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Sudan closes its border with Libya

Sudanese Minister of Interior, Ibrahim Mahmoud Hamid announced that Sudan would block-off the border between Sudan and Libya to make sure that rebels do not sneak in through those borders. The ministerial officials asserted that this step was important to streamline work of immigration and border authorities in addition to ensuring the safety of civilians who often face threats by rebels and outlaws when travelling by land. The decision will be effective beginning from July 1. A Libyan official told reporters yesterday that the Libyan government was in agreement with Khartoum's decision to secure its borders and said that it was important for the two countries to co-ordinate in securing their joint border. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Intibaha, Sudani, Al-Rai-Al-Aam, et al*)

Minnawi to be re-appointed as Senior Presidential aide

Following several consultations between the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) and the Darfuri Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction, Mini Arco Minnawi the faction's leader has been appointed as Senior Presidential Aide in the Government of National Unity (GONU) as well as being assigned the Chairmanship of the Darfur Transitional Authority. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

Naivasha partners reach a standstill with regards to Abyei Commission

Yesterday, both Naivasha partners [the NCP and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM)] have come to a stand-still with regards to selecting a Chairperson to head the Abyei Referendum Commission. Even though the two partners, who are meeting in Juba, failed to agree on who would head the commission they did agree to hold the Referendum as scheduled as well as requesting additional assistance from the United Nations. (*Al-Akhbar*)

GoS authorities arrest 13 elements in North Darfur

Central Reserve Police Forces in North Darfur State declared that they had inflicted heavy losses on Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) fighters attempting to block the road linking Al-Fasher to Khartoum. The Government authorities managed to arrest 13 JEM elements as well as seizing a number of vehicles. Commander of the Central Reserve Police of North Darfur state Bashir Abdul-Rahman, emphasized the importance of securing roads and basic utilities in state for maintaining stability in the region. (*Sudan News Agency*)

EU observers submits final report on Sudan elections

Speaking at a press conference held in Khartoum, Coordinator for the European Union Election Observation Mission to Sudan (EU-EOM), Veronique De Keyser, released a final report the mission's findings with regard to its monitoring of the April 2010 Sudan elections. The report highlights irregularities and challenges in the electoral process. Another article published in *The Citizen*, however reports that the EU observation mission had cast doubts on the announced results dubbing them as "unreliable." (*Sudan Vision, The Citizen*)

IDP's in Western Equatoria on the rise

Western Equatoria State Director from the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, Laxon Wari, stated that the number of displaced person has doubled this year due to attacks by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in the region. Wari said many internally displaced persons (IDP) have not received any kind of humanitarian assistance. (*MirayaFM*)

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