



Lt. Gen. Al-Burhan Receives US Envoy to Sudan



Khartoum, July 15 (SUNA) – Chairman of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Lt. Gen. Abdul-Fattah Abdul-Rahman, Monday received at the Republican Palace the American envoy for Sudan, Donald Booth, and discussed progress of the negotiations between the TMC and the Forces of Freedom and Change for reaching an agreement on formation of a civilianled transitional government. The American envoy said that the Sudanese people have waited long for the civilianled government, adding that they also reviewed other issues. He described his meeting with the TMC Chairman as a good and fruitful, expressing his optimism that the

dreams of the Sudanese people for a civilian-led government and an independent prime minister will soon be achieved, adding that he will talk with all parties in this connection. He indicated that the United States is keen and committed to helping the Sudanese people achieve agreement on the arrangements for the transitional period, stating that the United States wants to see Sudan surpass the current stage. Booth said that the United States will work with the other Sudan partners to get assured that the Sudanese people have reached breakthrough in this regard so that they receive support from the international community. MH/MO

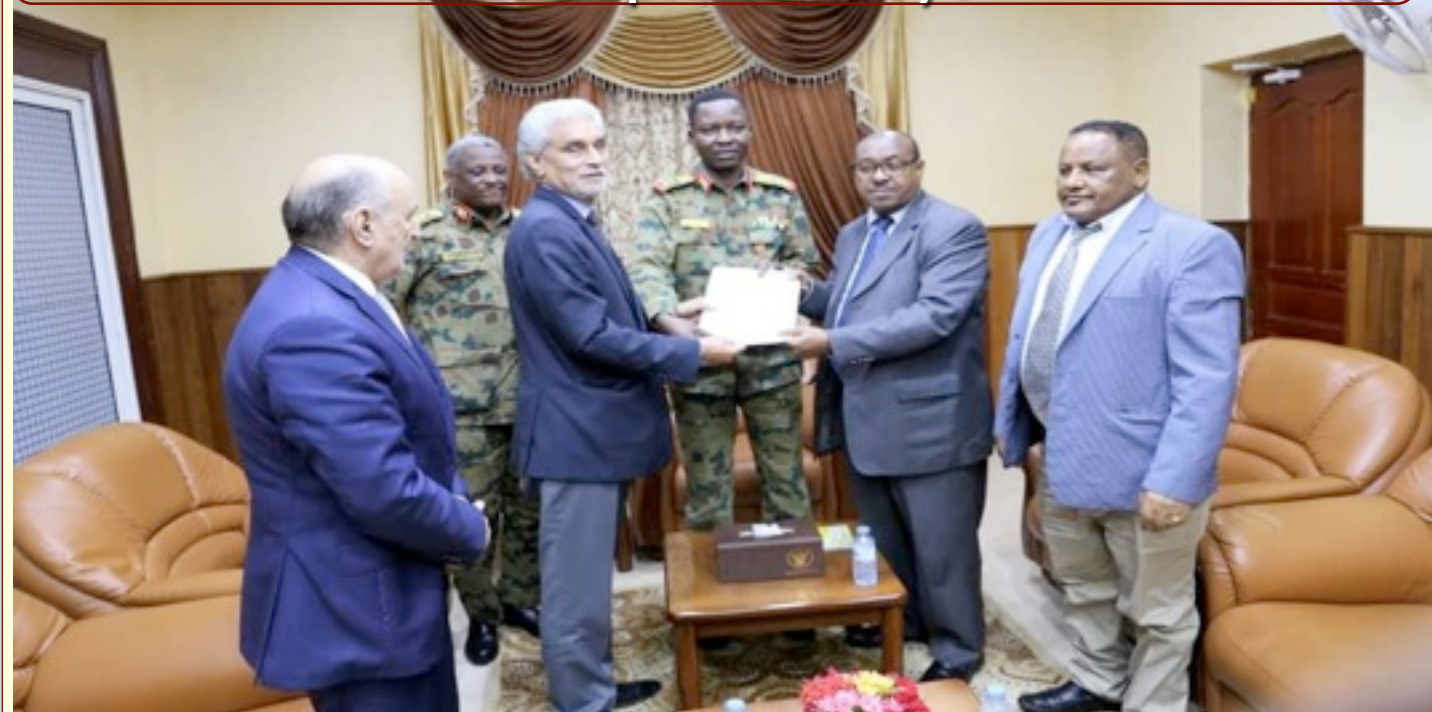
Foreign Ministry's Undersecretary receives ambassador of France



Khartoum, July.3 (SUN) – The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Omer Dahab, received Wednesday the Ambassador of France to Sudan, Patrick Nicoloso.

