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## Salva Kiir meets U.S. envoy in Juba

Salva Kiir Mayardit, the First Vice-President of Sudan and President of the Government of Southern Sudan, is scheduled to hold talks in Juba today with U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Richard Williamson. Williamson is also scheduled to hold meetings in Khartoum with Presidential Assistant Nafie Ali Nafie and the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mutrif Siddig to discuss the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and current developments on the Darfur issue in accordance with the people of Sudan and the Qatari Initiatives. (*Al-Wifaq*)

## Sudan preoccupied with U.S. Envoy's visit

Ali Al-Sadig, the official Sudanese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, told reporters from *Sudan Vision* that the U.S. Special Envoy's visit to Sudan was "a continuation of talks held by Sudan in New York last week with officials of the U.S. Department of State." Al-Sadig said that he "did not expect Williamson's visit to bring about a breakthrough in all the issues proposed for discussion, as much as Khartoum was hopeful for the continuation of dialogue."

## "No changes expected" in U.S. policy

According to an article in *Sudan Vision*, Secretary General of the Umma National Party, Abdul Nabi Ahmed, said that he "did not expect American policy towards Sudan to change" because "both the Democratic and Republican candidates have similar views over foreign policy issues related to Sudan and the Middle East." He continued that "if the Democrats win, new policies may be adopted, although all the candidates have asserted that dialogue with Sudan is conditional to the resolution of the Darfur problem."

## 116 JEM members surrender to SAF

- According to a statement by UNAMID, 116 fighters from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) "defected and surrendered themselves" to the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) in three locations in Darfur. UNAMID said it was "not clear as to who the combatants were and whether the combatants were from the JEM faction led by Khalil Ibrahim or from the National Unity JEM faction." (*Al Sahafa, Al Wifaq*)

- Meanwhile, *Sudantribune.com* reported that a JEM spokesperson downplayed the significance of the report concerning the defection, saying that the "event was fabricated" as part of "a policy of denial and deception."

## Appointment of Abyei council members

Sudanese President Al-Bashir issued two decrees yesterday, one to appoint a legislative council and another to appoint chairpersons for the executive administration for Abyei. The nominees for the respective positions consisted of members from both the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM). (*Sudan Vision, Al-Sudani, Al-Ayam*)

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