interview with Mathew Bowlby, a UN Volunteer working with UNMIS Civil Affairs, discussing his experience as a UNV.

The program also included a report on NGO development initiatives in Sudan and other reports and findings on hemorrhagic fever.