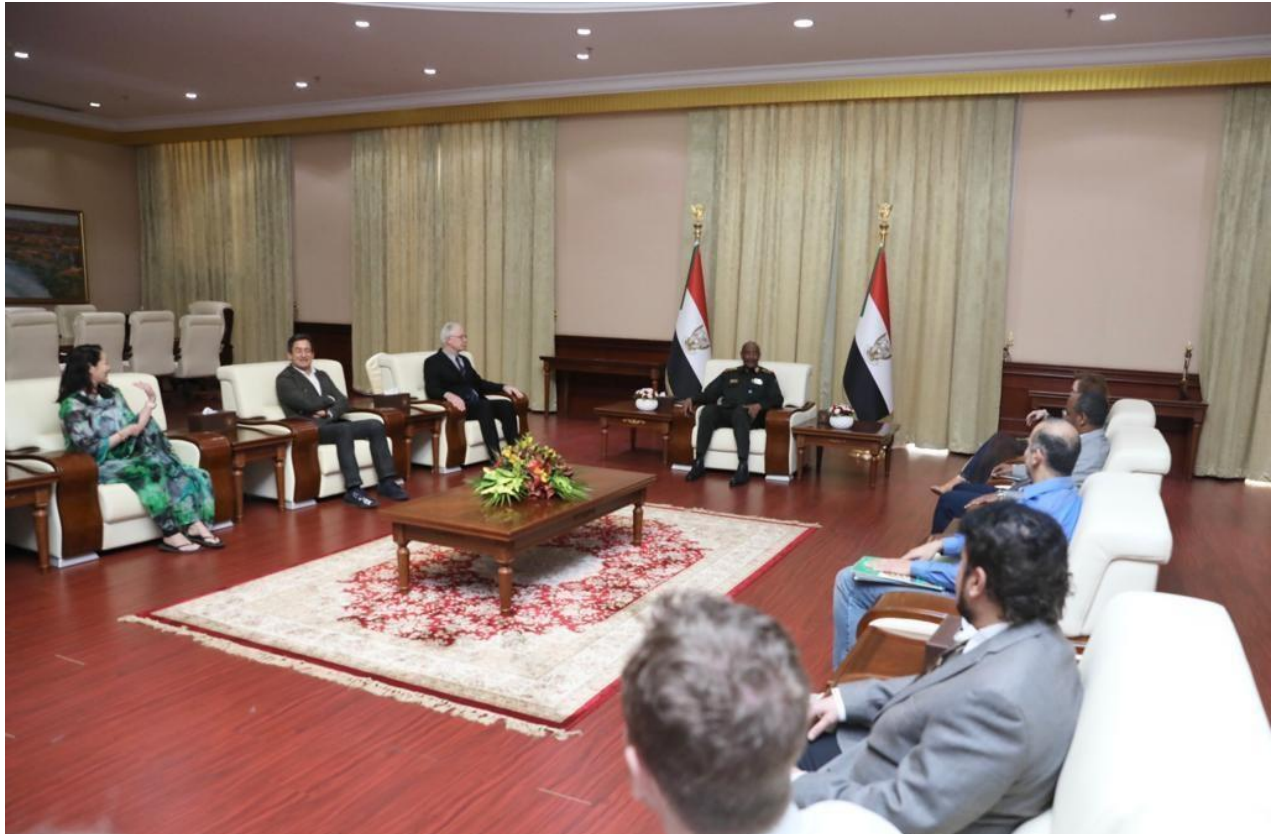




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President Al-Burhan receives Canadian medical team



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan got acquainted on the efforts exerted by Canadian medical team for cardiac surgery and pediatric catheterization, which is currently visiting Sudan.

The President of the Transitional Sovereign Council during meeting Thursday at the Republic Palace with the Canadian medical team, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the efforts made by the medical team, represented in performing more than 110 open-heart surgeries and catheterizations for children at Alia Specialist Hospital.

He pointed out that the visit represents a good opportunity for needy families who suffer from high costs of medical treatment abroad.

On her part member of the team, Dr. Michele Derbyshire said that the medical team includes more than 40 doctors from Canada and other countries, who performed 110 open heart operations for children and more than 70 heart catheterization operations during the period from the 30th of January to 9th of February 2023, and expressed her appreciation for the moral support and encouragement provided by the President of the Sovereign Council and his direct care for teamwork.

Director of Anesthesia BC Children's and member of the team Professor Dr. Louis De Villiers, said that the medical team's visit to Sudan is the fourth of its kind for cardiac surgery and pediatric catheterization, praising the level of cooperation and harmony between the visiting medical team, the Sudanese medical staff and the Sudanese families that the team dealt with.

