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Nafie asks Pagan Amum to resign

Presidential advisor Nafie Ali Nafie has asked Minister of Cabinet Affairs Pagan Amum to resign due to remarks he made at an *Ajras al-Hurriya* press conference this past Tuesday. “As a minister,” Nafie said, he “should not work that way.” At the press conference, Amum said that Sudan was a “corrupt, losing, and failing state.” Amum responded that he said those words at the press conference to “correct the country,” and that he would “submit his resignation to Salva Kiir if that would solve the problem.” (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Ray Al-Ayaam, Akbar Al-Yaum, et al*)

GNU ministers to be “freed” for SPLM duties

Foreign Minister Deng Alor has announced that “some Government of National Unity ministers will be changing jobs to take a more active role within the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement.” (*Al-Khartoum*)

600 families to be displaced by Merowe Dam

Approximately 600 families not originally included in the relocation plan for the Merowe Dam project stand to lose their homes upon the planned completion of the facility next year. (*Ray al-Shaab*)

Parliament will meet on Sunday for election law

An extended session of parliament will meet in Khartoum on Sunday to pass the election law. (*Al-Sudani*)

More on Tuesday’s Ajras al-Hurriya press conf.:

While addressing the Press and Political Liberties Forum for a press conference about censorship, organized by *Ajras al-Hurriya*, *Ray al-Shaab*, *Al-Sahafa*, and *Al-Maydan* newspapers and held at *Ajras al-Hurriyah's* office, the Secretary-General of the Popular Congress Party, Dr. al-Turabi, proclaimed “the freedom of the press” to be an essential human liberty.

The Secretary-General for the Sudanese Communist Party, Muhammad Ibrahim Nugud, also spoke at the event, calling for “the formation of a committee to defend newspapers.” Nugud further proposed that the membership of this committee include “a large spectrum of national and press figures.”

The Secretary-General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, Pagan Amum, declared that “press censorship on newspapers is condemned,” and that “the lack of and renegeing on liberties would accelerate the return of war once again.”

Amum went on to deny rumors that the SPLM was in favor of press censorship on the account of “some newspapers’ attacks on the movement.” He asserted that the SPLM was “adherent to press liberties” even to the *Al-Intibaha* newspaper. Amum further said “the absence of liberties would negatively affect the elections process and all means of achieving peace, stability and democracy.” (*Ray al-Shaab, June 25th issue*)

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