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Bashir accuses Turabi of plot to remove regime

President Bashir has accused Dr. Hassan Turabi of the Popular Congress Party of a “conspiracy to remove the government” in statements made to Al Jazeera for their “Eye on Sudan” program. Bashir also accused the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) of being “a secret, militant wing of Turabi’s party...” and claimed “a lot of Popular Congress Party members participated in the recent attacks on Omdurman.” In the same interview, Bashir criticized the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) for “refusing to cooperate with the National Congress Party (NCP) to implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).” He further claimed that the Government of Southern Sudan “does not do enough to provide for its citizens in the South and has delayed the establishment of effective institutions.” Bashir also decried U.S. economic sanctions on Sudan, saying that he believes the sanctions were imposed by “friends of the SPLM in the U.S. administration” and that the U.S. of hold Sudan to a “double-standard on the Darfur issue” while “the situation in Iraq and Palestine continues.” (*Akhir Lahza, Al-Ayyam, Al-Sahafa*)

17 parties request extension of parliament

In a joint statement on Saturday, the SPLM and a number of opposition parties requested an extended session of parliament to finalize the Election Law and other laws “connected with freedom and democratic transformation.” The parties furthered that “there should be a peaceful transition of authority” and “the Election Law should be decided by getting the consensus of the whole country, not a ‘mechanical majority.’” The political parties said they “look forward to a transparent election” in January 2009 and that they have proposed a meeting between themselves and the Presidency to

coordinate the Election Law. The parties have also called for the extended parliament session to consider the Press Law and the National Security Law, both of which they consider “key to democratic transformation.” (*Ajras Al-Hurriya, Al-Sudani, Al-Ayyam, Al-Sahafa, Khartoum Monitor*)

MoD in Egypt to discuss military cooperation

Minister of Defense Abdel Rahim Mohammed Hussein is in Egypt conducting negotiations with his counterpart Mohamed Hussein Tantawi to discuss the “strengthening of bilateral relations in all fields.” Tantawi was also briefed on the Omdurman attacks, and the two “discussed Egypt’s role in UNAMID’s deployment in Darfur.” Sudan has also “requested Egypt to increase its forces working in Darfur.” (*Al-Intibaha*)

SLM/Minnawi deny detention rumors in Darfur

The military spokesman of SLM/Minnawi said Minni Minnawi is visiting North Darfur, east of Jebel Malla, and “has not been detained, as has been rumored in Khartoum.” (*Al-Sahafa*)

Cartoon of the Day (source: Akhir Lahza)



Ministry of Finance demands the stopping of illegal taxes and duties
“Please do not take money from the citizens”

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