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## **Sudan People's Initiative successfully concluded**

Sudanese Presidential Advisor Mustafa Ismail affirmed the success of the outcome of the Sudan People's Initiative, which he described as "part of a move by the government of Sudan to find a solution for the crisis in Darfur, after the failure of the international community to solve the crisis in the region." Ismail said that the final communiqué for the forum would be issued by the end of the month. (*Al-Intibaha*)

## **CPA Agreement facing threat of failure**

According to an article in *Al-Intibaha*, the International Crisis Group (ICG) published a report yesterday that painted a gloomy picture for the future of the Naivasha Agreement, signed between the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM). The report mentioned that the agreement faced serious violations that might lead to its failure. Fouad Hikmat, Horn of Africa Director for ICG, said that the Sudanese government must act quickly and provide a solution for the current challenges. The report also referred to the risk of a new conflict arising in South Kordofan State that may duplicate the situation in Darfur.

## **Qutbi optimistic about settling Eastern Front**

Qutbi Al-Mahdi, Chairman of the Communication Committee recently formed by the Sudanese National Congress Party (NCP) responsible for settling differences between Eastern Front leaders, said he was "optimistic" about the matter. Al-Mahdi emphasized the importance of bridging the differences between Eastern Front leaders because it was within the framework of the initiative embarked by NCP to push for peace and stability in the east of Sudan. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Darfur rebels warn against force to free hostages**

The Darfur Peace bloc in Parliament warned the government of any attempt to forcibly free the nine Chinese oil workers held as hostages by an unidentified group in Kordofan last week. Spokesperson for the Parliamentary bloc Abdulla Adam said any forceful action would "consume the whole region in military confrontation." Adam accused NCP for the series of problems facing the region. He said, "the Chinese workers were being held by movements that had signed the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA)" and denied the involvement of the Justice and Equality Movement and other non-signatory movements in the act." Adam urged the government to try to resolve the South Kordofan problem peacefully before it became "another Darfur." (*Sudan Tribune*)

## **Influx of Congolese refugees to Southern Sudan**

Recent attacks on the civilian population by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in the Democratic Republic of Congo have caused a large number of Congolese to seek refuge in Western Equatoria, in Southern Sudan. The Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC) for Western Equatoria State has called for urgent support for these refugees and internally displaced persons in the state. According to SSRRC Director Lexon Waly, "so far, the Commission has registered a total population of over five hundred Congolese refugees." (*Rai Al Shaab*)

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