



Al-Burhan receives the Head of the EU mission in Khartoum

Khartoum, June.20, (SUNA) – The Chairman of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Lt. Gen. Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, received on Thursday the head of the European Union's mission in Khartoum, Ambassador Jean-Michel Dumond.

The meeting discussed the current political situation in the country and the negotiation process between the council and the political forces.

Ambassador Michel said in a press statement that the meeting dealt with the process of dialogue between the Military Council and the political forces on the arrangements for the transitional period and formation of the civilian government, describing the meeting with the TMC president as clear and frank. The EU envoy has underlined that the European Union supports the mediation of the African Union and the efforts of Ethiopia to facilitate the negotiations between the Sudanese parties,



indicating that the European Union has maintained continuous contacts with the Sudanese political forces, especially the Forces of Freedom and change.

Ambassador Michel said that the European Union encourages all the Sudanese parties to reach a settlement that puts Sudan on the path of peace, unity, democracy and prosperity.

He expressed hope that the parties would resume the dialogue after its stoppage following the events of June 3 and create the environment that allows quick access to formation of an agreed upon civilianled government. On the events of the sit-in, Michel said that Al-Burhan explained that the Council did not intend to break the sit-in, and that there are ongoing transparent and credible investigations in this regard. IF/MO

Undersecretary of Foreign Ministry Meets Assistant US Secretary of State

Khartoum, June 12 (SUNA) – The acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed, Wednesday received in her office Tibor Nagy, the US assistant secretary for Africa, in the outset of his meetings with senior Sudanese officials during his visit which started today (Wednesday) and lasts until Thursday.



Ambassador Ilham has welcomed the US official's visit and briefed him on the political developments in Sudan since victory of the people's revolution and the bias of the Armed Forces and other regular forces to it on April 11. She highlighted on the ongoing efforts to achieve agreement on the arrangements for the transitional period and formation of a civilianled government that lays down the basis for an inclusive democratic transition. She pointed to the positive developments in the past two days at the level of resumption of the negotiations between the Transitional Military Council and the Forces of Freedom and Change, the progress being achieved by the Ethiopian mediation as well as the endeavors of the special envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission. She stated that Sudan looks forward for support of the United States and the entire international community to the positive progress and to encourage the concerned parties to reach political accord as soon as possible.

Ambassador Ilham has called on the international community to send positive messages to the parties for achieving agreement, stressing that stability in Sudan is essential for the stability in the region and will lead to success of the international efforts for combating terrorism, human trafficking, illegal immigration and realizing peace in the neighboring states.

Meanwhile, the US official has expressed his great admiration of the Sudanese revolution, pointing out that the whole international community wants success for the endeavors aimed for reaching agreement on the arrangements for the transitional period and democratic transformation in Sudan. He affirmed that the United States supports the efforts of the African Union and the Ethiopian mediation.

Tibor Nagy stated that his country looks forward for promotion of the diplomatic representation between the two countries to the level of ambassadors and the lifting of Sudan from countries supporting terrorism. MO

Sudan Foreign Debts and Solution Vision



Khartoum, May 5 SUNA–The volume of Sudan foreign debts was estimated to nearly \$58b, according to the latest official statistics.

The Sudan's original debts, ranged "between" \$17b to \$18b. Whilst the rest of the debts, considered interest rates and penalty fees.

The penalty fees, and interest rate, were more than double of the original debt. The accumulation of Sudan's debts, has started since 1958. Professor Al Tayeb Ahmed Shumo, who headed, Economic Department, at Faculty of Social Economics Studies, University of Khartoum, said foreign debts, are connected to classification of countries, suffering from heavy burden of debts...

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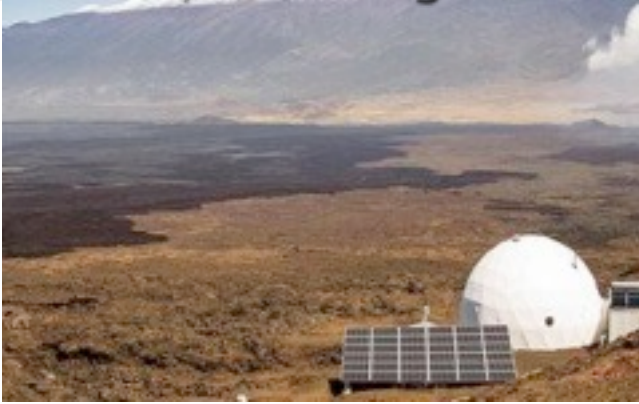


Khartoum, June 16 (SUNA) – The Assistant Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Political Affairs, Ambassador Omer Dahab, received in his office Sunday noon the Director of the Country Office of UNICEF in Sudan, Dr. bAbdalla Al-Fadil, in presence of the Secretary General of the National Council for Children, Suad Abdul-Al.