The meeting discussed ways to strengthen the relations between the two countries. Ambassador Dahab briefed the French Ambassador on all current situation in the country. MH/BH

TMC Hands over its Response to African Union and Ethiopian Envoys



Khartoum, June 30 (SUNA) – Chairman of the Political Committee of the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and its spokesman, Gen. Shams-Eddin Kabbashi, Sunday handed over at the Republican Palace its response to the envoys of the African Union and Ethiopia on the joint paper of the African Union and Ethiopia, in presence of the TMC member and the Deputy Chairman of its Political Committee, Gen. Yasser Al-Atta. Gen. Kabbashi said that the document that the TMC given to the two envoys represented its point of view and is considered a negotiation paper, explaining that that the proposal of the African Union provided an

excellent basis for negotiation. He affirmed the TMC readiness for negotiation as of today (Sunday). Gen. Al-Kabbashi has expressed the TMC appreciation of the efforts of the African Union and the Ethiopian envoys for achieving a political solution in Sudan, indicating that what was included in the proposal stems from their full understanding of the Sudanese people.

He stated that the TMC hopes reaching a comprehensive political solution that includes all is the shortest time and under the umbrella of the African Union, adding that any other efforts must be coordinated with it. MO

Youths Call TMC and FFC to Reach Agreement



Khartoum, July 14(SUNA)- The Higher Council for Sudanese Youth Forces(HCSYF) Urged the parties represented in the Transitional Military Council and Forces of Freedom and Change(FFC) to reach deal realizing peace and paving way for peaceful transition of power through elections.

The HCSYF Chairman, Mohamed Sidiq Mohamed Ibrahim , who was speaking t SUNA press forum Sunday , that peace is a project of partisan , tribal or regional gains , calling for looking to peace as civil value not subjected to bargaining and that its ultimate goal is to be preserve the citizen's life and dignity.

HCSYF secretary-General, Engineer Ahmed Al-ZainAbbakar Abdalla called the all political forces, and civil society components as well as women and youth to take part in the transition period to achieve a comprehensive peace based on consensus and reconciliation. *More on Page 2*

Gen. Al-Kabbashi Briefs Diplomatic Missions on Agreement

Khartoum, July 7 (SUNA) -- Member of the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and head of its political committee, Gen.



Shams-Eddin Al-Kabbashi, announced that a meeting will be held on Tuesday between the TMC and the Forces of Freedom and Change to agree on a united media address for presenting the agreement and to inform about it. In a briefing he and the caretaker Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry, ambassador Omer Dahab, gave Sunday to heads of the diplomatic corps accredited to Sudan, Gen.

Al-Kabbashi said that a legal committee is engaged in formulation of the agreement in its final shape and about to conclude its work prior a celebration that will mark the signing of the final agreement, amid regional and international participation.

He indicated that joint delegations of the TMC and the Forces of Freedom and Change will visit the states to inform about the agreement clauses... *More on Page 3*

Gen. Al-Atta: Transitional Period will Witness Security for Achieving Goals and Holding Fair Elections



Khartoum, July 11 (SUNA) - Deputy Chairman of the Political Committee of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Gen. Yasser Al-Atta, pointed out that the transitional period will witness security for the sake of reaching lofty goals and holding fair elections and during which the Armed Forces will protect the civilian democratic institutions. Addressing a gathering of people arts' poets for support to the TMC and the Rapid Support Forces at the Friendship Hall Thursday, Gen. Al-Atta stressed that the era of difference has gone, and that the military institution is not competing with any one for power, but it aims for protecting Sudan and its people. Gen. Al-Atta has pointed to the solidarity between the military institution and the revolution leaders and youths for realizing renaissance in Sudan. He praised the role of the Youth Committee for Support to Peace and Development and the poets for the development of communities and dissemination of the lofty values. MO



