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AFRICA/SUDAN - Fears for the outbreak of a conflict of ample proportions in Sudan

Khartoum (Agenzia Fides) – There is growing alarm about the risk of a possible civil war in Sudan, after the announcement that the rebels active in Darfur, in South Kordofan and the Blue Nile region are about to conclude an alliance to join forces against the government in Khartoum. The Secretary General of Sudan People's Liberation Movement's North (SPLM-N, the northern branch of the movement which now governs South Sudan), which operates in South Kordofan, visiting Paris, said to the English edition of Radio France International: " It is time Bashir is (President of Sudan) removed. Beshir is worse than Hosni Mubarak and Gaddafi. At least Mubarak did not divide Egypt and if Beshir continues to rule, he will divide the current North Sudan again".
Northern Sudan, after the secession of Southern Sudan decreed in the referendum in January, is going through a difficult moment because of the tensions in Darfur (west), in South Kordofan and the Blue Nile region (both are on the border area with South Sudan and are inhabited by people similar to those of the new state) and even in the East area.
Before Paris, Arman visited London because of a diplomatic tour to try to convince members of the UN Security Council to impose a no-fly zone that starts from Darfur, crosses South Kordofan and the Blue Nile to the east of Sudan. This would prevent the Sudanese aviation to attack rebels and villages of the areas under guerrilla control.
Meanwhile, FAO has launched the alarm about the conditions of the populations on the border between Sudan and South Sudan, where about 235,000 people are at risk of famine. "The availability of food resources in the area of the Blue Nile is decreasing because of renewed fighting between the troops of the Government of Sudan and the SPLM-N" says FAO. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 06/10/2011)

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