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Sudanese parties sign framework political agreement



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The Sudanese parties signed today Monday, at the Republican Palace, amid regional and international presence that included the Trilateral Mechanism, ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic missions, political framework agreement to end the political crisis in Sudan, in preparation for formation of a government to complete the transitional period.

The agreement was signed by the President of the Transitional Sovereign Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, and Commander of the Rapid Support Forces, General Mohammed Hamdan Daglo.

The agreement was also signed by the political forces, including the National Umma Party, the Sudanese Congress, the Democratic Unionist Party, the Popular Congress, the Forces of the Declaration of Freedom and Change (The Central Council), the military component, the Revolutionary Front, the Sudan Liberation Army, the Sudan Liberation Forces Alliance, the Beja Congress, a number of political forces, and a number of professional organizations and alliances.

UN Secretary General Special Representative for Sudan and Head of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS) Dr. Volker Perthes, addressing the signing ceremony, said that this signing is a good basis for restoring democratic civil rule in Sudan.

He congratulated the Sudanese people on the signing of the framework political agreement, calling on the international community to support this consensual approach.

Mr. Perthes said that the signing is a courageous step that guarantees the rights of the components of the Sudanese people to expression, the families of martyrs, women, youth, and civil bodies, and is a turning point in the Sudanese political issue.

The African Union has welcomed the signing of the political framework agreement on Monday.

Ambassador of the African Union in Khartoum, Mohammed Belaish, announced the African Union's blessing for the agreement as it falls at the heart of the Sudanese people's requirements for democratic transformation and the establishment of the institutions of the New Sudan that embodies the slogan "Freedom, Peace and Justice".

Addressing the signing ceremony of the agreement at the Republican Palace on Monday, Ambassador Belaish expressed his hope that the political process would culminate in a final and sustainable solution and the formation of a government of national competencies that is capable of expanding justice, improving people's livelihood, realizing disarmament, and careful preparation for the democratic rule.

He called on the international community to support the new Sudanese government to face the challenges and achieve the aspirations of the Sudanese people. He renewed the African Union's readiness to initiate discussions on issues of justice and transitional justice, completing the peace process, fighting corruption, addressing the issue of eastern Sudan, and implementing the economic reforms.

He praised the positions of the military component, stressing the importance of preparing for the document, continuing to give the agreement a collective spirit and expanding the participants in it search for a strong government that enjoys societal acceptance.

President Al-Burhan announces military establishment's exit from political process



Khartoum, December 5, 2022 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, announced the military institution's exit from the political process in the country in response to the demands of the revolutionaries.

President Al-Burhan, addressing the signing ceremony of the framework political agreement at the Republican Palace today, said that the country is going through an exceptional circumstance, adding, "we have been in a state of disharmony between the political forces and the military, and this has negatively affected the country."

He explained that the signing of the framework political agreement is considered an entry point to overcoming differences and making the transitional period a success, indicating that the reality requires prioritizing the interest of the homeland, "and that we consented to agree on national issues."

President Al-Burhan pointed out that the approval and signature today Monday does not mean an agreement with one party, but rather a consensual agreement on national issues with the national forces to end the conflict and quarrels between the civil and military forces.

He said: "We are seeking to transform the Army into a constitutional institution that is away from any bias towards a party, group, or ideology, and work with professionalism".

President Al-Burhan pointed out that the civil authority is responsible for the goals and issues of the homeland, stressing pressing ahead with the goals that have been set in the agreement, and warned the political and civil forces not to interfere in the technical work of the military establishment, and that there is no restriction on the forces of the revolution from joining the declaration at any time, indicating continuation of advancing peace efforts with Abdul-Aziz Al-Hilou and Abdul-Wahid Mohammed Nur, renewing his commitment to what is being agreed upon today and completing the transition by reaching free and fair elections.



Chairman of Revolutionary Front: “Framework Agreement is new horizon for Sudan future”



Khartoum, December 5, 2022 (SUNA)

Chairman of the Revolutionary Front, Dr Al-Hadi Idris described the Framework Political Agreement as great event in the Sudan history and constitutes new horizon for Sudan future

Addressing the ceremony celebrating the signing of the framework agreement, he said that the Revolutionary Front was proactive through initiatives, consultations and active participation in preparing the draft, reiterating that the Revolutionary Front always bias towards the Sudanese people and everything that achieves security and stability.