TSPRC Completes Preparation to Celebrate World's Drugs Day

Khartoum, July (SUNA) - Hayat for Treatment, Social and Psychological Rehabilitation Center (TSPRC) has completed arrangements to celebrate World Day for Combating Drugs. The celebration program includes implementation of a number of activities such as enlightening public, provides guidance, rehabilitation and hold of training workshops, targeting cadres working in the field. The Hayat, TSPRC Manager Rihab Shabo, said the Center celebrates World Day for combating drugs annually. She said, this year the celebration would witness the launching of Hayat Foundation for Protection and Rehabilitation. Rihab explained that the Foundation is considered an integrated firm specialized in combating drugs and alcohol addiction. This, according to Rihab is done through presenting quality studies and research, enlightening programs and protection services. She added the Foundation aimed at providing treatment services and integrated rehabilitation for patients who suffer flusters and addiction. Hayat's TSPRC manager stated that the Foundation includes specialized divisions under supervision of experts and consultants. The divisions are to provide inclusive services in the field of medical assessment and removal of toxics, rehabilitation and follow-up, Rihab said. Moreover Rihab assured the involvement of the family in the follow-up program. AA

Flow of South Sudan's Imports via Port Sudan Discussed

Port Sudan July14 (SUNA)- Wali of Red Sea State, Lt. Gen. Esam Abdelfarraj met Saturday with South Sudan's Ministrt of oil, Mr. Awow Daniel, during his visit to the state.

The meeting discussed arrangements of facilitating flow of imports of the South Sudan State through Sudanese ports. Wali of the Red Sea State, affirmed readiness of his government to ease difficulties and provide necessary assistance to ensure smooth flow of



exports and imports of the South Sudan the Minister of Oil in South Sudan, from his part, stood on flow of oil production inputs to his country, that reached the Sudanese ports, praising the existing cooperation between Sudan and South Sudan in this

area. During the visit, a coordination office was opened in Port Sudan to follow-up the imports of South Sudan State. sn/ab

Investment Entity between AAAID, Al-Rajhi Invest



Khartoum, July 7 (SUNA) - The Economic Expert Prof. Mustafa Nawari has called for the availability of strong political will to resolve the structural issues facing

Sudan economy such as unemployment, subsidization of goods and services, change of education guidelines and medical policies. Prof. Nawari linked the lift of terrorism and international cooperation with the state with the stability of the agreement between the Forces of Freedom and Change Declaration and the Transtional Military Council as well as the responsible behavior of all parties without exception, explaining that the Arab support is the most effective fastest. Prof. Nawari excluded, in a statement to SUNA, the increase of investment in the interim period. He said that "The democratic performance in the elections, the result of the elections, the acceptance of the political forces to the election result and the performance and policies of the elected government will play a big role in the attraction of investments and support. For his part, the Economist Dr. Abdelmahmood Al-Nur Mahmoud said that the strategic issues need a long time and an elected government based on full constitutional powers. "Forming a government of competencies with close ties to the international institutions and some key countries may help to resolve some issues and open channels to prepare for that". BH/BH

Ministry of Agriculture signs two agreements with FAO



Khartoum, July 11(SUNA)-The Dam Implementation Unit(DIU) announced end of work at eight rainwater harvesting dams with huge different storage capacities in a number of states . Director of DIU's Surface Water Projects Department , Engineer Ali Jara-Nabi Al-Faki said the dams , which will be inaugurated in the coming period, provide 40 million cubic meters of water. He added in a press statement that the dams are distributed in states of Blue Nile, North Darfur, Khartoum, White Nile and East Darfur.

