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60% of Sudan People's Initiative Darfuris

Dr. Mandour Al-Mahdi, Political Secretary of the National Congress Party (NCP), announced in a press conference yesterday that "60% of the participants of the Sudan People's Initiative were from Darfur." Al-Mahdi stated that "the forum aims at proposing recommendations for realizing peace in Darfur" and "establishes a plan to help mobilize the internally displaced persons in Darfur and develop the Darfur states." (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Armed movements cautious of Qatari Initiative

Rayah Mahmoud, Deputy Secretary General of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction, criticized the Qatari Initiative and said "it is ill-timed and should have come before other initiatives." His statement came in an address he made at the recent parliamentary session. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Minnawi's stay in Khartoum conditional

Mini Arco Minnawi, Senior Presidential Aide to Al-Bashir and SLM leader, arrived in Khartoum yesterday to participate in the opening session of the Sudan People's Initiative and also to resume his duties in the presidential palace. Minnawi made statements to the press that his "current stay in Khartoum would be provisional to progress in the implementation of the Abuja Agreement." (*Al-Ayam, Akhbar Al-Youm, Akhir Lahza, et al*)

September report shows no arrest of Kushayb

A Sudanese government report forwarded by the African Union to the UN Security Council last month conflicts with official statements about the arrest of Ali Kushayb, a militia leader wanted by the International Criminal Court (ICC). On Tuesday,

Sudan's Ministry of Justice Undersecretary Abdel-Daim Zumrawi said that Kushayb had been detained in Sudan "several months ago." However, Khartoum's report to the UNSC last month made no mention of the militia leader being in custody. (*Sudantribune.com*)

UN affirms its assistance in CPA implementation

Yesterday, Ashraf Qazi, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Sudan, addressed a forum at the Peace Studies Center at Khartoum University. Qazi indicated at the forum that he was "not optimistic about developments in Darfur" and that "challenges are facing the implementation of the Naivasha Agreement." Qazi went on to affirm the United Nation's role in supporting Sudan in the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). He further underlined the importance of holding elections on time and affirmed that the "UN would extend all possible technical aid to the electoral commission to facilitate its work." (*Sudan Vision, Khartoum Monitor*)

SAF slams rights report on supply of arms

The Government of Sudan slammed a recent report by Human Rights First, which published a report on Tuesday that Iran and Russia had joined China and nine other states as direct weapons suppliers for Sudan. An official spokesperson from the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) dismissed the report as being "irrational" and said "Sudan has the right to purchase its weapons anywhere." (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Ajas Al Hurriya*)

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