Idris affirmed their readiness to immediately engage in the dialogue process for the future.

He called on the international community to support Sudan and called on the non-signatory political forces that there is still room for consultation for all of them to produce an approach to the future of Sudan.

Secretary General of National Umma Party: “The agreement aims to unite people and build state of civil rule”



Khartoum, December 5, 2022 (SUNA)

The Secretary-General of the National Umma Party, representative of the political forces that signed the political framework agreement today at the Republican Palace, Al-Wathiq Al-Berir, affirmed that the aim of the agreement is to unite the Sudanese people, restore and build the state of good civil rule, and complete the functions of transition in the country.

Al-Wathiq Al-Berir said that the signing of the agreement comes within the framework of ending the phenomena of totalitarian rule forever and to establish a new, more effective transitional path that leads the country to elections that achieve sustainable peace.

It is worth noting that the draft political framework agreement included the need to develop the framework agreement with a wide public participation of the stakeholders and the forces that signed the political declaration, and the forces of the revolution.

The draft political framework agreement includes four main issues, most notable of it are justice, transitional justice, the participation of stakeholders and the families of the martyrs, while it should include all those affected by human rights violations since 1989 until now.

The agreement also includes the security and military reform through building and reforming a one professional and national army according to the greed upon security arrangements, and included the Juba Agreement for Sudan Peace and completing the peace, pushing the peace agenda to the to realize the Juba Agreement for Sudan Peace and the evaluation and implementation of the Juba Peace Agreement, with the executive authority, the agreement partners, and the parties of the political declaration.

The political framework agreement also includes the dismantling of the June 30 regime and the building of a professional state that serve the society without discrimination or encroachment, and the dismantling of the structure of the June 30 regime in a manner that adheres to the rule of law and respect the fundamental rights.

Friends of Sudan welcomes signing of framework agreement in Sudan

أصدقاء السودان FRIENDS OF SUDAN

Khartoum, December 5, 2022

Friends of Sudan Group Statement on the Signature of a Framework Agreement

Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the European Union, as members of the Friends of Sudan, welcome the signature of a framework agreement by a broad representation of political forces and the military component.

This framework agreement outlines the structures for a return to a civilian-led transition towards democracy and the military's commitment to withdraw from politics.

The Friends of Sudan commend the signatories for the effort and compromise necessary to reach this initial agreement and urge all Sudanese stakeholders to continue their efforts to conclude a final political agreement and establish a credible civilian-led government as soon as possible.

The Friends of Sudan commend the role of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS), the African Union (AU), and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) ("the Trilateral Mechanism") in their facilitation efforts to overcome the current political crisis in Sudan. They call on the Trilateral Mechanism to continue to support Sudanese stakeholders in the next phase of the consultations by fostering broad-based consultations and dialogue between parties to lay the groundwork for a final agreement and to address critical issues that the signatories of the political agreement agreed to further discuss: Security Sector Reform, Transitional Justice, the Juba Peace Agreement, the Dismantling Committee, the East and the economy.

The Friends of Sudan recall that the success of the ongoing political dialogue lies in the creation of an enabling environment that includes the release of detainees, supports freedom of expression, respects the right of peaceful assembly free from violence as well as strengthens the participation of women and youth.

The Friends of Sudan reaffirm their commitment to supporting the political transition and the realization of the aspirations of the Sudanese people for freedom, peace, justice, and prosperity. They look forward to resuming strategic cooperation and support upon the establishment of a new civilian-led government.

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council meets European Union's Special Envoy for Horn of Africa



Khartoum, December 1, 2022 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul Fattah Al-Burhan, met in his office today, Dr. Annette Weber, the European Union Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa.

The EU envoy said in a press statement: "After the meetings we had with the civil and military components, we look forward to the next step of forming a government that encourages the EU to provide support to meet the needs of the Sudanese people." Ambassador Weber added that the formation of a government in the near future makes us renew the commitment of the EU to support Sudan and enables us to work side by side to build the future of Sudan.