The meeting discussed the cooperation between Sudan and UNICEF in the fields of children protection and vaccination against childhood diseases, especially that around 10 million children have been vaccinated worldwide in the past period. MO

Ministry of Finance, UNDP sign Solar Project Document

Khartoum, May 21 (SUNA) - The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning has signed with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) the project of solar pumps for the sustainability of agriculture in Sudan, River Nile State with a



total fund of seven million dollars, 6.4 million dollars from the Korean International Cooperation Organization and 600,000 dollars from UNDP, as well as an in-kind contribution from the Government of Sudan at an estimated cost of \$ 1 million. The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning Dr. Abdul-Moneim Mohammed al-Tayeb signed on behalf of the Government of Sudan, while Mr. Silva Rama Chandran, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program in Sudan, signed for the program.

The project aims to sustain agriculture by promoting the use of solar energy to irrigate agricultural land rather than diesel pumps as part of enhancing the resilience of individuals to climate change, environmental pressures and natural hazards through the use of clean and renewable energy.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance affirmed the close cooperation between the Government and the United Nations system in the Sudan for a long time and had a significant impact on supporting development in the Sudan.

He praised the Korean International Cooperation Organization for its support of various development areas throughout Sudan and to government counterparts and all implementing partners of the United Nations programs, pointing to the role of the Ministry of Finance leadership in the management and coordination of external aid in line with the national priorities and plans and strategies across the national systems and devices. For his part, Mr. Silva Rama Chandran, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program in Sudan said that the project would be implemented in the state of the River Nile funded by the Korean International Cooperation Organization, the United Nations Development Program and the contribution of the Government of Sudan, revealing that the project came as an alternative to diesel pumps in the framework of enhancing the flexibility of adaptation Individuals with climate change and the use of renewable clean energy. BH/BH

Investment Entity between AAAID, Al-Rajhi Investment Co. established



Khartoum, June 12 (SUNA) - The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) signed a framework agreement with Al-Rajhi International Investment Company in June to establish an agricultural investment entity aimed at developing the performance of the existing agricultural companies and integrating relevant companies to be a pioneering model in agricultural investment to serve the objectives of the parties. As a first stage, the entity will study and evaluate the companies and factories that have the potential for success. The Chief Executive of Al-Rajhi International Investment Company Dr. Khalid Al-Malahi said that Al-Rajhi Company and AAAID were one of the largest investment entities in the Arab region and compatible in the most of their strategies and objectives. Under the umbrella of the new entity to be established, it will open the way for the accession of existing investments to expand and develop them to join other investors according to specific investment rules and conditions agreed upon by both parties... More on www.sudanembassy.de

Ministry of Agriculture signs two agreements with FAO



Khartoum, June 14 (SUNA) - The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has signed two agreements with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for the period from July 2019 to May 2021. The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture Babeker Othman signed on behalf of the ministry whereas the FAO Regional Director in Sudan Babakia Ahmedou signed for the organization.

Othman said, in a press statement, that the two agreements came within the framework of technical cooperation, namely, raising the productivity of date palm, updating the value added and value chain. The second agreement also includes water harvesting and will be applied in the state of Gedaref, praising the continuous cooperation with the organization.

The FAO Country Director underlined the importance of FAO's framework for identifying the development priorities for cooperation between the Sudanese government and FAO in the fields of agriculture and food security, stressing FAO's support to Sudan in the field of food security. BH/BH

50 companies to rehabilitate irrigation system in Gezira

Medani, May 21 (SUNA) - The Acting Wali (governor) of Gezira State Maj. Gen. Ahmed Hannan has stressed that the success of Gezira State was the key factor for the advancement of the national economy.

During his meeting Tuesday with the Undersecretary of the Irrigation at the Ministry of Water Resources, Irrigation and Electricity Ahmed Hammad, Hanna



announced the support of all production partners so that the scheme would remain as a

locomotive for the national economy. For his part, Hammad confirmed the rehabilitation of 50 companies to renovate the irrigation system, reviewing the work process in clearing channels, removing weeds, sinks and mechanical works.

