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Minawi suspends SLM Secretary General

Mini Arco Minnawi, Leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction has suspended the movement's Secretary General Mustafa Teirab. The decision came one week after the Minnawi's return to Khartoum and was welcomed by the Government of National Unity. A source, who preferred to remain unidentified, said that "Minnawi's action was in response to earlier differences between Minnawi and Teirab and an attempt by Teirab to oust Minnawi from his current position as head of the movement." Minnawi appointed Hassan Dossa to replace Teirab. The step was criticized by Al-Rayah Mahmoud Juma, the movement's Vice-President, who accused Minnawi of "making decisions without consulting the party." (*Al-Khartoum*)

SPLM to hold normalization talks with Chad

Senior leaders from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) is visiting Chad today to take part in an SPLM initiative to normalize bilateral relations between Sudan and Chad. The step comes in response to a recent invitation by Chadian President Idris Deby. The delegation is headed by SPLM Secretary General Pagan Amum, and comprises Deputy SPLM Secretary General for Northern Sector Yasser Arman, SPLM Secretary General Secretary for Political Affairs and Mobilization Abdel Aziz Adam El-Hilu, and Chief of Government of Southern Sudan Mission in Washington Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth. Gatkuoth told reporters that SPLM would use its good relations with Chad to facilitate the normalization of bilateral relations between Sudan and Chad and that the move was welcomed by the National Congress Party. (*Ajras Al-Hurriya*)

JEM behind kidnap of Chinese oil workers

An article published in *Al-Wifaq* reported that the kidnapers behind last week's abduction of Chinese oil workers were members of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM). According to the article, group leader Abu Humaid Danai made a phone call to the London-based *Al Sharq Al-Awsat* to inform that the "Chinese workers were unharmed and were being treated well."

-Daily *Akhbar Al-Youm* ran an article stating that the Chinese workers would be released soon. The article mentioned that Misseiriya leaders from the region were negotiating with the kidnapers by satellite phone but lost the connection. A Misseiriya leader said had the connection not been lost before they could decide on an area to release the kidnapped workers, they would have been set free this past Friday.

Sudanese journalist arrested in Darfur

Sudanese authorities arrested Ajras Al Huryia (Freedom Bells) Nurredin Braima, a journalist based in Darfur, for translating comments by an internally displaced person (IDP) during an October 11 press conference for the visit of a Qatari official to the region. Salah Kajam, the publisher of the daily, speculated that the detention was part of a broader government crackdown on journalists and Darfuris to prevent them from speaking out about the crisis. "We believe they did not like the statement by the [IDP] woman, whatever she said," and indicated that the journalist provided an honest translation, said Kajam. "The sole crime of this man is that he helped a woman whose crime is that she does not speak Arabic." (*Sudantribune.com*)

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