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U.S. envoy resumes dialogue with Sudan

- The U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Richard Williamson started his talks in Sudan yesterday by meeting with Sudanese First Vice President Salva Kiir Mayardit and Umma Party leader Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi before traveling to Abyei today. He is expected to hold further talks with Sudan's leadership, including President Omer Al-Bashir and Minister of Foreign Affairs Deng Alor. (*Al-Watan*)

- In his meeting with Vice President Kiir, Special Envoy Williamson discussed the situation in Abyei and Darfur and the repercussions of the memorandum of the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Kiir pointed out that the memorandum of the ICC is not in the interest of Sudan and the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and will have a negative impact on neighboring countries. Kiir briefed Williamson on the situation in Abyei and the establishment of a new administration for the area, and he informed the U.S. Envoy of the voluntary return of some of the displaced. Kiir also confirmed the deployment of police forces in the area to maintain security. Williamson expressed Washington's appreciation for the wisdom of the two CPA partners in attempting to find solutions for overcoming the crisis, pointing out that the appointment of the Abyei administrator is a good indicator and will help in solving the problem. The two parties went on to discuss possible means of creating an atmosphere conducive for political dialogue in Darfur. (*SUNA*)

Concerns over death sentences for rebels

- According to *Sudan Tribune*, the United Nations has urged the Sudanese government to review the death sentences of the 30 rebels involved in the

May 10 attacks in Omdurman. "The UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) has concerns that the judicial process in Sudan may not have met international standards," said UN Special Envoy to Sudan Ashraf Qazi.

- The Sudanese Foreign Ministry responded to UN Special Envoy Qazi's statement, calling it "interference" in Sudan's internal affairs and requesting an apology from him. The Omdurman court has fixed the final hearings for next Thursday and is soon to announce a verdict. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Inter-clan fighting in the Lakes State

Fifteen people were killed and eight were in critical condition after clashes over stolen cattle in the Lakes State a few miles from Rumbek. According to a wounded man in the hospital, "many are still missing and some are still wounded in the bushes." The fighting erupted last Wednesday between Dinka clans living in Rumbek region. The Lakes State administration is optimistic that it can end the sparring between the clans and has imposed a curfew to control the region. A great portion of the state's financial resources is going towards maintaining security in the region, and the Rumbek prison is overcrowded, hindering the security process in the region. (*Al-Wifaq, Khartoum Monitor*)

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