President of the Transitional Sovereign Council receives credentials of Ambassador of Qatar to Sudan



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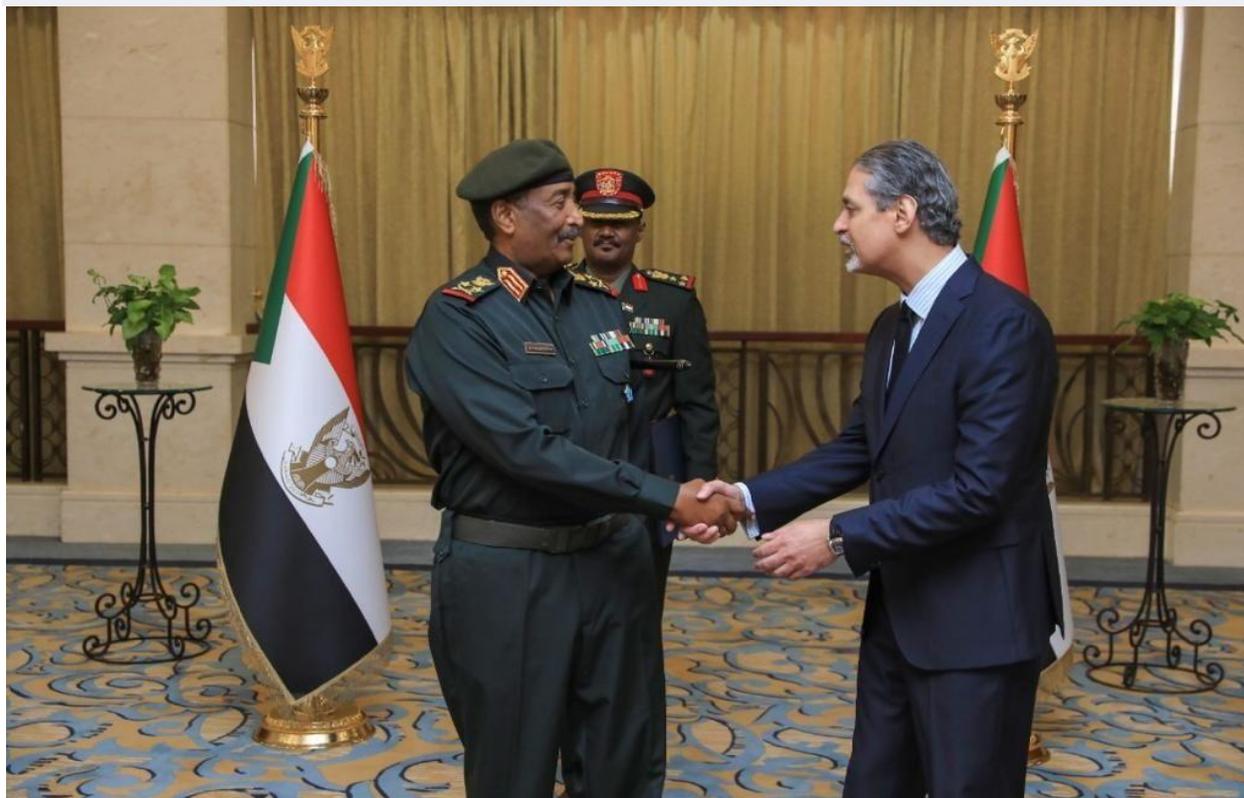
President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul Fattah Al-Burhan, received the credentials of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to the Republic of Sudan, Mohammed Ibrahim Tajer Al-Sada, in the presence of the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig.

The President of the Transitional Sovereign Council stressed the importance of the existing historical relations between the two countries, reiterating Sudan's keenness to strengthen and support them in various fields.

President Al-Burhan welcomed the ambassador, wishing him success in his duties, and the relations between the two countries further progress and prosperity.

Ambassador of Qatar said in a press statement that he had conveyed to the President of the Transitional Sovereign Council and the people of Sudan the greetings of the Emir of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and his wishes that the aspirations of the Sudanese people would be fulfilled, in establishing stability, security and peace, and exploring prospects for progress and prosperity.

President Al-Burhan emphasizes keenness to strengthen cooperation relations with Egypt



Khartoum, December 1, 2022 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul Fattah Al-Burhan, affirmed Sudan's keenness to advance and strengthen cooperation relations with Egypt, in all fields, to achieve the aspirations of the two brotherly peoples.

During his reception today, at the Republican Palace, the credentials of Ambassador Hanı Salah El-Din Mustafa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Sudan, in the presence of the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Ali Al-Sadiq.

The new Egyptian Ambassador, noted in a press statement: "I found all the welcome and support from the President of the Sovereignty Council to strengthen the existing cooperation relations between the two countries," he said that the meeting tackled the ways to strengthen and develop bilateral relations.

