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Sudanese delegation met with US officials

A high-level delegation represented by the Government of National Unity visited the U.S. from June 25 to July 1 to exchange views with U.S. policy-makers at the Brookings Institute, Peace Researchers Institute, and the African Studies Center. The meetings, which the delegation described as successful and fruitful, were attended by Bona Malwal, Presidential Advisor, Tejani Al Fedail, Minister of International Cooperation and Mudawi Al Turabi, Secretary-General of GoNU Parties Council. The meetings highlighted Sudanese foreign policy, internal and regional policy as well as progress on the implementation of the CPA. (Sudan Vision)

Minawi interviewed on Darfur situation

Mini Minawi, Senior Presidential Assistant, told *Al-Sahafa* in an interview that the security situation in Darfur is stable but humanitarian issues should be addressed. He accused the National Congress Party of encouraging the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Darfur, citing lack of drinking water, lack of education, and lack of sanitation and adequate health services. He said the NCP appears to want to bury the Darfur Peace Agreement.

Border tension between Sudan and Ethiopia

The Sudanese Armed Forces accused Ethiopia of attacking a military camp in Jabal Hantoub, Sennar State. A joint committee has been formed to investigate the attack. Ethiopian officials did not comment on the attack, but one Sudanese security source and another government official speculated that the attack may have been because Sudan had refused to hand over some Ethiopian officials who had sought refuge in Sudan a few weeks earlier. (Sudan Tribune, Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Ahdath)

Governors of states hold roundtable meetings

Yesterday, Ali Osman Mohammed Taha, Vice President of the Republic of Sudan, addressed the opening session of the Governors (Walis) of the States meetings in the Northern State, affirming that the sustainability of peace is the main element toward development, calling on coordination between all levels of government and establishing standards for economic growth. Riek Machar, President of GOSS, also addressed the session, referring to the success of the Merowe Dam project which should be considered a role model for all other developmental schemes. Machar concluded that similar projects could be implemented in Southern Sudan, particularly if they could produce power for the region. (Al- Rai Al-Aam, Al-Wifaq, Al-Shari Al-Siyasi)

UN Envoy condemns shooting of UN observer

Ashraf Ghazi, UN envoy to Sudan, strongly denounced the shooting of the UN military observers that took place in Abyei by SPLA describing it as an "egregious act" which he hoped would not impede the implementation of the Abyei road map. Brig. Osman Al-Agbash on his part criticized the continuous silence of the UN regarding these violations, referring to previous violations of the SPLA in Kurmuk town where the UN also failed to react. He added that the UN only raised its voice when the issue was related to the Sudanese Armed Forces, which represents a double standard. (Sudan Vision)

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