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Taha “satisfied” with French delegation

The Vice President of the Republic, Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, expressed appreciation for the French concern over developments in Sudan and France's “eagerness” to continue good relations with Sudan. Taha expressed these sentiments after he met with Bruno Joubert, the French Presidential Adviser for Africa, on Tuesday. The French envoy conveyed France's concern in “helping Sudan to progress forward” and “discussed a number of issues,” including the International Criminal Court and “how to deal with the crisis.” Joubert reaffirmed his country's will to boost peace efforts and stability in Darfur. (*Al-Sudani, Al-Ahdath*)

Minister of Justice issues decree

Abdel-Basit Sabdarat, the Minister of Justice, has issued a decree to “form an investigation committee around the incidents of Kalma camp” in South Darfur State, where several civilians were killed by Sudanese government gunfire during a search campaign made by government authorities in the camp. Counselor Babiker Abdul-Latif will chair the investigation committee, along with other members. The committee will commence in the coming two days, during which it will gather evidence in order to submit a report to the Minister of Justice. (*Al Sudani, Al-Ahdath*)

Integration of Eastern Front Fighters

Sulafeldin Salih, the Commissioner for Northern Sudan's Commission for Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration, said that an “integration program for the Eastern Front demobilized fighters is currently underway.” Salih told reporters at a press conference that the program included “economic, security, and social integration.” Salih apologized to the demobilized

Eastern Front fighters for the “delay in their program,” stating “it was delayed for technical and financial reasons.” Meanwhile, Musa Osman, head of security arrangements for the Eastern Front, confirmed that the troops would be integrated into the Sudanese Armed Forces and called for the “speeding up” of the implementation process. (*SudanVision, Khartoum Monitor*)

Kiir's candidacy to the elections confirmed

Riek Machar, the Vice President of the Government of Southern Sudan confirmed that “Salva Kiir Mayardit will be the Sudan People's Liberation Movement's (SPLM) nominee for the presidential election next year.” The statement was made to Radio Miraya FM, where Machar mentioned that “any political party that wishes to participate in the presidential elections should nominate its chairman, and because Salva Kiir Mayardit is the chairman of the SPLM he is the nominee of the party.” Machar's statement comes after a series of conflicting statements by the SPLM on their nominee for the presidential role in the upcoming elections. (*Rai-Al- Shaab*)

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