He renewed his government's commitment to clean all the canals, equip the wells and continue drilling work to create an emergency unit to handle any emergency and dismantle irrigation bottlenecks. BH/BH

Gum Arab Conference postponed for October 2019



Khartoum, (SUNA) - The World Conference on Gum Arabic has been postponed to the second half of the October instead of early next May as a result of the major developments that occurred in the country.

The meeting of the steering committee of the conference, was chaired by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Abdul-Rahman Ajeeb at the premises of the ministry, was of the view that the conference be shelved for now.

The Director of the Department of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Rapporteur of the Conference Committee Ambassador Kamal Jubara stressed UNCTAD, sponsoring the Conference, was fully understanding of the reasons for changing the date of the conference. The Ambassador referred to the advanced steps taken by the Preparatory Committee for international and regional participation in the conference, praising the role of the Sudan Mission in Geneva and our diplomatic missions abroad in the wide dissemination of the conference. Ajeeb referred to the efforts made by the Committee, revealing that the repercussions experienced by the country led to the postponement.

The meeting said work should continue by the High Committee and subcommittees with the same spirit and commitments until the second half of next October. BH/MA



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Continue from Page 1, He said, Sudan approached European Union, to get its debts be written off. and be offered rescheduling exemption. But there has been no complete writing off debts, said professor Shumo, adding that there will be long term concessions with nominal interest rate.

only way out for Sudan, is to exploit its resources, in an efficient way, particularly gold, professor Shumo said. He explains that, gold mining process, is relatively cheaper, than other mineral resources.

Furthermore, He called for establishing markets for gold, Gum Arabic, sesame, and animal resources. Another economist, named Taha Hussain, said inclusion of Sudan name in USA state department list, of countries harboring terrorism, has weakened Sudan annual budgetary.

It also, deprived the state, from concessions offered to other countries, by international financial funds.

He said, if Sudan's name was lifted from the list, it will be able to make a real economic reforms, and maintains marketing, to its agricultural products, at international markets. AA/MO

Arab Parliament Calls Sudanese Parties to Stick to Dialogue



Khartoum, June 20 (SUNA) -The Arab Parliament has called on the Transitional Military Council (TMC), the Forces of Freedom and Change, the political parties and civil society organizations to stick to dialogue and consultation to overcome the critical points, elevate

Sudan's interest and be committed to the peaceful track to achieve the political democratic transformation in Sudan. This came at conclusion of the Arab parliament's 3rd session which was held in Cairo under chairmanship of the Arab Parliament's speaker, Dr Mishaal Al-Salmi.

The Arab Parliament affirmed its full support to all phases of political process in Sudan with aim to hold fair democratic elections that culminate in peaceful political transition to a civilian rule. The Arab Parliament also assured importance of the security, stability and unity of Sudan, calling for adoption of a peaceful solution and political dialogue as mechanism of administration in the interim period.

The Arab Parliament asserted its total rejection to foreign interference in Sudan's domestic affairs and any attempt to internationalize the current situation in Sudan, welcoming outcome of the visit of the Arab League's Secretary General to Sudan on last Sunday.

It called the Arab League to continue its endeavors and support to Sudan so as to help the Sudanese people achieve their aspirations for security, stability and development. The Arab League has assigned its Secretar General, Ahmed Aboul-Gait, to follow up the situation in Sudan. ab/MO

US Paten Authority Awards Three Sudanese Scientists Paten Invention



Riyadh, June 23 (SUNA) - United States awarded on May 28, 2019 paten discovery of a drug extracted form beans for Three Sudanese scientists. The invention was adopted by the King Saud University in Riyadh. The invention was discovered by three Sudanese scientists led by Professor Mustafa Abd Allah Mohamed Salih who specialized in pediatric neurology at Faculty of Medicine in King Saud University. On his part professor Salih told SUNA that the finding of the study published in 2008 in the International Neurology Periodical Magazine (Seizures and Behavior) at Harvard University in United States. It reportedly that a previous study has proven that the beans contains a substance protecting against epileptic seizures. The study according to professor Salih started by observing that the proportion of seizures infection in Sudan was low comparable to Sudan neighboring African countries of south Sahara. He said the main breakfast dish contains beans at Sudanese schools and at homes as well. AA

