



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **CPC investigates Abyei incidents**

-- UNSG Special Envoy Ashraf Qazi held a press conference yesterday following his visit to Abyei. At the conference Qazi revealed that the Ceasefire Political Commission (CPC) intends to conduct an investigation to identify the perpetrators of the recent incidents in Abyei which left the town in flames and completely destroyed. Qazi urged the two partners of the peace agreement to redouble efforts to implement the CPA, including the Abyei Protocol. On the other hand, the joint committees on Abyei between the National Congress Party (NCP) and Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM) are to begin meetings today aimed at reaching a final solution for the crisis. The Sudanese Vice president Ali Othman Taha met earlier with the VP of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Rick Mashar to discuss the GOSS suggestions on finding a solution. (Al-Ayaam, Sudan Vision et al).

### **IDPs' humanitarian Situation deteriorates**

-- World Vision and other humanitarian NGOs warns that the situation is getting out of hand for Abyei's IDPs. The lack of basic materials, food, clean water, shelter and medicines worsens as a result of the growing number of IDPs fleeing the fighting in Abyei, flocking to Aweil East County and Northern Bahr El-Ghazal (the Citizen).

### **SUS – Sudan Talks resume**

-- Sudanese media highlight resumption of the US - Sudan talks. Most Sudanese papers quoted Sudanese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Amb. Ali Al-Sadek as saying that US Special Envoy Williamson will arrive in Khartoum (next Friday) to meet with government officials. He gave no details on Williamson's itinerary, mentioned Darfur and

CPA implementation as topping the agenda for discussions. (Sudan Tribune et al)

### **Criticisms of NCP-Umma Agreement**

Few days after the signing of what was called the Compromise Agreement (or the Contentment Agreement) between NCP and Al-Umma, other Sudanese political opposition parties began to criticize the accord. The National Alliance (a group of opposition parties) yesterday issued a statement describing the agreement as a "bilateral" matter including only the two sides, not permitting the inclusion of other parties, and contradicting previous agreements. The Sudan Communist Party also harshly criticized the agreement, saying it did not produce any new ideas, and that it was a setback to September Laws (Islamic Sharia laws). (Al-Ayaam, Al-Ray Al-Aam, Ray Al-Shaab).

### **Egypt allows JEM leaders to leave the country**

Three JEM figures were allowed by Egyptian authorities to leave the country after being held for more than a week. They are Ahmed Tugod, JEM top negotiator; Ahmed Sharif and Mahamed Ali. The move could anger Khartoum, as the Sudanese officials have requested neighboring countries to hand over JEM figures residing on their territories. (The Citizen, Sudan Tribune).

### **Egyptians investors plan to settle five million Egyptian farmers in Al Gazira State**

Sudanese newspapers quoted an Egyptian satellite TV channel (Dream TV) saying that Egyptian businessmen and investors are planning to settle five million Egyptian farmers in Al Gazira State to work in cultivating 160 thousand feddans (Acres) as a joint Sudan-Egyptian venture. Egyptian Ambassador to Sudan Mohamed Abdel-Moneim Al-Shazli was quoted as saying that the project

could narrow or even close the food gap, not only in Egypt but all over the Arab World.

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