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Sudan and Libya affirms need to cooperate to secure borders, revitalize accords



Sudan and Libya underlined their keenness to boost bilateral cooperation in securing border areas and in revitalizing accords they signed in the various fields. President Omar Bashir told a joint press that Sudanese efforts will continue in backing the Libyan people, expressing hope that all Libyans will stand together for unity of their homeland and for peace, security, stability and national accord in Libya. He said the visit of the Libyan

Presidency Council Chairman, Fayeza Sarajj should be a new phase in the process of integrating bilateral relations and cooperation. President Bashir said Sudan has no hidden agenda in Libya and that it seeks the security, stability and the unity of the ranks in Libya. He referred to the deeply rooted and historic relations between the two brotherly countries. Bashir said when the Libyan people revolted, Sudan had no choice but to be on their side.. [more page 3](#)

NO JOURNALISTS ARE DETAINED IN SUDAN

FVP, National Prime Minister, Bakri Hassan Saleh announced the absence of prisons and detention centers of journalists, stressing the Sudan's commitment to the spread of freedoms, noting that the press freedoms in Sudan are not available in the region. Addressing the meeting of ministers of information and directors of media bodies in the Federal states, FVP directed media to focus on issues of value, especially the issue of freedom, saying: "You must always bear in mind the state's respect for the issue of press freedoms and its diligence in consolidating its bases, where Sudan enjoys press freedom that not found our region, and it is enough that our country is free of any detained journalist." Saleh stressed the importance of reviewing the country's me-

dia plans on a continuous basis to keep with developments in the structure of national construction, announcing the government's commitment to



make the required changes at any time, directing to the need for communication and coordination between the information ministries of the states and federal ministry. Meanwhile, Minister of Information, Dr. Ahmed Bilal called for coordi-

nation to defend the interests of the country, stressing that the country is going through a phase that requires attention to national unity through the me-

dia. Addressing the opening session of the meeting of information ministers and directors of media agencies in the states, Bilal said: "We count on this forum and attach great hopes to it after all agreed on the national dialogue on a na-

tional unity government and to make the outcomes of this message a force to counter conspiracies and targeting against our country, "adding," We will remain protectors of this country and the link between us and you will be great." Information State Minister, Chairman of the Higher Committee of the Forum, Yassir Yousif called on media speech to be a national one, pointing to the receiving of a number of complaints to the Ministry of Information from ministers in the states, pledging to find integrated solutions, stressing that the purpose of the forum is to meet the challenges facing Sudan, expressing his hope that the forum to reach clear views and results on the problems of the media, appreciating the support of the ministry of information and its great role in the forum.

US Delegation to Arrive to Khartoum to Boost Ties and Investment



A US delegation led by the Vice President of the American Sudanese Friendship Association, and the Secretary General of the Association in Washington and a number of American businessmen will arrive to Khartoum, according to the International People's Friendship Council. The delegation aims to identify the opportunities, investment potential and push forward relations between the peoples of the two countries. The official of

Europe and America Mohamed al Mu'tasim, told the SMC that the members of US delegation visiting to Sudan confirmed that Sudan's foreign image is false portrayed and unreal, pointing out that they found it a safe and stable country, and peaceful people that enjoy religious tolerance. The official said the visit is aimed at boosting relations between the two peoples, especially in its

economic and infrastructure aspects. He said that it will work to remove barriers and improve Sudan's image in the United States. The US business delegation will discuss investment opportunities in several fields, including solar energy.



PAP former President says experiment of Sudanese woman Parliamentarians is model should be pursued

The first President of Pan-African Parliament (PAP), Dr. Gertrude Mongella, a Tanzanian origin, underscored that Sudan was pioneer in parliamentary work and that the African woman parliamentarians have played effective roles in communities across Africa, referring to strong presence of Sudan at regional and international forums. This came while Dr.