Culture Ministry Celebrates Winner of Japan's World Drawing Prize

Khartoum, May 23 (SUNA) the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities has celebrated thursday the 8 years old child, Saida Yassir who won the 26 th world drawin prize for the children drawing for the year 2018 in Japan. The undersecretary of the culture ministry, Dr. Garaham Abdul-Gaddir, the Japanese Ambassador to Sudan, Mr. Shinji Uribiashi, the secretary general of the Higher Council of Persons with Disabilities in Khartoum state, Dr. Rashid al- Tejani, the official of the National Center for the Child's Culture, and al- Farouq Center for the Persons of Special Needs in al-Safia area. The Japanese ambassador noted that more than 8 thousands drawing works from 76 countries have been submitted, while the winner was selected from 200 works, stressing their support and



encouragement of the celebration to be part of the constellation of the artists of the Sudanese Fine Arts in the future. The official of the file of children with special needs in the National Center for Child's Culture said that the Sudan has participated with 40 paintings from which 8 paintings of children with special needs, and praised the victory of the child Saida Yassir, whose participation comes in the category of children with mental disabilities in the center of al- Farouq center in north Khartoum.

The secretary general of the council for the persons with disabilities has awrdd the winner with an incentive and a set of school tools, lauding the role of the centers of the disabled and the center of Al-Farouk in particular. The family of the celebrant, the child Saida Yassir, expressed pleasure at the great victory of their daughter in the world drawing competition in Japan. ta

Carving on Tree Trunk Embodies Solidarity of Protesters

Khartoum, May 23 (SUNA) The Sudanese plastic artist, sculptor, Awad Issa Awad Omar, has presented the spirit dominating among the revolonists by sculptor on a tree trunk, expressing the cohesion, tight hold of the hands and the intertwining that show the spirit of love

among the revolutionaries and their solidarity as they support each other, a matter that reflect the noble values in Sudanese society as a whole.

Awad noted to SUNA that this work was inspired by the natural formations of a trunk of the tree, which was closer to the hands holding tight, and which agrees with the brotherly spirit and intimacy among the revolutionaries. He said that he will add decorations and metal works of copper and iron colors of African character symbolizes freedom and culture in Africa with profound meanings in general and especially the Sudanese one, indicating that it is time to return to the roots and documentation of the vast cultural and traditional heritage of the



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African people, which is one of the things that occupys him, and which he addressed in his doctoral thesis under the title: "The impact of ancient African sculpture on the Modern European art ", at the Sudan University of Science and Technology.

Artist Awad Omar said that this work is now in the art exhibition of the sitin area of the vocational training center (for the youth of plastic revolution) and later will determine a place for the exhibit of all the objectives of the revolution after the end of the sit-in , especially that it carries characteristics of two and three dimensions. Issa has revealed that a great artistic work in the area between the General Command of the Armed Forces and the area of Burri representing the martyrs of the revolution, as well as portraits and a collection of carvings on the wall and the traffic conjunctions.

Dr. Awad Issa Awad Omar who is an Assistant Professor at the University of Sudan for Science and Technology, Faculty of Safety Science and Technology, indicated the existance of ideas, and that this revolution will explode the energies of creativity and shed light on the role of arts in the rise of the new Sudan. ta

Growth through diversification

Success Story

By ANTHONY HAGGAR



holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Georgetown University (Washington) and diplomas from INSEAD (Fontainebleau). He has played an important role in transitioning the family business to its present hybrid form, blending the people and social focus of a family businesses with the best practice and discipline of a successful multinational. Under his leadership the group has rebalanced its portfolio, divesting out of tobacco and pursuing a more regional footprint. The group is present in seven African countries and continuously looking to grow, particularly in agriculture, energy and ICT.

Hagggar's roots run deep in Sudan. Established in what is now South Sudan at the turn of the 20th century, today Hagggar operates in eight sectors across six countries in Africa and continues to look for opportunities to invest and develop the private sector across Africa.

The company's founder, Mikhail Hagggar, set the company up in 1904, in Juba, South Sudan, and within two decades, the family had established tea and coffee plantations, as well as diversifying into tobacco cultivation and cigarette manufacturing, along with gold mining. By the 1960s, the family-run business had moved into plastics and Styrofoam production. As Sudan's economy developed in the 1970s, Hagggar created an advertising agency as well.

Hagggar continued to develop its tobacco business in the 1980s, and in the 1990s, when George A. Hagggar and Anthony A. Hagggar joined the firm. This led to a

period of acquisitions and green field operations and the expansion of the company into new fields.

Today, thanks to an ambitious and diverse team and a caring, professional and high-performance culture, Hagggar has expanded its operations from Sudan to South Sudan, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal.