Professor De Villiers expressed his thanks and appreciation to the President of the Transitional Sovereign Council for sponsoring the medical team and overcoming all obstacles and challenges that impede the progress of work.

It is to be noted that the visit of the Canadian medical team comes under the auspices of the President of the Sovereign Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, as part of a health convoy program in partnership with the Canadian Medical Council, the Qatari Red Crescent, the Federal Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Defense.



***President of the Transitional Sovereign holds meeting
with Special International Envoys***



Khartoum, February 8, 2023 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan affirmed the commitment to the framework agreement, work with all parties, persuade those who oppose reaching a comprehensive final agreement, pave the way for a transitional government with a civilian leadership to leading the country to free and fair elections by the end of the transitional period.

This came at a meeting held in his office Wednesday with the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa., the US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Africa, Sudan and South Sudan, Head of the Horn of Africa Department at the German Foreign Ministry,

the British Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan, the Norwegian Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan and French Special Envoy for the Horn African.

President Al-Burhan renewed the military institution's commitment to exiting the political process and carrying out the required reforms in the security organs.

He urged the international envoys to fulfill their obligations in supporting the political transition and providing urgent aid to Sudan.

For their part, the international envoys appreciated what the President of the Sovereign Council put forward during the meeting, affirming their support for the political transition in the country.

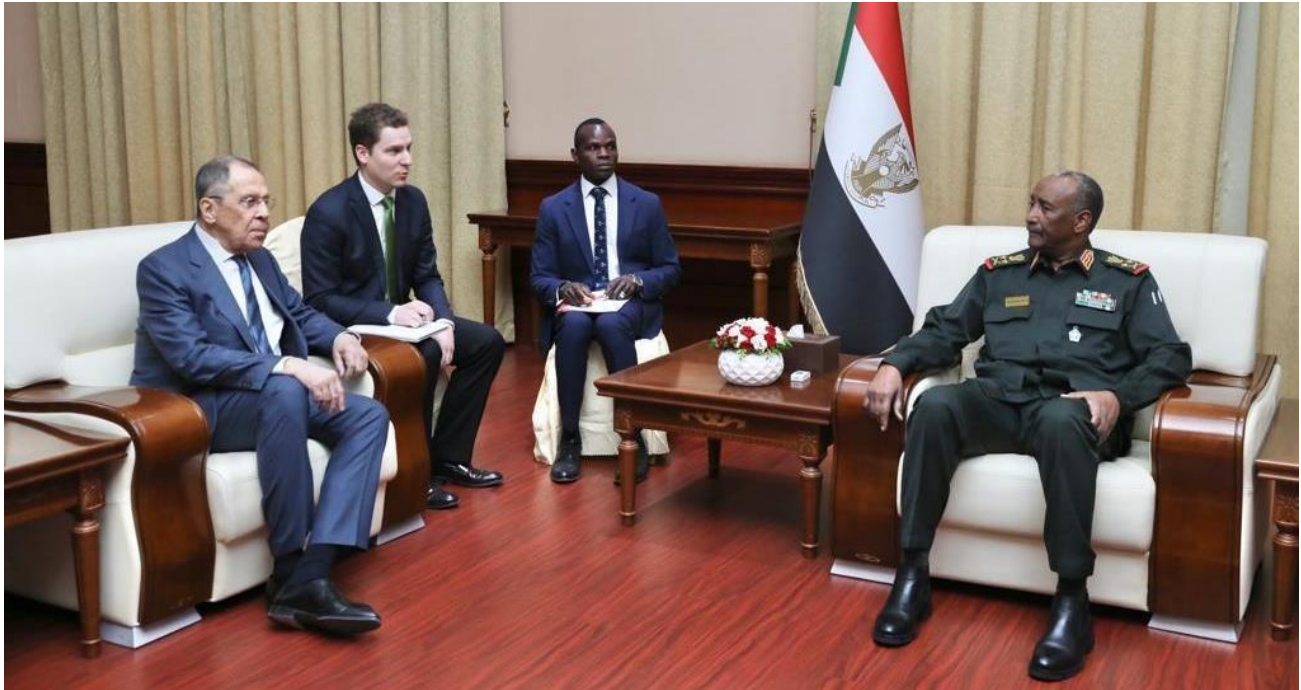
The Special Representative of the European Union for the Horn of Africa, Ms. Annette Weber, who spoke on behalf of the delegation of international envoys, stated in a press statement that they all agree to support and encourage a comprehensive dialogue process between the Sudanese that leads to a comprehensive agreement.