Ambassador Hanı Sala indicated that the visits made by the President of the Council, General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, to Egypt, during this year, reflect the depth and distinction of the Sudanese-Egyptian relations, expressing his aspiration to cooperate and work with the Sudanese government to consolidate relations between the two countries to broader horizons and advance areas of joint cooperation.

He added that he conveyed to the President of the Transitional Sovereign Council greetings of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, and his wishes for good health and stability for Sudan, noting that Al-Burhan also conveyed his greetings to his brother, Egyptian President Abdul Fattah El-Sisi.

***President of the Transitional Sovereign Council receives credentials of
Irish Ambassador to Sudan***



Khartoum, December 1, 2022 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul Fattah Al-Burhan, received on Thursday, at the Republican Palace, the credentials of the Irish Ambassador to Sudan, Ambassador Fionnuala Quinlan, in the presence of the Acting Foreign Minister, Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig.

Ambassador Fionnuala, affirmed, in a press statement, her country's stance and support for Sudan to confront the current challenges and difficulties it is going through, expressing her country's desire to establish a strong relation of friendship and cooperation with Sudan.

She added that there are more than two thousand Sudanese doctors working in the health field in the Republic of Ireland, and they make a great and valuable contribution in all aspects of social life, noting her country's contribution to training hundreds of Sudanese doctors who will in turn contribute to the development of the medical field in Sudan.



President Al-Burhan meets Ethiopia's Deputy Prime Minister



Khartoum, December 1, 2022 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul Fattah Al-Burhan, met in his office in the Republican Palace Thursday, the Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Demeke Mekonnen Hassen, in the presence of the Acting Foreign Minister, Ambassador Ali Al-Sadiq.

Ambassador Meles Alem, the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia, said in a press statement that the high-level Ethiopian delegation, in visit to Sudan these days, headed by the Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Demeke Mekonnen, participated in the ministerial meeting of the 48th IGAD foreign ministers, hosted by Khartoum during the past two days.

The Ethiopian delegation commended the good arrangement and preparation for the ministerial meeting, indicating that the meeting dealt with the peace agreement that was signed between the Ethiopian federal government and the Tigray Liberation Front, noting that the President of the TSC confirmed during the meeting that Sudan will provide support until the agreement concluded between the two sides is implemented.

Ambassador Meles described the relations of Sudan and Ethiopia as distinguished, pointing to the common cultural and historical ties between the two brotherly peoples.

He added that the meeting stressed the importance of enhancing economic cooperation between the two countries, asserting that the outstanding issues between Ethiopia and Sudan, including borders and others, will be resolved and addressed through joint mechanisms between the two countries.

Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council meets Forces of Freedom and Change (FFC, the Democratic Bloc)



Khartoum, December 4, 2022 (SUNA)

Vice President of the Sovereign Council, General Mohammed Hamdan Daglo, met Sunday with the delegation of Forces of Freedom and Change - the Democratic Bloc.

The meeting discussed the current political situation, in light of recent developments, and how to unify the national ranks.

The Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council stressed the need for everyone to work to achieve security and stability for the country, in order to lift the suffering of the citizens, calling for maintaining the patriotic spirit and transcendence above trivialities, for the sake of the homeland of freedom, peace and justice, stressing that there is no retreat from peace and its completion. "There is no alternative to peace but peace," he added.

Secretary General of Freedom and Change of the Democratic Bloc, Dr. Omar Osman, on his part, confirmed in a statement that the discussion was transparent and frank in discussing all issues and topics, indicating that General Daglo stressed during the meeting the need for communication between the Democratic Bloc, the Central Council and the rest of the signatories. On the framework agreement document.

Dr. Omar Osman added: "We agreed and committed ourselves to each other, and we will continue to consult with our brothers in freedom and change, the Central Council, until we reach a common vision that satisfies everyone and there is a real settlement that achieves stability for the country," stressing that they extend their hands white to all, and are open Completely on all sides, indicating that there is communication with some forces within the Freedom and Change Central Council, and that communication will take place during the day in order to reach a common vision.

Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council affirms importance of reaching agreement on Renaissance Dam



Khartoum, December 4, 2022 (SUNA)

Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council General Mohammed Hamdan Daglo has affirmed importance of reaching final agreement between Sudan, Egypt and Ethiopia on the issue of the Renaissance Dam to guarantee the rights of all.

