Sudan: 7-days Truce, mediated by South Sudan

May 4, 2023

May 3, 2023: Khartoum: Salva Kiir, President of South Sudan used his good offices with the two warring parties in Sudan, to have a new and longer sevenday ceasefire from Thursday. However, according to Al Jazeera, the Sudanese Army continued with air strikes on centers of Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in the Khartoum capital region in the cities of **Omdurman** and in **Bahri**, both on the opposite bank of the Nile River from Khartoum.

The Civil war erupted on April 15, 2023 between the Armed Forces of Sudan and Sudan's RSF.

Soon after, Indian Embassy started an online registration process. Government of India set up Control Rooms at Delhi, Jeddah and Port Sudan. The estimate was that there were 3,500 Indian nationals and 1,000 people of Indian origin in the country, most of them concentrated in pockets of Khartoum city, besides in cities such as Omdurman, Al Fashir, Kassala and Port Sudan.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023: <u>VANDALIZING Indian embassy in Khartoum</u>: India's embassy in Khartoum was stormed and looted, Sudan's army said in a statement, citing a report from the ambassador. The embassy has been temporarily moved to Port Sudan.



Embassy of India, Khartoum, Sudan

PROCESS of BRINGING BACK INDIANS SAFELY: The first step was ferrying Indians from Khartoum to Port Sudan by buses, over 850 Kms of distance, in a country at civil war. From Port Sudan, Indian Naval ships took groups of Indians to Jeddah. At Jeddah, the Indian Air Force (IAF) planes took Indians back to India.



Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: IAF working to bring Indians from Sudan back to India

Till 4th May, 3800 Indians have been brought back to India. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has asked Honourable **V. Muraleedharan**, Minister of State, Foreign Affairs, India asked to remain in West Asia till the evacuation process is complete.

Mr. Muraleedharan discussed with his counter-part of Bahrain the issues of increasing trade with India.



May 3, 2023: India in Saudi Arabia: India's V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State, Foreign Affairs inaugurated a Millets Exhibition at Asharqia Chamber of Commerce Dammam. The Minister also addressed the Indian community. He has inter-acted with different segments of Saudi society during his work on Operation Kaveri.





The Civil War has spread to Western Darfur. In that area, RSF may be strong because it has deep roots and long experience of fighting local tribal militias, during the Presidency of Bashir.

Foreign governments were winding down evacuation operations that sent thousands of their citizens home. The last flight of Britain departed Port Sudan on the Red Sea on Wednesday, 3rd May, 2023.

The U.N. World Food Programme said on Monday it was resuming work in the safer parts of Sudan after a pause earlier in the conflict, in which three of its staff were killed as reported by <u>www.DiGiNews360.com</u> earlier.

The Civil War has led to unprecedented human suffering for millions of Sudanese. Displaced Sudanese families have also made their way, sometimes on foot under scorching desert sun, hundreds of kilometres to Chad and South Sudan. More than 40,000 people have crossed the border into Egypt over the past two weeks but only after days of delays. Most migrants have had to pay hundreds of dollars to make the 1,000-km journey north from Khartoum. and urged any remaining Britons wanting to leave to make their way there.