Engineer Jara-Nabi noted that DIU 2019 plan targets erection of 10 dams within framework of programs of voluntary return and resettlement of displaced people which started in 2016. He said the rainwater harvesting projects contributed to stability of herders and resettlement of displaced people in states of Darfur and greater Kordofan, a matter which reflected positively on security, increase of agricultural and animal production. ab

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Continue from Page 1, Al Zain also reviewed the Council's initiative on nation- building strategy , pointing out that the economy situation and living difficulty were the main causes of the revolution breakout. " We see initiatives are forwarding as people are still suffering from the same issue , prices are soaring and there is difficult in transport" Al-Zain underlined, disclosing that the council has prepared a social strategic document on the nation-building. Deputy secretary of the HCSYF Foreign affairs , Amjad Ibrahim Hassab-Alla, for his part, said the council includes 27 youth alliances and called youth to join the HCSYF. In the same context, the HCSYF states official, Ali Hamid Nura-Eddin said the council forwarded programs for the states to include the periphery voices , adding that the council aims to achieve peace and peaceful-co-existence among all components of the Sudanese society away from self-benefits. He added that the work adopted by the council was a contribution from youth , referring to Rwanda experience in areas of reconstruction and peace -building. Amjad further added that the council's initiative would be submitted to the coming interim government. ab

Workshop to Clarify Facts about Children Recruitment

Khartoum, July 9 (SUNA) – The Undersecretary in Charge of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Omer Dahab, has stressed the importance of clarifying the facts about the allegations of children recruitment, especially in the regular forces, adding that the immunization operations are underway.



This came during his address, Tuesday, at the National Council for Child Welfare, to the preparatory workshop organized by the National Council for Child Welfare in cooperation with UNICEF on the verification visits on the allegations of recruitment of children by the forces of rapid support, and to raise awareness about nonviolations with the provision of care.

The secretary general of the National Council for Child Welfare, Sua'ad Abdul-A'al noted that the Sudan has been working to

protect children in areas of armed conflict based on its laws and legislation. She has praised the role of the UNICEF and the technical support it provides to the government

of Sudan in the field of childhood, explaining that the workshop is the beginning of field visits to the rapid support forces, which are part of the armed forces and are committed to all regulations and laws of the armed forces.

The representative of UNICEF in Sudan has emphasized the Sudan's commitment to prevent the recruitment of children in conflict and not to involve children in regular forces during conflict, adding that the plan of action that was signed will lead to a safe future for the children of Sudan.ta

RYA Praises Agreement between Military Council and Forces of Freedom and Change



Khartoum, July 6 (SUNA) – The Revolutionary Youth Alliance (RYA) has commended agreement reached between the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and

Forces of Freedom and Change, calling for inclusive deal addressing displacement issues and ending war. RYA Chairman, Dr Khattab Ibrahim, who was speaking at SUNA Forum Saturday, said that RYA was more optimistic over the deal and that the alliance commended the role of the international mediator hoped that it be the last role in Sudanese issues.

He called for speed up resolution of issues of war, peace, displacement and refugees, urging other alliances to unite in broad groupings with a clear programs. Dr Khattab added that RYA has national project on ending unemployment and youth participation in reconstruction process. RYA secretarygeneral, Ibrahim Bedawi revealed that Sudan Youth Conference is planned to be held soon, referring to importance of completion of the agreement by incorporating views and visions of other political forces and the political forces which took part in the revolution. ab

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Continue from Page 1, He pointed out that priority will be given to supporting peace countrywide and the communication with the armed movements as well as enhancing the citizens' living conditions and the economy. Gen. Al-Kabbashi has expressed thanks to the Sudanese people for their patience. He also thanked the joint African – Ethiopian mediation and the Ethiopian Prime Minister for his efforts in bringing close the views between the negotiating parties.