Mongella was addressing the inaugural sitting of celebration marking the Sudanese Woman Parliamentarians' National Day in Salam Rotana Hotel in Khartoum, Monday. The celebration held under patronage of Speaker of the National Assembly, Professor Ibrahim Ahmed Omer, and attended by Chairwoman of Organization of Arab Woman Parliamentarians, Rolla Ahmed Mohamed. She indicated to pioneering role of Sudanese woman parliamentarians in all fields, especially their recent engagement in the national dialogue,



Pan-African Parliament (PAP) President

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appeals for \$804 million, of which about \$182 million has been received. We look forward to the continued generosity of donors to ensure that critical needs can be addressed in a timely manner, Ms. Ruedas said, adding in 2017, the Sudan Multi-Year Humanitarian Strategy has been launched to move toward more durable solutions and ensure that humanitarian and development partners work together to implement a long-term, sustainable approach to address new and protracted needs. She highlighted the contribution of the Sudanese people themselves, the local communities and the increasing involvement of the Sudanese private sector who provide shelter, food and protection to thousands of their fellow men and women who are in need. She noted that in 2016, UN agencies, international and national NGOs, and other partners provided food, shelter, water, health, education and other assistance to about 3.9 million people in need across Sudan adding during the first half of 2017, some 2.5 million people received food, nutrition and other assistance. This has been possible due to humanitarian access opening up since the beginning of 2017, with aid agencies able to reach people in need in areas that have been inaccessible during recent years, particularly in parts of the Jebel Marra area, Ms. Ruedas noted.

UN: New Internal Displacement in 2017 Significantly Less than in Previous Years

While new internal displacement in Sudan in 2017 has been significantly less than in previous years, the number of South Sudanese refugees seeking shelter and assistance in Sudan has increased by about 176,000 in 2017 bringing their total number since December 2013 to over 416,000, said United Nations Resident Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, Ms. Marta Ruedas.



Speaking on the occasion of World Humanitarian Day 2017, she said the Government and people of Sudan have a long tradition of generosity towards migrants and have been generously hosting South Sudanese and other refugees, hoping that this tradition continues, and that the policy to assist refugees living outside of camps to ensure they access basic services alongside host communities will also continue. She pointed out that the United Nations and aid organisations have contributed some US\$11 billion for humanitarian action in Sudan since 2003, including almost \$570 million last year, adding that the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan

IDPs Returning to Central Darfur



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

The Central Darfur Government has said that over 80 in-

ternally displaced persons and refugees have returned to Umm Dukhan locality.

This comes against the backdrop of an agreement inked between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations to implement a sustainable return program.

Ismail Adam, the Humanitarian Aid Commissioner in the state, explained to (SMC) that the sustainable solutions program will be implemented in Umm Dukhan locality to be the second local area included in this program after Ambro. The rest of the states of Darfur will be also be included, pointing that the locality where most

The US Treasury Lift Ban on Amount of Money Belongs to Sudanese Embassy in Seoul

The US Treasury Department has lifted a previously imposed ban on amount of money belongs to the Sudanese Embassy in Seoul. The Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Abdul Rahman Derar, said in a press statement, Wednesday, that the lifting of the ban is a positive step and predicts progress in the financial relations between the Sudan and the outside world, pointing out that the amount of money belongs to the commercial and economic center, and the money was transferred by Dawoo company to the center and was banned since the year 2015. He noted that the company has recently reported that the amount reached its account from the American bank without any follow-up from its part. The minister pointed out that the procedure is taken in the framework of the recently financial procedures announced by the US government towards the Sudan, expressing the hope of a full lifting of the US sanctions particularly that the Sudan has fulfilled all the conditions required for the lifting of sanctions.



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IDPs returned to had about 20 villages.

