

Sudan Domestic Media, February 8, 2011(covering February 22 – February 28, 2011)
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- The leading Darfurian figure, Dr. Al-Haj Adam Yusuf urged for a peaceful coexistence amongst Sudanese people and an end to patronage and corruption. He called upon all parties to continue dialogue on peace in Sudan.

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“Sudan nowadays is facing a difficult time as part of the Arab area a matter that necessitates adopting new assumptions in methods and tools. The laws and legislations need reconsideration together with reviewing the issue of wealth share and establishing a diversified culture.

The domestic security which will be affected by south Sudan secession should also be reconsidered and that is because the changes of borders will lead to anticipated disputes in the bordering areas.

However, achieving peaceful coexistence is not an easy task in the presence of the above assumptions, a matter that needs conducting an objective peaceful dialogue far from political cunning.

We are facing changes in the Arab area that might expand to overwhelm the whole continent and all the nations will be affected by those changes.

Difference is the fundamental aspect in communities' formation, but conflict is a big problem as violence will be there, so it is crucial to find out an agreed on system to support the internal peace.

We believe that obsession and the violations of human basic rights will lead to calls of changing the regimes by the people.

Northern Sudan is passing special situations that need review and making constitutional transformation.

The pro-government media is cracking in the light of free media flow

The recent events in the Arab area proved that the police and army power is not ultimate and that was clear in Tunisia and Egypt.

Back to the peaceful coexistence in Sudan, specialists and observers see that the issue needs new vision starting from the individual who stripped from all affiliations through providing his basic needs such as food, health, work and securing basic rights.

The political sectarianism in Sudan is in its weakest times and the civil society organizations are still weak, added to that the political parties which have no clear vision.

Accordingly, it is hoped that the university youth take the lead of the change as they are free from loyalty to the old political parties which failed to rule or oppose the government.

There should be an agreement on the Sudanese unity factors because the existing map of Sudan was the make of the colonialism and not through the will of Sudanese people.

There should be a concordance over constitutional mechanism to ensure the rights.

Education is one of the strong tools to make the change and present new vision to maintain the peaceful coexistence in the country.

We urge the concerned authorities to review this issue to avoid any negative consequences or conflicts.”

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(Sudan Vision website, Khartoum, in English 28 Feb 11)

- Vice-President Ali Uthman Muhammad Taha will travel to South Darfur next week to open the biggest petroleum depot in western Sudan. During this trip, he will inaugurate various infrastructure projects in the region including the Nyala highway, the Nyala stadium, and new playgrounds in Nyala and Al Dayn.

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(Juba Post Khartoum in Arabic 22 Feb 11)

The recent clashes between Mvolo and Yirol districts over cattle which left 12 people dead was resolved on Friday by the Governors of Lake State, Chol Tong Mayay and his Western Equatoria counterpart, Bangasi Joseph Bakosoro which recommended an investigation committee to determine the causes of these clashes. In an address given by Governor Bakosoro to the youth of Mvolo County he urged “their brothers in Yirol and Rumbek for the peaceful co-existence and open a new chapter of free movement and living together as brothers”. And warned politicians about inciting violence amongst citizens.

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(Al-Ahram al-Yawm, Khartoum, in Arabic, in Arabic 27 Feb 11)

- The National Congress Party revealed its plan for revamping the Sudanese economy. The focus of this plan will be to re-arrange priorities for 2011 -2013.

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- The United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) pledged to support the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) to improve the quality of education. Included in this will be a focus on proper planning and the sponsoring of educational experts to consult on the drafting of programs for South Sudan.

(Juba Post, Khartoum in Arabic 28 Feb 11)

- The European Union (EU) has called on the governments in Juba and Khartoum to work for sustainable peace and maintenance of the rule of law. At a one-day workshop at Ahfad University, the EU stated that the governments should allow justice for all in the quest for peace. The EU stressed that the judicial wings of both the south and the north need strong physical and administrative capacity building to successfully be able to uphold justice. "The European Union (EU) said that its role in Sudan is geared towards promoting and defending human rights situation and pursuing a dialogue on this issue and other fundamental values in addition to humanitarian assistance to the people most affected by the war especially in Darfur."

(UN-sponsored Miraya FM website, Juba, in English 0000 gmt 28 Feb 11)

- A day after seven people were reported dead and four more injured in armed clashes, the Al-Misiriyyah tribe in Abyei has called for restoring calm and peace to the area. These clashes are claimed to have been caused by a robbery and not of a political nature. He urged the Dinka Ngok and the Al-Misiriyyah tribes to coexist peacefully. The Dinka Ngok tribe says it cautiously accepts the Al-Misiriyyah proposal, after failure of implementation of the recent Kadugli peace conference between the two tribes. The Abyei region is disputed between the north and south, and is one of the remaining issues after the Southern Sudan Referendum.

(Juba Post, Khartoum in Arabic 28 Feb 11)

- *The Government of South Sudan has increased the number of troops deployed to the Western Equatorial State in efforts to evict the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) from the area. The Council of Ministers has approved money to be used to provide logistic support to the troops in this effort. The Government of South Sudan is working closely with the Government of Uganda. The minister described Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) mission as a "useless war" with inhuman objectives. The Catholic Bishop of Tombura - Yambio Diocese His Lordship Bishop Barani Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala has also stated that the LRA is a threat to regional security and stability.*

The Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) also stated that it intends to expand Juba International Airport before the end of the Interim Period to allow the landing of large planes. The airport will be equipped with state of the art security equipment. Along with this, the Minister of Investment will launch a program to increase employment opportunities funded by the IFC, Denmark, Norway, Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United States. the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) will also give priority to food production across all the ten states of the region in the 2011 budget. The Ministry will lay more emphasis on horticulture, farm mechanization, crop production and plant protection.

(Juba Post, Khartoum in Arabic 28 Feb 11)

- Vice President Dr Riek Machar Teny stated that the February killing of the Minister of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Jimmy Lemi Milla was a result of weak security within the ministry. The minister was shot and killed in his office on February 9th as a result of a family feud. The Vice President stated, “We must not take laws in to our hands, it is not only the Pojulu or central Equatoria State that have lost a dear and patriotic son who has contributed to the unity of the people of southern Sudan but the entire nation is bereaving.”