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Al-Bashir addresses GOSS leaders in Juba

“An influential world power does not want peace to be realized in Darfur, the agendas of that power are far from any interest of the Darfur people in particular and the Sudanese people in general.” This statement was made by President Al-Bashir during his visit to Juba to “sign a number of contracts for the construction of Dams.” Al-Bashir emphasized the “Government of Sudan’s belief in the necessity of reaching a comprehensive settlement for Darfur.” He also said “unity would make the Sudan a superpower and that Sudan was capable of becoming a role model of unity and coexistence for the whole world.” Meanwhile, Al-Bashir urged “more cooperation between the Government of Southern Sudan and the federal government,” with the view that southern Sudan would make use of “the expertise of the North in the field of huge development projects.” The Speaker of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, James Wani Igga, described the President’s visit as a “historic” event and that it came at a time the two partners to the agreement have “achieved great victories in the implementation of the road map for the Abyei agreement.” (*SUNA*)

Sudanese plane hijackers in custody

The 87 passengers of the hijacked Sun Air plane that landed in Libya the day before yesterday are safe and have been returned to Khartoum late night yesterday. Libyan civil aviation authorities announced that the hijackers had surrendered themselves and are now in custody. A special Sudanese delegation has headed to Libya to complete legal and investigative procedures around the hijacking. The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has asked Libyan authorities to hand over the two hijackers for trials in Khartoum. (*Al-Ahdath*)

South Darfur announces plan for Kalma Camp

The Head of the Security Committee of the State of South Darfur confirmed that the Kalma Camp “harbored a number of armed elements and that active drug trafficking and smuggling of weapons was going on in the camp.” He continued to mention that “the Security Committee had set up a plan to eradicate armed movements and to cleanse the camp of outlaws and thieves that hid between the residents of the camp.” (*Sudan Vision*)

SPLM complains of development slack

Dr. Lam Akol of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) complained that there were “issues in the Naivasha Agreement apart from development in the South which should be addressed” and that “development in South Sudan was not sufficient to meet the interests of the Naivasha partners.” The statement was made at a symposium organized by the Evaluation and Assessment Commission headed by Derek Plumbly who said that the “development gap between the North and South of Sudan was still huge.” Plumbly pointed out that “most of the fighters who had joined the SPLM were not satisfied with the implementation of the Agreement.” He concluded his speech by affirming that the Commission would permanently present in Juba starting from next October. (*Sudan Vision*)

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