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[Excerpts] Let us return to the subject of (?medicine) and bread. [Words indistinct] as a number of automated bakeries with electricity. Despite the fact that automated bakeries are compelled by law to have generators in case there is an electricity cut, it was found that many of these generators were not working, or even did not exist. There is another problem, concerning administrative and legal indicipline. What matters, however, are the problems concerning maize production and bread production arising from electricity supply problems and flooding. There are also problems that have arised from other (?sources).

Flour used to be distributed to bakers through agents. There was a problem with this -- were the agents delivering the flour to bakers, or was there a fault in the process whereby most flour was reaching the black market?

The question of pricing bread has been decided by fixing the price of a 140-gram loaf at 15 pesetas, with the

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government providing the yeast and distributing the flour directly to the bakeries, both the mechanized and the traditional, and with the people's committees supervizing the whole exercise. the important thing is that we know about the problems relating to energy and its generation, and those relating to legal and administrative efficiency. Problems relating to pricing have been tackled by allowing reasonable profit margins over cost price. The question of distributing flour to those who deserve it has been settled on the basis of direct distribution. We hope that this, along with public supervision and discipline, will provide the means to overcome this problem. Concerning the (?faulty operation) of flour mills, which caused stoppages at a large number of the capital's bakeries, measures have been taken to deal with this problem. Measures have also been taken to distribute quantities of corn.

Unfortunately the corn and bread problems worsened other problems, such as (?thirst), while the electriciry cuts made life for our people very difficult. What aggravated the matter acutely was the problem of rain. In less than a week, starting from 30 july, 279.5m of rain was registered in the capital. The usual average rainfall in the capital amounts to 160mm per year. Therefore, after the 4 August rain we called an emergency meeting of the Council of Ministers. At this meeting, held on Friday, 5 August, we reviewed the problems and dangers citizens might face due to this major catastrophe, and we set up a higher ministerial committee, composed of Council of Ministers officials, to mobilize internal resources and capabilities, and [words indistinct]. Its task was to take all measures pertaining to the provision of shelter, food, and medicine for those affected by the rain and floods; the mobilization of official capabilities; the conscription of popular efforts to collect cash and other donations; the setting up of popular committees to supervize the distribution of relief material; the provision of machinery and vehicles needed for the relief campaign; and contacting sisterly and friendly countries and international organizations to seek aid. [passage omitted on foreign aid, flood damage]

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[Excerpts] While trying to confront the problems arising from the disaster, we found ourselves facing a media campaign of fabrications and exaggeration. We call on the people to understand the facts; we are not hiding anything. We welcome all those who want to know the truth; we are willing to facilitate their tasks, contrary to what is happening in the majority of Africa, where facts are hushed up and hidden. Despite all this, we are treated as if we are one of those countries which hides the truth. Several correspondents are trying to harm us with their imagination. We have heard reports that Sudan is drowning, disease has spread throughout the country. I am able to confirm that no epidemic has yet been reported in the country, and that measures taken to protect the environment continue with great efficiency. There are no signs of any epidemics. We have heard reports that the army has used up the relief supplies. In fact, during the first days of the disaster,

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the army gave up its food supplies so that they could be used as relief supplies in different parts of the capital. [passage omitted: false reports in western press about food supplies, locusts, weather]

A myth that was circulated recently was that rainfalls are plentiful, but not in the correct areas: I have asked the brothers in the weather forecast services to submit a study and an analysis. They have presented a study with figures concerning rainfalls in agricultural production areas. Their conclusion is: None of the agricultural production areas have been affected by disruption in rainfalls, a matter that guarantees continuation of planting. Rainfalls began on time and they did not fail in any region. [passage omitted]

Our future prosperity is effectively great concerning this season, if we manage to cope with the damage regarding farming, water, and grazing, and given the lessons learned. There might be great prosperity if we manage to confront these dangers. [passage omitted]

There have been security developments in Darfur. One new development is the illegal entry of 2,000 forces of Ibn Omar (Acheikh ibn Omar, a Chadian faction leader formerly supported by Libya -- FBIS). Instructions issued to them are that they are faced with precise options: If they want to stay in Sudan they must surrender their weapons to the Sudanese armed forces, and they stay as refugees until we look into a mediation between them and the Chad regime to remedy the problems between them. If they want to go to Chad, they go there with an agreement that must be formulated and defined with the regime existing in Chad. The Sudanese armed forces are dealing with the situation. We do not want armed forces on our territory. They either stay in Sudan as refugees, or they go to Chad in a way to be agreed with the Chadian authorities. Their leader, Ibn Omar, wanted to join them, but Sudan refused his entry. We are now dealing with the matter of disarming this force and their treatment as refugees. We will then come to an agreement with the government of Chad over their future, as they are Chadian citizens.

There is also the issue of developments concerning a peaceful settlement. Several contacts have been made on this issue, and now a joint government and opposition committee is organizing the stages of a peaceful settlement. We hope that a formula will be found to form a national committee which will organize contacts with the various sides for convening the national constitutional conference. It is hoped that this will take place this year. [passage omitted: Praise for Ethiopian President Museveni]

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