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Kiir and Taha make progress on Abyei

First Vice President Kiir and Vice President Taha met in Juba on June 21 agreeing to a “package of outstanding issues,” and forming committees on Abyei and political and economic issues. NCP representative Al-Dirdiri Mohamed stated that all issues pertaining to the Abyei roadmap had been resolved. Many articles also reported that discussion on the national election law continues, as other political parties must first be consulted. (*Akhbar Al-Youm, Akhir Lahza.*)

New security office opens in Juba

First Vice President Kiir and Vice President Taha, along with National Intelligence chief Salah Gosh, also opened the GoSS Intelligence headquarters in Juba at an estimated cost of 10 million dollars. (*Al-Ayaam, Al-Intibaha*)

Sudan rejects threat of more EU sanctions

The Government of Sudan (GoS) rejected the European Union’s threat of imposing more international sanctions following the GoS refusal to hand over Sudanese indicted by the International Criminal Court. Sudan’s Permrep to the United Nations, Abdelhalim Abd Al-Mahmoud said on June 21 that Sudan will not submit to European threats. (*Akhir Lahza, Ra’i Al-Shaab, et al.*)

SLM/MM: Minnawi has not returned to war

Mustafa Jamail, a spokesman for SLM-Minnawi, dismissed rumors that Minnawi has retreated from the Darfur Peace Agreement and will return to war. He added that “this is propaganda disseminated by the enemies of peace who want the war to continue in Darfur.” Jamail stated that he spoke with Minnawi who was in Abu Gamra opening

development projects including the Orash dam. He added that Minnawi has launched a number of reforms in the military institutions of the SLM in the past several weeks. He stated that Minnawi would be traveling to South Darfur today and will return to Khartoum within the next week. (*Akhir Lahza*)

Abd Al-Wahid agrees to meet SPLM, not GoS

Foreign Minister Deng Alor told *Al-Rai’ Al-Aam* that he had long talks with exiled rebel leader Abdel Wahid Nur in Paris on June 21. Alor said that Abdel Wahid is ready to sit with the leadership of the SPLM anywhere outside of Sudan. Nur previously said that he would not meet with Alor as a representative of the Government of Sudan. (*Al-Rai’ Al-Aam*)

Defense demands medical examination before trial of USAID attackers

The defense lawyers for the individuals charged with the January 1 killing of USAID employees John Granville and Abd Al-Rahman Abbas have requested that the accused individuals receive medical examinations before the start of the trial. Lawyer Adil Abdul Ghani stated that the defense team made a previous request 45 days ago that went unanswered. (*Al-Rai’ Al-Aam*)

Sampling of Editorial Headlines

- The Abyei Agreement: Is it a New Deal or Face Saving? (*Khartoum Monitor*)
- Relations between Sudan and America have gone from worse to bad (*Al-Sudani*)
- A fundamental change in the Darfur conflict (*Al-Rai’ Al-Aam*)

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