She noted that the meeting of the international delegation with the President of the Sovereign Council, his deputy and other officials aims to encourage the parties to move forward in implementing their obligations to reach a civilian-led government.

She said that they came to Sudan carrying a message of hope and a message of support for the framework agreement and the efforts of the tripartite mechanism facilitating the Sudanese dialogue, pointing out that the visit of the delegation of international envoys to Sudan comes within the framework of support to the Sudanese people and their future at the current stage.



***President of the Transitional Sovereign Council
receives Russian Foreign Minister***



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan affirmed Sudan's keenness to develop its relations with Russia and with all countries of the world to serve common interests.

President Al-Burhan, during his meeting Thursday in his office at the Republican Palace with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in the presence of Acting Foreign Minister Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig, praised Russia's positions in support of Sudan in regional and international forums, indicating that the relations between Khartoum and Moscow are based on cooperation and exchange of common benefits between the two countries.

The President of the Sovereign Council briefed the Russian Foreign Minister on the current political developments in the country in light of the framework agreement, affirming commitment of the military establishment to exit the political process in preparation for the formation of a civilian government to complete the transitional period leading to free and fair elections.

For his part, Lavrov conveyed to the President of the Transitional Sovereign Council greetings of Russian President Vladimir Putin, in which he expressed his appreciation for Sudan's supportive stances towards Russia at the United Nations General Assembly meetings recently held in New York and addressed by the President of the Transitional Sovereign Council.

Lavrov affirmed Russia's support for the political process and the framework agreement that was signed last December, pointing to the importance of the Sudanese reaching a political solution to the crisis and a comprehensive agreement leading to formation of a civilian government in the near future.

The Russian Foreign Minister affirmed his country's keenness to activate the mechanisms of joint cooperation, especially the joint ministerial committees between the two countries in the various fields, indicating that Russia is ready to provide Sudan with wheat and humanitarian aid.

***President Al-Burhan receives credentials
of Ambassador of Republic of Korea to Sudan***



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, received Thursday at the Republican Palace credentials of the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Sudan, Namgung Hwan, in the presence of Acting Foreign Minister, Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig.

In a press statement, the Korean ambassador affirmed his country's support for the political process in Sudan, leading to the desired democracy and economic prosperity, noting his country's desire to upgrade its relations with Sudan and push it to broader horizons in all fields.

The ambassador said that despite he came to Sudan only three weeks ago, but he was able to learn about the great investment opportunities that Sudan enjoys, and the possibility of enhancing bilateral cooperation in the economic field.



President Al-Burhan receives credentials of non-resident ambassadors



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, received Thursday at the Republican Palace, in the presence of acting Foreign Minister Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig, the credentials of the ambassadors of Belgium, Finland, Bulgaria, Ghana and Malta, as non-resident ambassadors to Sudan.

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, expressed his happiness at presenting his credentials as a non-resident ambassador to Sudan, stressing his country's desire to strengthen bilateral relations with Sudan in various fields.

He pointed out, in a press statement, to the need to work towards achieving peace and stability in Sudan and developing bilateral relations, in a way that meets the aspirations of the peoples of the two countries.

For his part, Finland's non-resident ambassador to Sudan, explained that the relations between his country and Sudan are historical and deep-rooted, especially in the field of industry and technology, pointing to the importance of working to develop them further.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Sudan affirmed his country's keenness to promote bilateral relations and open new horizons for joint cooperation between Bulgaria and Sudan.

Meanwhile, the Ghanaian Ambassador stressed the need to exert more efforts in order to consolidate the foundations of peace and stability in Sudan, and to promote bilateral cooperation in a way that serves the interests of the two peoples.

For his part, the non-resident Ambassador of the Republic of Malta to Sudan referred to the distinguished relations between his country and Sudan, saying that they would work to develop them and enhance cooperation and common interests between the two countries.

President Al-Burhan makes telephone call with President of Türkiye



Khartoum, February 7, 2023 (SUNA)

President of the Transitional Sovereign Council General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan made a phone call on Tuesday with President of Türkiye H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, in which he expressed the sympathy of the Sudanese government and people to the Turkish people for the victims of the earthquake that occurred in the Turkish territory and claimed the lives of a large number of Turkish citizens.

President Al-Burhan affirmed, in the phone call, Sudan's full solidarity with the Turkish people and its readiness to provide everything that would alleviate the impact of this humanitarian catastrophe on the Turkish people.

The President of the Sovereign Council expressed his deep sadness and sympathy to the people of Türkiye and to the families of the victims, stressing that the Government of Sudan stands with the Turkish government to confront this painful humanitarian ordeal. He wished a speedy recovery for the injured.