He further thanked the diplomatic missions and the government that they represent, especially the ambassadors of the sister and friendly countries for their concern, support, advices and proposals to help achieving the agreement. MO

Proposal on establishment of Leather Integrated City

Khartoum, July 12 (SUNA) – The Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries Dr. Ahmed Mahmoud Sheikh-Eddin has announced a proposal on the establishment of a Leather Integrated City in Western Omdurman City as well as the



establishment of modern tanneries for the manufacture of leather. In an interview with SUNA, the Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Animal Resources said that the land for the city was ready waiting for funding. He called on the private sector to participate in its financing, stressing that the Animal Resources Bank has no role in financing the export and development of the animal resource sector, although it is a

specialized bank in sector, pointing ou to the sudden cancellation of the Animal Resources and Meat Marketing Corporation, which was responsible for all exports of animal resources and it was profitable and instead of which the Bank of Animal Resources was established. Dr. Sheikh-Eddin said that the bank has nothing to do with the financing and development of the animal resources sector like the Agricultural Bank,

which contributes to the support of agricultural development and farmers, referring to the existence of problems in the financing of exports of the animal resources sector. "The exporters' division should be reorganized in order to be funded and must be united in the form of companies or groups."

The Caretaker Undersecretary of the Ministry of Animal Resources pointed out that the animal resources sector was a renewable, permanent resource, contributes with 20% to the national product and constitutes more than 60% of the agricultural output. The animal resources sector also provides the treasury with hard currency and achieves food security. He added that Sudan has more than 109 million head of livestock. BH/BH

Workshop on Legal Aid and Human Rights Held in Nyala

Nyala July 14 (SUNA)– The advocator and activist in human rights and the head of the Sudan women organization in South Darfur State. Magda Hassan Ali Al-Amin assured that the purpose of the two-day training workshop about the legal aid and human rights that started on Saturday in capital of the state , Nyala, was to qualify legal cadres who will be able to reach to justice institutions whenever case of violation found in displacement camps. She added that the workshop also



aims to enlighten the trainees on human rights as fundamental right guaranteed by legal and national constitutions being inspired

from Universal Human Rights Declaration. Magda said 40 paralegals and native administrators at Attash and Dreaig internal displaced

persons(IDPs) camps participated in the training workshop which was organized by Sudanese Women Development Organization in cooperation and coordination with UN Development Program(UNDP).

"Five training sessions started from 13 and will last till July 28 with participation of 200 trainees" she said. Magda pledged to hold an advanced training session for 50 participants. UNDP Director, Zuhair Al-Islam pointed to importance of convocation of the workshop, especially that it concerns with human rights and provision of legal aid. ab

Reflecting the pace of change (1)

The US lifted sanctions in October 2017;

what has been the impact of the 20-year embargo on the financial sector? Obviously, lifting the sanctions is a major event, a turning point. But let's look at the bigger picture: in 1997, the United States imposed sanctions on Sudan, listing it as a sponsor of terrorism. The last two decades have also seen violence in some regions and of course since 2011, the southern part of the country seceded and formed South Sudan, taking with it most of Sudan's oil reserves. Estimates put the total loss due to the sanctions at around US\$500 billion with an indirect loss of some US\$4 billion annually. The sanctions banned just about every kind of commercial and financial dealings with Sudan, and as a result, the banking sector was isolated from the global financial system. The sanctions have resulted in heavy losses to foreign investors in Sudan, as well as adding further restrictions on exporters. There has been a loss of trust between international financial institutions.

How optimistic are you about the future? Lifting the

sanctions should mean our country's return to the world financial system, allowing us to facilitate banking operations and procedures for exports and imports, and we should now be able to resume contact with international financial and investment institutions. In turn, it should contribute to improving the exchange rate of the Sudanese currency, boosting the private sector by allowing greater access to financial sources to obtain funds...

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Exactly. The problem is that 20 years is a long time to have been out of the game, and there are many people in the international financial sector that have never dealt with Sudan, who weren't around in the presanctions period. And what's worse, they are unsure about the situation here: the sanctions have been lifted but the country remains on the list of state sponsors of terrorism. There has been progress in some areas of the economy, with foreign players coming in, but the international financial community is being very cautious.



What we might call the 'BNP Paribas Scare' factor?

Yes: in 2015, BNP Paribas was fined US\$8.8 billion for circumventing the US sanctions, and obviously that sent a powerful message out to the international financial community. The problem we face now is that international financial organisations are not motivated to reach out after years of either doing just fine without Sudan or being punished for doing so. Banks are afraid to deal with Sudan and have not been educated out of their fear or complacency.