This came when the Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council received in his office Sunday the Sudanese negotiating delegation on the issue of the Renaissance Dam, headed by acting Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Engineer Dhaw-Albait Abdul-Rahman Masour.

Daglo was briefed during the meeting on the progress of the talks and the latest developments of the file, praising the great efforts being exerted by the delegation and stressing that dialogue and consensus should be the main pillar for addressing the Renaissance Dam's file in a way that enables the three countries benefit from the dam and not harmed.

The acting Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources said that the delegation provided a briefing to the Vice-President of the Sovereignty Council on the progress of the talks on the Renaissance Dam, as well as some issues related to the Ministry of Irrigation, indicating that the delegation presented a comprehensive presentation of the Sudanese negotiating position and the future vision, and heard directives of General Daglo regarding the file, describing the meeting as fruitful and useful.

***Minister of Foreign Affairs receives Director of Horn of Africa Department
at Norway Foreign Ministry***



Khartoum, December 5, 2022 (SUNA)

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig, Monday received in his office the visiting Director of the Horn of Africa and West Africa Department at the Norwegian Foreign Ministry, Elisabeth Hansen, and discussed ways of strengthening the relations between Sudan and Norway.

The meeting also reviewed progress of the current political dialogue in Sudan and the signing of the political framework agreement, which is considered a step forward for achieving stability in Sudan.

The minister has appreciated the efforts of Norway in supporting Sudan through the bilateral relations and via its endeavors in the Troika to boost peace and stability in the region.

Ambassador Al-Saddiq has expressed Sudan aspiration to continue cooperation with Norway in all fields after formation of the coming civilian government.

On her part, the Norwegian official affirmed her country's readiness to strengthen its relations with Sudan in different domains, especially in the agriculture, food security, renewable energy and the cultural and academic fields.

Undersecretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs meets Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees



Khartoum, December 2, 2022 (SUNA)

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Dafallah Haj Ali, met on the sidelines of his participation in the high-level meetings of the Council of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Geneva, Mr. Raouf Mazo, the Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees, and discussed with him the existing cooperation between Sudan and the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to provide the humanitarian and service needs of refugees in Sudan and communities local hosts.

He pointed out that the numbers of refugees in Sudan are much greater than the numbers registered in the records of the UNHCR, especially that large numbers of them live outside the camps and share limited health and education services with local communities.

Ambassador Dafallah demanded the (UNHCR) to contribute in completion of counting and registration of all the refugees in Sudan to enable the authorities to set an accurately developing service and development plans and programmes.

Scientific conference on medicinal and aromatic plants set for mid December



Khartoum, December 4, 2022 (SUNA)

The National Center for Research (NCR) announced convening of the eleventh scientific conference on medicinal and aromatic plants during the period December 11-14 under the slogan " Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Promising Opportunities for Investment for Sustainable Development and Indigenization of Pharmaceutical Industry."

NCR Deputy Director General and Chair of the Steering Committee of the Conference Ms. Somaya Sir-Alkhatim said in a press conference at Sudan News Agency (SUNA) Forum held on Sunday that the scientific conference would be a promising opportunity for investment and building partnerships through work of research groups as well as getting acquainted with the latest developments in the field of medicinal and aromatic plants.

She explained that the conference, which is funded by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, will focus on several axes, the most important of which is biodiversity, encouraging investment and innovation, setting policies and strategies, building partnerships and manufacturing of medicine, indicating that some 18 international institutions will participate in the conference.

It is worth noting that the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research Institute is one of the institutes of the National Center for Research, and it was established in the year 1971.



Sudan participates in meeting of African Organization for Standardization (ARSO)



Addis Ababa, December 3, 2022 (SUNA)

Sudan is participating in the meeting of the African Organization for Standardization (ARSO), which is currently being held in Addis Ababa.

The Director of the Standards Department at the Sudanese Standards and Metrology Organization, Mayada Mohamed Al-Hassan, said that the 67th meeting of the organization discussed a number of standardization issues in Africa, most notably the harmonization of standards in the member states with African standards and the participation in technical committees of the organization to enhance the trade between the member states.

She noted that Sudan is a member of the (ARSO champions group of to enhance participation in the activities of (ARZO) and to help other African countries that are members of the African Union to join the African Standardization Organization.

