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UNAMID and GoS to investigate Kalma

UNAMID stressed the importance of coordinating with Sudanese government officials to investigate the incidents that occurred at the Kalma Internally Displaced Persons Camp in Darfur. UNAMID added that the protection of the displaced civilians living in the area should be a priority and that it would work with the Government of Sudan to prevent the re-occurrence of such incidents. UNAMID's official spokesperson, Nur El Din Mezni, told reporters that a meeting had taken place between Rodolphe Adada, the head of the AU/UN mission, and Mutrif Siddig, Undersecretary of the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The two parties discussed the security situation in the area and how each of them will investigate the incident. A joint committee to carry out these investigative procedures has been formed. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Minnawi's return to Khartoum still pending

According to Mustafa Jamil, an official spokesperson from the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM), Sudan's senior presidential assistant Minni Arco Minnawi's return to Khartoum is still pending due to the outstanding issues concerning the implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA). Jamil added that his group had presented a draft proposal to move the DPA implementation forward and the group is still waiting for the final agreement to be signed by both peace partners. Meanwhile, Omer Adam Rahama, the rapporteur-in-charge of implementing the DPA, said that two delegations from the government and the Sudan Liberation Movement/Minnawi faction reached an agreement on a road map to complete the DPA implementation. (*Al-Midan*)

- Last week, SLM leader Minni Minnawi told *Sudan Tribune* that he did not intend to return "until there is goodwill from the dominant National Congress Party."

Press Council suspends two newspapers

The National Press and Publications Council has suspended two English newspapers – *The Citizen* and *Sudan Tribune* -- until further notice. A spokesperson from the council confirmed that the decision was based on administrative issues and insisted that it had no political basis. He added that the newspapers' editors should be based in Khartoum as is stipulated in their licenses. Until they comply, they will not be allowed to operate again. Meanwhile, William Ezekiel, Editor-in-Chief of *Sudan Tribune*, told reporters that his publication was suspended because of articles that criticized the Government of National Unity and said that it was deliberately delaying the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. (*Al-Ahdath, Rai Al-Shaab, Agras Al-Hurria*)

- According to *Sudan Tribune* online, Nhial Bol, the Editor-in-Chief of *The Citizen*, said that the suspension of his independent daily was because of his rejection to remove the managing editor, who is from Darfur. "Many members of the (press council) privately approached me and asked me to dismiss Izzadine (the managing editor) because they believed that his presence in the management would influence editorial contents. I have rejected this call since April 2008."

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