Sudan sends humanitarian aid to Türkiye



Khartoum, February 10, 2023 (SUNA)

Pursuant to implementation of the directives of the President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, a cargo plane loaded with humanitarian aid took off from Khartoum Air Base, in the early hours of Friday morning, to the earthquake-hit Türkiye.

The shipment contains shelter materials, medical support and rescue civil defense teams, along with search and rescue equipment that were prepared by the Armed Forces Supply Authority, the Defense Industries System, and Military Hospital.

The cargo plane was seen off at Khartoum Air Base, by Deputy Chief of Staff for Supply, General Majdi Ibrahim Khalil, Head of the Intelligence Authority, Commander of Khartoum Air Base, Commander of the Civil Defense Forces and a diplomatic delegation from the Embassy of Türkiye in Khartoum.



***Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council receives
the Russian Foreign Minister***



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

Vice-President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, received in his office in the Republican Palace Thursday Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and his accompanying delegation, in the presence of Director General of the European and American Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Abdel Wahab Hegazy and Director of the European Affairs Department, Ambassador Khalid Musa Dafallah.

The meeting discussed bilateral relations between the two countries, and ways to enhance them in all fields, to serve common interests, in addition to regional and international developments, as well as the current political crisis in Sudan, in light of the framework agreement that was signed last December.

The Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council stressed the importance of strengthening cooperation and coordination relations between the two countries, noting that Sudan seeks to build balanced relations with all countries, based on mutual respect and achieving common interests, expressing his hope that Russia and Ukraine will reach political and diplomatic solutions that end the war and achieve security, stability and peace between the two countries, and avoiding the world negative effects.

General Daglo briefed the Russian Minister on the current political developments in the country, in light of the framework agreement, and the commitment of the military establishment to exit political work, in preparation for the formation of a civilian government, leading to the completion of the transitional period and holding the elections, calling for support for the framework agreement as it represents a way out for Sudan.

For his part, the Russian Foreign Minister expressed his happiness at visiting Sudan, pointing to the importance of strengthening bilateral relations and activating joint cooperation mechanisms, especially the joint ministerial committee, in a way that achieves the interests of the two countries.

He stressed that his country is following up on the efforts of the Sudanese parties to reach a political solution to the crisis, expressing his hope for stability in the situation in Sudan, affirming his country's readiness to cooperate with Sudan in the areas of infrastructure, roads and transport.



Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council: “No back down from the Framework Agreement”



Khartoum, February 7, 2023 (SUNA)

Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Mohammad Hamdan Daglo, disclosed that the framework agreement represents a way out of the country's crisis, renewing his commitment to implement it, as a covenant he made with others.

General Daglo addressing Tuesday, the leaders and symbols of the North Bahri region, stressed the necessity for adhering to the unity of Sudan and preserving it from splits and rupture.

He called on the signatories to the framework agreement to be committed to their obligations.

“We are sticking to the agreement, and we are not hypocrites”, General Daglo affirmed.

He underlined that this agreement has received regional and international support, especially the Gulf States, adding that the parties to the framework agreement were identified, and that he did not participate in that.

The Vice President of the Transitional Sovereign Council indicated that there was another document inside the drawers that had not been announced.

General Daglo called for speeding up the formation of the government, in order to move forward in reforming the economic situation the country is going through, and to support agricultural projects, in terms of providing the national economy and easing the living burdens of citizens.

He stressed the need to plan development projects to accommodate young people, as they are the future of the country, and pledged to support the countryside with basic services.

Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council Kabbashi stresses on the implementation of state of emergency in South Kordofan



Kaluqi - South Kordofan, February 8, 2023 (SUNA)

The member of the Transitional Sovereign Council, General Shams al-Din Kabbashi, described Gadir region of South Kordofan as the home of allegiance and support for the Mahdist revolution, that laid the first building block of the Sudanese state.

During his address Wednesday, to a mass rally in Kaluqi area in Gadir locality, South Kordofan, Kabashi pointed to the great role played by women in the region for a long time, embodied in the courage and valor of Rabiha al-Kinaniya.

The member of the Transitional Sovereign Council expressed regret over the recent incidents in the locality, which led to the death and injury of a number of citizens, noting that the official and people's authorities bear responsibility for the incidents.

He urged the state's societal components to renounce strife, and to unify to enhance security at this stage, pointing to the need to find a comprehensive treatment of security issues in the locality and the state in general, indicating the link between development and security.

General Kabbashi noted: "Our directives are clear regarding the implementation of the state of emergency in the state, with all its legal and judicial requirements, to impose the prestige of the state and the rule of law, and to arrest the outlaws, criminals and those hiding behind them", indicating the government's commitment to providing all aids in this regard.

