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Minnawi concludes talks with Taha in El-Fasher

The Senior Aide to President Bashir and the Chairman of the Transitional Darfur Regional Authority (TDRA), Mini Minnawi, met with Vice President Ali Osman Mohammed Taha in El-Fasher on Friday to “discuss the implementation of pending issues to the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA).” Taha affirmed “the Government of National Unity’s (GNU) obligations toward the Abuja Agreement.” Minnawi, on his part, stressed on “the importance of ending hostilities between all parties” and called on the formation of a joint military committee with the GNU. Minnawi “urged the GNU to commence with the implementation of pending issues of the DPA.” Minnawi also “asserted his commitment to the cease-fire” as well as the DPA. He pledged to “do his best” to convince the other parties that “resorting to peace and realizing enduring stability in Sudan” would be beneficial. (*Al-Intibaha*)

Granville trial resumed in court today

The trial for the murder of two American embassy employees will resume in Khartoum today and will continue on tomorrow. Criminal investigators will present their reports to the courting in these two consecutive sessions. (*Al-Sudani, Akhbar Al Youm*)

Kalma Camp investigators to submit report soon

A report on the Kalma Camp attack is about to be submitted to the Minister of Justice. The committee appointed to look into the incident “has just finished collecting background information on the incident and is beginning to return to Khartoum.” According to Salah Eldin Abu Zaid, the Prosecutor General and head of the investigative committee, the report “will be ready within two days.” (*Al-Ayam, Akhbar Al-Youm*)

ICC judges consider prosecution’s application

Yesterday, the judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued a decision to hold a closed meeting with Chief ICC Prosecutor Louis Moreno-Ocampo about “the allegations against the Sudanese President Al-Bashir.” The session is scheduled to take place on October 1 but the items to be discussed were not disclosed. It is expected that the ICC will take “from a few weeks to three months to decide on Al-Bashir’s arrest warrant,” but it could take longer. Many observers “are awaiting the court’s decision, as they are likely to have political consequences particularly for Khartoum’s allies in the Arab and African world.” (*Al-Ayam, Al-Sahafa*)

GNU and GOSS sign memorandum

Officials of the GNU and the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) have signed a memorandum of understanding for regulating issues of common interest, such as customs, taxation, international relations, communication, and “the situation of southern Sudanese Muslims.” (*Khartoum Monitor*)

High female mortality rate in southern Sudan

A statistical report has revealed that “women in southern Sudan have a high death rate due to pregnancy-related complications.” Dr. Solomon Orero, a gynecologist in southern Sudan, said that “the problem is so serious that the GOSS has earmarked several programs to minimize the number of deaths.” (*Al-Ayam*)

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