He highlighted arrangements for carrying out field visits to the return villages in the state in coordination with the UNHCR, the Office of Voluntary Return, Reconstruction and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Sudanese Embassy and (GHIG) Group Signed an MoU on Medical Cooperation

The Sudanese Embassy in Berlin and the German Health Care Group (GHIG) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to plan and organize a Sudanese-German Health Care Forum to gather health professionals in Sudan and Germany on an annual basis to benefit from the German experience in the health field. The memorandum includes a rotating forum in Berlin and Khartoum in March of each year for specialized groups, the participants are expected to be 60 persons from each country and to include specialists and medical workers to discuss and dealing with health issues and the needs in both Sudan and Germany to upgrade healthcare. Following the famous example of pilots-ground staff, the forum is expected to witness participation from wider ranges of medical professions. Many people are impressed by aircraft pilots in their nice uniform but

pilots need approximately 120 other ground staff members before taking off. Similar is the case in a hospital, a surgeon alone can do nothing without assistant staff to treat a patient. In hospitals and clinics, a joint platform to exchange ideas and experiences does not focus on details of their specialties, but on the most important questions of today: how we can / should enhance? how we can increase the efficiency of our collaboration as colleagues in these both very different countries in regards of development level, culture, problems expectations and also personal issues. By this unusual way the Sudanese Embassy in Berlin likes to put other aspects in front as the most healthcare conferences which are mostly focused on specific medical questions or business aspects. The Sudanese German Healthcare Forum should try to find answers of such strategic

important questions as to what have Sudanese doctors, nurses and technicians have in common with their colleagues in Germany? what is unifying them and what makes them others, their working environment or the patients, the development of their healthcare system, the public appreciation of their profession, the payments, the opportunities for further education and training, the affiliation with other colleagues domestically and globally. The Sudanese Embassy and the German Healthcare International Group (GHIG) are deeply convinced that this annually organized gathering can be a good example for a Public-Private-Partnership and will help both parties for a much better understanding on all professional levels and will deepen the institutional and private relations between the healthcare professional of both countries.



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AL-BASHER CHAIRS MEETING OF HIGHER COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION OF DIA-LOGUE OUTCOMES

The President of the Republic, Omar Al-Bashir, chaired the meeting of the Higher Committee assigned to follow up implementation of the outcomes of the National Dialogue.

The committee heard a report on the implementation of the outcomes of

the National Dialogue on federal, state and legislative councils and the related arrangements concluded during the past period.

The First Vice President and National Prime Minister, LT Gen. Bakri Hassan Salih presented a report on the implementation of the dialogue outcomes as the national accord government is considered the most impor-



tant mechanism for the implementation of the recommendations, referring to setting up of four committees for this purpose.

He underlined that the recommendations

were discussed within the context of the state's comprehensive national strategy and adjusted to the five years Economic Reform Program.

The Assistant of the President of the Republic, Engineer Ibrahim Mahmud Hammed said in press statements that the meeting was briefed on strengthening of

peace in Darfur through the Firearms and unlicensed vehicles Collection Campaign.

He underlined that the meeting, further, reviewed the next step in the implementation of the National Dialogue which will focus on holding an integrated dialogue on the constitution, in and outside the country.

Foreign Ministry condoles Russia over death of its Ambassador Mirgayas



The Foreign Ministry has extended warm condolences to the government and people of Russia on death of Russian Ambassador to Sudan, Mirgayas Shirinskiy.

The Ministry said the late Shirinskiy, who passed away Wednesday in Khartoum, had exerted sincere efforts to enhance relations between Russia and Sudan in all fields.

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Continued from page 1, The Libyan official, Fayez Sarajj has meanwhile told the same press conference that his country's relations with the Sudan remains intact and that the relations was not negatively impacted by the recurrent developments back home and that the two sides would work to avoid a repeat of the past errors.

He said his side held talks with the Sudanese side led by

President Bashir on bilateral relations. He said the Libyan side briefed the president on the ongoing developments in Libya and the challenges facing the country, politically and security wise.

He said Libya was at present undergoing a critical stage but said the future looks better. He said he would work to achieve political accord which will ultimately culminate by holding the elections in Libya.

He said the two sides have stressed the need for securing the joint border and revitalizing the accords and integration agreements they signed earlier.

Despite acknowledging Efforts to combat Terror, Sudan Still on the List of US Terrorism!!

The United States has acknowledged that Sudan has been cleared of accusations of its support of global terrorism, yet the United States has placed it on its annual list of state sponsors of terrorism. Sudan has not weakened its resolve to fight terrorism or other activities that harm the interests of other countries in the world, but cooperate in all areas of world peace to create a world free of crime.