Do you feel the United States has done enough to let the world know that the sanctions have been lifted and that Sudan is open for business?

Washington's view is that it has no responsibility to tell the world that Sudan is once again open for business.

It's our job to get out there and tell the world and to then provide the documentation. Right now, only a handful of people know the sanctions have been lifted.

Until a high-ranking US official (e.g. the US president) or CNN goes on the record and

says loud and clear that the US is happy to start dealing with Sudan again, we in the Sudanese financial sector are going to have to go around knocking on a lot of doors, explaining the new reality. We have been talking to all the big international banks, inviting them to return to Sudan. We need one big player to come in and then the others will hopefully follow suit. At this point, we're not even talking about investing in Sudan, simply for the international banks to act as correspondence banks, to help with transferring money. The problem is that there isn't much money to be made by doing that. I think it will be a slow process, because for the moment, banks are going to be paying a lot of attention to compliance laws.

Tell us a little about UCB and its efforts to encourage the international banking community to do business with Sudan. The bank was set up in 2005 by a group of investors from Kuwait, Lebanon and Egypt, and we've been on the Sudanese stock exchange since 2007, and then late last year, coinciding with the lifting of sanctions, a group of leading Sudanese investors staged a 40 per cent buyout of the bank's shares, so we're now 60 per cent Sudanese and 40 per cent foreign owned.

Our strategy is now to establish ourselves as a credible entity in the eyes of the international financial community, so our focus is on getting a rating by institutions such as Moody's and Fitch. Then, if a big overseas bank wants to start dealing with Sudan, they can come and look at our bank and see the report. It's essential for Sudan's banks to be clearly seen to meet international criteria, which we do. Within that context, UCB is positioning itself as a local bank with considerable international experience. We've already played a key role in financing through our branches in Khartoum, Khartoum North and Omdurman, providing Islamic financial solutions to strategic projects in the fields of infrastructure, corporate finance and small and medium sized enterprises in industry, agriculture, mining, trade and services. .. *to be continue ..*

State of the Environment in Sudan



Asim El Moghraby Sudan is an example that projects the environmental plight of Africa, south of the Sahara - drought and desertification, floods, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, tribal and ethnic conflict and poverty are only too common. As a result, interest and commitment to environmental impact assessment practices have become mandatory by donors when executing new development projects. Older projects, however, continue to escape notice. New projects compile their own 'EIA' with no genuine efforts to legalize and institutionalize EIA.

Introduction

No doubt accumulating indigenous knowledge and cultures are influenced by natural resources and the intensity of their use. In this respect Sudan could be taken as an example of the whole Sudano-Sahelian Belt, across Africa south of the Sahara.

Historically tribal communities were well organized in mitigating natural disasters like fire and the invasion by the desert locust. Managing natural resources became more institutionally efficient after the reconquest of Sudan in 1898. The first environmental law enacted was the Forestry Act of 1901, followed by the Land Tenure Law of 1908. The early 30s witnessed several environmental initiatives. The 40s produced the 'Stepping Report' on desert encroachment in Sudan and neighboring African Countries. The Forestry Law came into force in 1932, the Wildlife Act and the proclamation of several National Parks came in 1935. The Land Use Committee was also established in 1944. It was a good record! Management of resources, however, was focused on exporting raw materials to the benefit of colonial countries. .. *to be continue*

Joint Vaccination Campaign in Gezera State Receives International Appreciation



Medani July, 3 (SUNA)-The joint campaign to eradicate measles, polio and shortage in Vitamin "A" concluded its activities on Wednesday.

The campaign started on July 23 at all localities of the state and it achieved greater success as a result of joint efforts exerted by partners and members of the Joint Higher Committee of the Campaign. The campaign covered 100 percent of measles targeted groups, 99 percent of polio and 95 percent of Vitamin "A" shortage. The campaign operated under the slogan (Reaching Every Child).

Meanwhile it received an appreciation from the international organizations. The campaign was run under good arrangement empowering working teams to reach all the targeted groups in the state. Manager of Immunity Program in Gezera Kamal AL Fadil uncovered in statement to SUNA that the campaign targeted children aged from one day up to ten years. AA