He affirmed the government's increasing intention in the National Ring Road, and its endeavor through cooperation and coordination with the Public Authority for Roads and Bridges to complete it as soon as possible.

The member of the Transitional Sovereign Council inaugurated Kaluqi Hospital, and pledged to provide all the hospital's requirements and upgrade it to a reference hospital to serve the entire region.

Meanwhile, the Governor of South Kordofan state, Musa Jabr Mahmoud, asserted his government's interest in development projects and services, and its keenness to implement them according to the matrix prepared in this regard.

***Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council Ibrahim Jabir
praises Egypt's stances in supporting Sudan's stability***



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council, Lieutenant General Ibrahim Jabir, praised Egypt's stances and support for efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan.

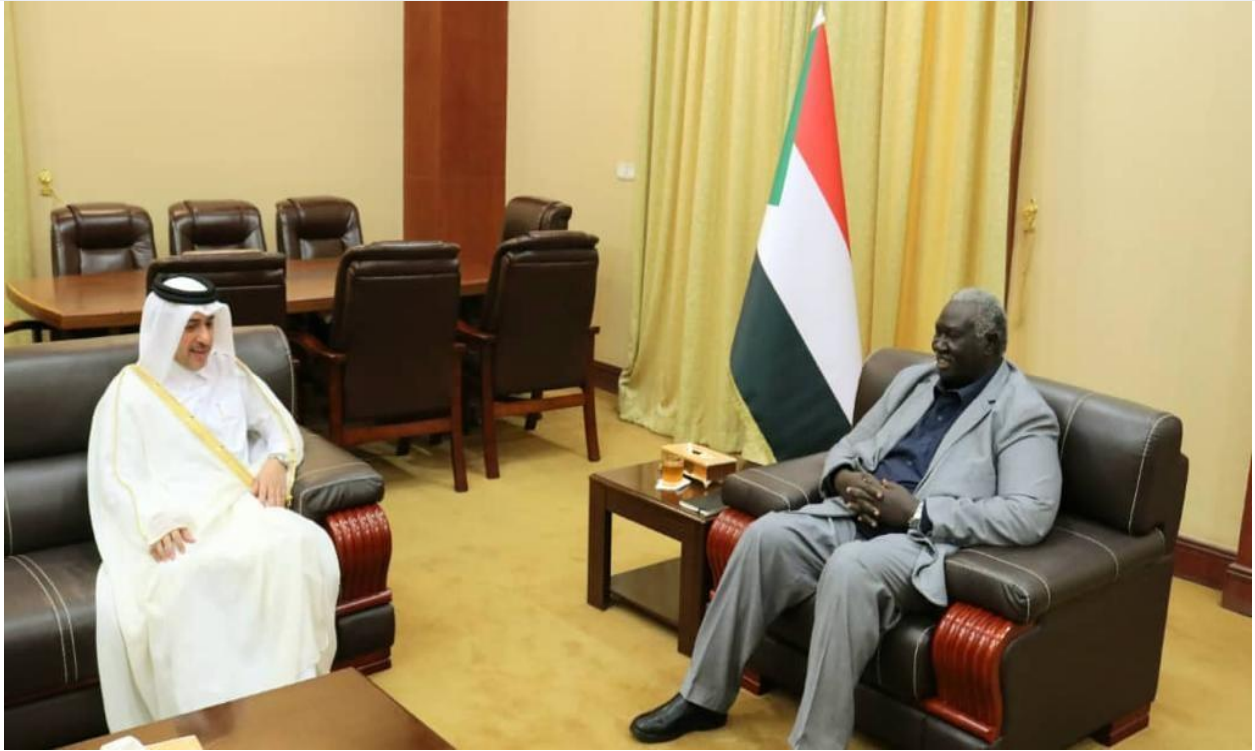
The remarks made by Lieutenant General Jabir, during his meeting in his office at the Republican Palace today, with the Egyptian Ambassador in Khartoum, Hani Salah.

The Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council briefed Hani Salah on the results of the Sudanese-Sudanese dialogue workshop, which was held in Egypt from the second to the seventh of the currently February and the efforts being made to bridge the views of the political forces in order to reach a political settlement.

Ambassador Hani Salah stated that the meeting reviewed the course of relations between the two brotherly countries and regional and international issues of common concern.

He added that the meeting touched on the proposals submitted by the Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council in connection with the electrical connection and the need to raise the capacity and increase the electrical supply provided by Egypt to Sudan from 77 megawatts to 300 megawatts, which takes place during the current year.

***Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council Malik Agar
meets Ambassador of Qatar***



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council, Malik Agar Ere, met at the Republican Palace Thursday, the Qatari Ambassador to Sudan, Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Sada.

During the meeting, the member of the Transitional Sovereign Council praised the distinguished brotherly relations between the two countries, stressing Sudan's keenness to promote them and enhance aspects of cooperation in various fields, in a way that serves the common interests of the two brotherly peoples.



***Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council Al-Hadi Idris
praises Sudanese-Chadian relations***



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council, Dr. Al-Hadi Idris Yahya, praised the advanced level of the Sudanese-Chadian relations, stressing the government's keenness to push and strengthen them in various fields to meet the aspirations of the peoples of the two countries.

This came when the Member of the Transitional Sovereign Council met on Thursday at the Republican Palace, the Chadian Ambassador to Khartoum Abdul Karim Kabir and discussed means of enhancing and developing the bilateral relations in all fields besides issues of mutual concern between the two countries.



Session of Sudanese-Russian joint talks held in Khartoum



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

The Sudanese and Russian sides held on Thursday in Khartoum a session of joint talks, co-chaired by Sudanese acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig and Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov.

During the session, the two sides discussed bilateral relations between the two countries and ways and means of promoting them to broader levels and enhancing them in order to achieve the common interests of both sides, in addition to reviewing regional and international issues of common concern.

The two sides stressed the need to intensify aspects of cooperation in various fields, and to implement bilateral cooperation programs in accordance with the outcome of the joint ministerial committee that was held in Moscow in 2022, as well as ways to increase the volume of trade exchange and Russian investments, especially in the field of infrastructure, and cooperation with Russia in generating energy in existing dams in addition to the fields of geology, mining and oil.

The acting Minister of Foreign Affairs praised the distinguished relations between the two countries and coordination between them at all levels.

He also presented a briefing on the positive role that Sudan plays in its geographical surroundings, especially South Sudan, Central Africa Republic and Chad, in addition to Sudan's presidency of IGAD and its efforts in addressing many of the issues of member states.

He also reviewed progress of the political process in Sudan and the efforts of the trilateral mechanism in order to achieve national accord and formation of a civilian government to rule the country during the transitional period.

For his part, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov expressed his happiness with this visit, and explained that it comes within the framework of Russia's interest in Sudan and the positive role it plays in the region, indicating that his country is proud of the distinguished historical friendship that binds it to Sudan.

He also declared their commitment to strengthening the horizons of cooperation and increasing joint coordination in all forums, as well as consultation on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest, and noted the importance of expanding the base of cooperation in the political, diplomatic, economic and trade fields between Moscow and Khartoum.

It is worth noting that Mr. Sergey Lavrov and the accompanying delegation arrived Khartoum Wednesday evening, and he was received at Khartoum International Airport by the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and a number of officials.



Sudan and Russia agree on boosting joint cooperation



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

The Acting Foreign Minister, Ali Al-Sadig underlined that Sudan and Russia agreed on the importance of strengthening cooperation between them, especially, in trade exchange and commercial relations.

The Foreign Minister said in the joint press conference he held, today, in Khartoum airport with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov that the two sides, during the one-day visit discussed the bilateral issues and exchanged the viewpoints in different fields.

Minister Ali Al-Sadig affirmed Sudan's support for Russia's endeavor to create a multi-polar world, and works to create a United Nations in which all countries are equal, revealing an agreement with the Russian side on the issue of reforming the Security Council.

“We praised the Russian position in support of the Palestinian and Syrian cause in the region”, the minister stressed.

The Russian Foreign Minister, on his part, expressed pleasure over visiting Sudan, Stressing the success of his visit, in which it was agreed to expand trade relations between the two countries.

Lavrov appreciated the efforts of the Sudanese authorities to create an investment climate for Russian companies, especially in the field of mining.

Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov stresses on the Sudanese solutions



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sergey Lavrov stressed the Sudanese solutions that are made by the Sudanese themselves without external interference in their internal issues, pointing to Russia's support for promoting democracy and stabilizing the situation in Sudan.

Minister Lavrov welcomed in a joint press conference he held with the Acting Foreign Minister, Ali Al-Sadig, welcoming the efforts made to support, democracy, stability and security in the country.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs meets International Special Envoys



Khartoum, February 8, 2023 (SUNA)

The acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig, met Wednesday with the special envoys of Britain, Germany, France, Norway, the European Union and the US deputy envoy and gave a briefing about the political and economic conditions in the country and the current political dialogue led by the tripartite mechanism and the need for political parties and participants in the political process to agree on a document leading to the formation of a civil government to continue the democratic transition and to run the country until general elections.