The group focuses on building long term positions across Agriculture (Value Add), energy and ICT, the sectors we believe will provide the architecture and foundations for sustainable development across the continent. Our focus will continue to be on opportunities that enable multiple stakeholders in an equitable manner, not

only satisfying our shareholders but also supporting the achievement of SDGs within the countries we invest in and across the continent at large. based on transparency and mutual trust, with the goal of making our success equitable across the communities, environment, partners and employees we work with. Hagggar operates in six key areas:

Agriculture: GLB Invest is developing one of the largest centrepivot irrigated alfalfa farms in Sudan across 87,200 hectares of land in the Wad Hamid area under a 99 year renewable lease from the Sudanese government, strategically located seven kilometres from the Nile River, 130km from Khartoum and 700 km from Port Sudan – the gateway to the target markets of KSA, the UAE and China.

Energy: Dynamic International Oil Well Services is Sudan's leading national oilfield services company, supplying solutions and integrated project management that



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optimise drilling and production performance for customers working in the oil and gas industry. Founded in 2006, Dynamic offers multiple services and solutions by specifically catering to the needs of the everdemanding oil and gas exploration and production industry. Renewable energy is increasingly becoming a recognised solution for Africa's energy needs.

Decentralised energy solutions are identified as one of the most important ways to achieve the UN Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs). Recognising its potential for impact, renewable energy is becoming an



integral component of Hagggar's energy strategy. **ICT:** SUDASAT is the largest provider of VSAT services in Sudan, providing voice and data connectivity to institutions, companies and individuals. SUDASAT has 8 transponders on ARABSAT, Badr 6 providing C-band coverage across Sudan and a customer base that spans multinationals, telecom operators,

government organisations and development agencies. Next year Sudasat will be launching dedicated Kacoverage across Sudan to help meet the evergrowing data needs of its customers. Dolphin was established in 2013 in Dubai as an African communications carrier and specialises in wholesale capacity and internet bandwidth for carriers, ISPs and enterprise customers. Dolphin aims to be a driving force for the business community of West Africa functioning as a catalyst in extending global reach, high quality connectivity and reliable levels of connectivity. With its investment in the ACE Submarine cable, Dolphin offers full right of landing in Dakar, Accra and Lagos covering 80 per cent of West Africa's population.

Industry: Established in the 1920s, Pasgianos Food and Beverages introduced the first bottled soft drinks to the Sudanese market. In 1961, the Company production plant was registered as a production facility with the ministry of industry. In 1999, the company was acquired by Hagggar Group. Since its acquisition, the Company has invested in capacity and continues to provide unique national flavours to the carbonated soft drink market. Coldair Engineering Company has been operating since 1960. Coldair leads in refrigeration and its products have become a symbol of trust in the hearts and minds of Sudanese consumers, continuing to broaden its product range to better serve the household needs of every Sudanese family.

Financial Services: Juba Insurance Company Ltd. Was established in July 1984. Hagggar bought a controlling stake in the company in 2010. Hagggar has a small stake in Ivory Bank, founded in South Sudan where it is working to build its competencies and capabilities to secure a leading role in the sector...

Sudan Competes to Hold Deputy General Manager Position for IOM



Khartoum, June 20 (SUNA)– Sudan Permanent Mission in Geneva organized an official reception party on Wednesday in the context of Sudan and Africa campaign favored Sudan and Africa nominee, Ashraf AL Noor to hold the International Organization for Migrant (IOM) deputy General Manager's Position. The reception party was honored by African Union Social affairs commissioner, and the presence of African labor ministers from Ethiopia, Namibia, and Sierra Leone besides active participation of permanent representatives in Geneva. Sudan delegation for the

campaign was headed by the general Manager of International affairs at Ministry of foreign affairs ambassador Muheldeen Salim. For his part Sudan Permanent Mission representative in Geneva Othman Abu Fatima addressed the gathering, welcoming the participated delegates and paid special tribute to AU commissioner envoy. Likewise the AU envoy commissioner praised the African nominee for his long career of 25 years' with the IOM. The AU envoy predicted that the nominee long career with the organization could offer him a greater chance to win the position.

Harvesting of 844,000 tons of wheat during 2018 - 2019



Khartoum, June 20 (SUNA) – Total of wheat production during the year 2018–2019 reached 844,000 tons in more than 715,000 acres out of 722,000 acres, which constituted the total area cultivated with wheat.

In a statement obtained to the Sudan News Agency (SUNA), the National Wheat Coordinator said that Gezira Scheme produced 458,000 tons, the New Halfa 57,000 tons, the White Nile State 84,000 tons, the State of the Nile River 66,000 tons, the Northern State 178,000 tons and the State of Sennar 300 tons of wheat. BH/BH