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U.S. urges implementation of Abyei roadmap

U.S. Charge d'Affaires Alberto Fernandez met with Presidential Advisor Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail at the National Congress Party headquarters yesterday to discuss bilateral relations between the two countries, affirming Washington's concern regarding the implementation of the Abyei roadmap. (*Sudan Vision, Al-Rai Al-Am, et al*)

U.S. seeks faster UN Darfur troop deployment

In a meeting held in Washington between the members of the Security Council and President Bush, both sides stressed the need to apply pressure on the different political interests in Sudan to hold peace negotiations to end the conflicts in Darfur and Abyei and to implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. (*Al-Shari' Al Siyasi*)

Celebration of the 19th Anniversary of the Ingath

Sudanese President Omar El Bashir, speaking at the 19th Anniversary of the Ingath Revolution celebration, said the Darfur crisis would be resolved through comprehensive political talks between the parties and the local Darfur leaders. The governor of the Governor of the State of Khartoum also went on to mention that the next year would witness more services for the citizens and reductions in taxes up to 30% for the less privileged working sector. (*Al Khartoum, Akhbar Al-Yom*)

Dutch delegation meets with Sudan Parliament

A Dutch Delegation headed by Henk Jan of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Dutch Parliament, met with his counterpart from the Sudanese Parliament, Osman Khalid Mudawi, to discuss the situation in Sudan, exchange views on the peace process in Darfur, the human rights dossier, the

situation of displaced people and the reluctance of the Sudanese Government to deal with the ICC. During the talks, the Sudanese parliamentarian re-emphasized the need to bring rebels to the negotiation table and called on the international community to assist in developmental efforts rather than relief aid at this stage. (*Sudan Vision*)

GOS ready to talk with Abuja non-signatories

The Government of Sudan reiterated its readiness to negotiate with the non-signatories of the Abuja Agreement provided that they reached a common political agenda. Yesterday, Al Sammani Al Wasila, State Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, briefed the visiting Dutch parliamentary delegation, referring to the hurdles hindering the progress of the peace efforts to resolve the crisis in Darfur. (*Al Wihda, Sudan Vision*)

Joint forces begin deployment of troops in Abyei

A spokesman for the joint military forces, Major General-Bior Ajanck, confirmed that the Sudanese Armed Forces and the SPLA have begun withdrawing from Abyei in compliance with the Abyei roadmap agreement. Ajanck mentioned in an interview with the "FM Mirror" that Sudanese Armed Forces had only pulled out hundreds of its troops from the region while the SPLA had already withdrawn over 1800 troops. He also pointed out that joint troops were being deployed simultaneously without hindrance. (*Al-Sahafa, Al Wifaq*)

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