The minister touched on the need of the Sudanese citizen for resumption of the development aid and Western humanitarian assistance, besides the opening of international financing outlets under the current economic challenges.

In a statement to Sudan News Agency (SUNA) the minister said that he discussed with the envoys the issue of the strategic dialogue between Sudan and European countries, and the Sudanese government's desire for the end of the UN Security Council Resolution 1591 on Darfur due to the change in the situation in Darfur since the date of issuance of the resolution until now, including the humanitarian situation and the conditions of human rights.

Minister also informed the envoys on Sudan's role in laying down the foundations for regional stability through its presidency of the IGAD and its supervision of the implementation of the peace agreement in South Sudan, the expansion of security and stability along the borders with Chad and the Central African Republic, as well as the positive negotiations in Somalia and Ethiopia.

On their part, the envoys spoke about the importance of Sudan in the region and the need to restore the democratic system and the civil rule, in addition of the hopes that these countries place on Sudan in combating terrorism and achieving stability in the Sahel, the Sahara and the Horn of Africa regions.

The envoys affirmed that their countries would resume the development aid and assistance and continue the strategic dialogue with Sudan immediately after the formation of the civilian government.

On other hand International Envoys of the US, UK, the European Union, France, Norway, and Germany said they met Jibril Ibrahim, Mini Minawi and Mutaz Alfahal and discussed issues relating to the current political situation in the country and how to meet the aspirations of the Sudanese people.

Speaking on behalf of the Envoys Jon Anton Johanson, Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan underlined in press statement that the Envoys confirmed that they strongly discouraged parallel processes.

He underscored that in their view, the Framework political Agreement (signed 5th October) is basis on which to establish a new civilian government to lead Sudan through a transitional period to free and fair elections, while also underlining the importance of a broad participation.

The Envoys encouraged their interlocutors to join the political process.



Joint Statement by International Special Envoys

Joint Statement by the Special Envoys and representatives from France, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the European Union on the conclusion of their visit to Sudan

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Khartoum, February 9, 2023

Special Envoys and representatives from France, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the European Union have concluded a joint visit to Khartoum in support of the people of Sudan and their demands for a resumption of a civilian-led transition to democracy. They met with a range of Sudanese actors including civilian signatories to the Framework Political Agreement, civil society, Resistance Committees, Juba Peace Agreement signatories and the military leadership.

They urged Sudanese parties to conduct inclusive dialogue based on the Framework Political Agreement, and to work to address root causes of conflict and build a stable and prosperous Sudan. We urge the parties to deepen and expand their commitment to inclusivity and bring together women, youth, and representatives from all over Sudan to participate in shaping their country's future.

The Framework Political Agreement process remains in our view the best basis on which to form a civilian-led transitional government and establish constitutional arrangements for a transitional period that culminates in elections. It is our strong hope that the parties will make a concerted effort to finalize negotiations and reach final agreement quickly to form a civilian-led transitional government to address Sudan's urgent political, economic, security, and humanitarian challenges. The Special Envoys and representatives strongly discouraged parallel processes.

We understand and acknowledge that the door remains open for additional groups to participate in the process. We call on all parties to put Sudan's national interest above narrow political ends and constructively engage with one another to realize the Sudanese people's continued calls for freedom, peace, and justice.

Recognizing the fragility of democratic transitions, we stand united in promoting accountability for those – including either military, armed group or civilian actors – who attempt to undermine or delay Sudan's transition to democracy.

Full respect for freedoms of association, expression, and peaceful assembly is vital. We have consistently condemned violence against and unjust detention of peaceful protesters and called for those responsible to be held accountable.

We remain committed to supporting the Sudanese people's desire to advance their country's democratic transition under civilian leadership. Establishing a civilian-led transitional government remains the key to unlocking the resumption of international assistance, investment, and deeper cooperation between the government of Sudan and international partners.

Press and information team of the Delegation to SUDAN



International Special Envoys conclude visit to Khartoum



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

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In a joint statement issued Thursday, by the Embassy of the United States of America stated that the special envoys and representatives met with a range of Sudanese actors including civilian signatories to the Framework Political Agreement, civil society, Resistance Committees, Juba Peace Agreement signatories and the military leadership.

The statement has urged the Sudanese parties to conduct inclusive dialogue based on the Framework Political Agreement, and to work to address root causes of conflict and build a stable and prosperous Sudan.

The Special Envoys and representatives have urged the parties to deepen and expand their commitment to inclusivity and bring together women, youth, and representatives from all over Sudan to participate in shaping their country's future.

Indicating the Framework Political Agreement process remains in their view the best basis on which to form a civilian-led transitional government and establish constitutional arrangements for a transitional period that culminates in elections.