The USA Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism of the US State Department recently issued Country Reports on Terrorism 2016 and acknowledged the role of Sudan in combating terrorism.



The report quotes:

„Sudan was designated as a State Sponsor of Terrorism in 1993 due to concerns about support to international terrorist groups, including the Abu Nidal Organization, Palestine Islamic Jihad, Hamas, and Hezbollah. Notwithstanding this history, countering terrorism is today a national security priority for Sudan, and Sudan is a cooperative partner of the United States on counterterrorism, despite its continued presence on the State Sponsors of Terrorism List. During the past year, the Government of Sudan continued to pursue counterterrorism operations alongside regional partners, including operations to directly counter threats to U.S. interests and personnel in Sudan. Sudan takes seriously the threat posed by ISIS, and in September 2016, the U.S. government acknowledged the Government of Sudan's significant efforts to counter ISIS and other terrorist groups and to prevent their movement into and through Sudan. Earlier, in June 2016, a senior U.S. official praised Sudan for its

counterterrorism efforts as well. There were no reported terrorist attacks in Sudan in 2016. There also were no indications that the Sudanese government tolerated or assisted terrorist organizations within its borders in 2016. Reports indicate that the Government of Sudan ceased providing Hamas any direct support as they did in years past.

As a result of a U.S. engagement plan with the Government of Sudan in 2016 that offered potential economic sanctions relief if Sudan took positive actions in a number of areas – including enhanced counterterrorism cooperation – the Sudanese government has taken steps to improve its counterterrorism efforts through enhanced interagency and international cooperation to address the ISIS threat.“

FM: Sweden allocates 9.4m euros for development projects in Sudan



Foreign Minister, Professor Ibrahim Ghandour has announced that Sweden earmarked 9.4 m euros for supporting development projects in Sudan, especially in areas of water, health and education, adding that Sudan-Sweden relations are now at its best stage and that his recent visit to Sweden boosted the two countries' relations.

"Sweden affirmed release of its development aid to Sudan, which have been halted for over 20 years, as of coming January, the Minister said in press statements at Khartoum Airport while he was bidding farewell to the Chinese Vice-Premier who was concluding a two-day visit to the Country, Saturday.

Professor Ghandour added that he discussed during his visit cooperation between Sudan and Sweden and that Sweden underscored support to development in Sudan and to back Sudan in the UN Security Council, disclosing that he held meetings with the Chamber of Commerce, businessmen, organizations and research centers in Sweden.

He pointed out that Sweden is important European industrial country that established relations with Sudan since 1966, referring to a number of Swedish companies investing in Sudan and to Sweden's fair stance towards Sudan's issues.



USAID says Washington serious about normalizing relations with Khartoum

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor Ibrahim Ghandour, on Tuesday met with the visiting USAID Director, Mark Green, and the accompanying American delegation where the two sides reviewed ways of boosting bilateral relations and cooperation on issues of mutual concern.

The meeting also discussed regional and international political agenda top of which the peace process talks where the American diplomat underlined the seriousness of the American administration to work with Khartoum for the normalization of bilateral relations and cooperation in the various domains. The American official commended the role played by the Sudan in hosting and giving refuge to refugees and Khartoum's international with the humanitarian situation in South Sudan and the opening of four humanitarian corridors to forwards relief and humanitarian assistance to victims of South Sudan internal conflict. The Minister has meanwhile

stressed that that the five tracks have now become Sudanese national agenda with positive results in impact on the peace and national security in the Sudan.

The Minister on the other hand pointed to the most recent visit by the UK Archbishop of Canterbury and to other visits by international envoys who all commended the levels of freedoms enjoyed by the Sudan and the efforts exerted by the government to cement the pillars of peace, security and stability in Darfur and the Two Areas. The Minister called on the United States of America to boost the efforts in the stage of boosting peace and development programmes.

It is to be noted the undersecretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Abdul Ghani Neim, along with the commissioner for humanitarian aid, and representatives of concerned ministries and institutions took part in the meeting with the American delegation.