

Sudanese President Orders Government To Continue Dialogue With South Sudan Over Abyei
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KHARTOUM, Jan 5 (BERNAMA-NNN-SUNA) -- Sudan's President Omar Al-Bashir has directed the government to continue the dialogue with South Sudan in order to reach an agreement over the disputed border region of Abyei regarding the composition of the police and civil institutions of the two sides.

He also stressed to the responsible Sudanese officials not to waste any terms of the agreement signed in Addis Ababa between the governments of Sudan and South Sudan on June 26, last year, just before Sudan officially became an independent nation on July 9.

He made the call at his meeting with Alkhier Al-Fahim Al- Macci, the Chairman of Sudan's Abyei administration Wednesday at the Republican Palace here.

Al-Macci said in a press statement after the meeting that he briefed President al-Bashir on the results of the monthly meeting on Abyei region, held in the presence of representatives of the African Union (AU), and the commander of the security force in the region as well as the representatives of the two countries.

Al-Macci explained that the meeting could not reach a concrete results because of the intransigence of South Sudan, which insists on presiding over the administrative and the Legislative Council in Abyei, which is contrary to the agreement of Addis Ababa where the Convention stipulates that Sudan should take the presidency of the administration.

While the representative of South Sudan should head the Legislative Council and also the civil and police institutions should be equally shared between the parties.

He added that the government of South Sudan was trying to expel the Sudan from the police force which indicates that the other party is trying to retreat from the Convention.

In his statement, he explained that the next meeting had been set for Jan 18 to resolve the points of differences and try to reach an agreement in accordance with the terms of Addis Ababa convention.

Al-Macci said the previous meeting had also amended a paragraph of the Addis Ababa agreement to create three levels of governance in Abyei, the executive-level which is the administrative level and the parliamentary level with the existence of the Legislative Council, and presidential level in which the two heads of state of Sudan and South Sudan appoint two representatives to the region.

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