They have asserted their strong hope that the parties will make a concerted effort to finalize negotiations and reach final agreement quickly to form a civilian-led transitional government to address Sudan's urgent political, economic, security, and humanitarian challenges, strongly discouraging parallel processes.

The Special Envoys and representatives from France, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the European Union noted in the joint statement issued on conclusion of their visit to the country that they: “ understand and acknowledge that the door remains open for additional groups to participate in the process”, calling on all parties to put Sudan’s national interest above narrow political ends and constructively engage with one another to realize the Sudanese people’s continued calls for freedom, peace, and justice.

The Special Envoys and representatives underling their recognition of the fragility of democratic transitions, they affirmed their united stance to promote accountability for those – including either military, armed group or civilian actors – who attempt to undermine or delay Sudan’s transition to democracy.

They indicated their full respect for the vital freedoms of association, expression, and peaceful assembly, condemning violence against and unjust detention of peaceful protesters and calling for those responsible to be held accountable.

The Special Envoys and representatives from France, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the European Union emphasized in their joint statement, in conclusion of their visit to Khartoum that they remain committed to supporting the Sudanese people’s desire to advance their country’s democratic transition under civilian leadership, establishing a civilian-led transitional government which remains the key to unlocking the resumption of international assistance, investment, and deeper cooperation between the government of Sudan and the international partners.



Sudan welcomes Eritrea's return to IGAD



Khartoum, February 10, 2023 (SUNA)

Sudan, the current president of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), welcomed Eritrea's return to the Authority, as stated in the joint statement issued on Thursday 9 February at the conclusion of Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki 's visit to the Republic of Kenya.

Sudan expresses its confidence that Eritrea's return to IGAD will enhance peace and stability in the region and push forward the regional integration efforts, which represents one of the main objectives of the organization.

The Government of the Republic of Sudan renews its commitment to work with all the member- states to reactivate the role of IGAD as a tool to achieve aspirations of the peoples of the region in terms of peace, development and integration.



Minister of Health meets Qatar Red Crescent delegation



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

The Acting Minister of Health, Dr. Haitham Mohammed Ibrahim, met Thursday in his office with Qatar Red Crescent delegation (QRCS), led by Director of Relief and International Development Division, Dr. Mohammed Salah Ibrahim and Director of the Qatari Crescent office in Sudan, engineer Mohammed Safi and the coordinator of medical convoys in the Sudan office , Dr. Ezzeddin Jaafar..

The meeting was attended by the Director of International Health and Bilateral Relations Division, Dr. Sarah Elias, Director of the General Department of Emergency and Epidemic Control at the Ministry of Health, Dr Mountasir Mohammed Osman .

The minister affirmed continuation of cooperation between the two countries and building an institutional partnership to support and strengthen the health system in the country and benefiting from the Sudanese expats cadres in the State of Qatar by participating in providing services in Sudan through a joint bilateral protocol.

He referred to the establishment of the Sudanese-Qatari forum for more coordination, pledging to provide all assistance to Qatar Red Crescent and facilitate Procedures for convoys and camps that contribute to training and improving service in addition to helping patients in Sudan different states.

The minister praised the support provided by Qatar to help the Sudanese people, he also saluted Qatar Red Crescent for its efforts in providing assistance in various fields.

For his part, Dr. Mohammed Salah reaffirmed readiness to present initiatives that support the health sector in Sudan through the activities it organizes, in coordination with the Ministry to improve the health situation, pointing to the need to prepare a study on the high number of cancer patients in River Nile State to find out the basis of the problem and treat it.

Dr. Mohammed Salah stressed the importance of agreeing on strategic initiatives that have the character of sustainability, such as a life-saving initiative and its reactivation with the Qatar Fund for Development and the Qatar Red Crescent.

He said that the Qatar Red Crescent will continue to provide support through various projects, and that its activities are not limited to the field of relief, but include several projects in the field of development and health and water.



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Qatar Red Crescent

IGAD calls on Sudan to present food security strategy



Khartoum, February 9, 2023 (SUNA)

Director of Economic Cooperation and Regional Integration at Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Dr. Osman Mohammed Babiker urged Sudan to expedite the presentation of its strategy for food security, to be a nucleus for the development of the regional strategy.

He said in statement to Sudan News Agency (SUNA) on the sideline of IGAD's recent meeting held in Mombasa, Kenya that IGAD seeks establishing food security in the region through developing a regional strategy includes all member states so that each country defines its priorities as regard of food security issue, pointing that the IGAD is concerned with common and harmonious strategies as an important matter to attract investments to the countries of the region.



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