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Alor receives U.S. Assistant Secretary of State

The Sudanese Foreign Minister Deng Alor met with the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer in his office yesterday to discuss deployment of UNAMID troops, efforts to achieve peace in Darfur as well as implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. During the meeting, Alor briefed the Assistant Secretary on the outcome of the Sudan's People Initiative and efforts to achieve peace in Darfur. Alor further briefed Frazer on both recent meetings between the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) and the leader of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) as well as meetings to normalize relations between Sudan and Chad. (*Al-Ayam*)

UK supports Arab/Qatari Initiative on Darfur

Following a meeting between Qatari Foreign Minister Hamad Bin Jassim Al-Thani and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the Qatari Foreign Minister revealed that Britain had expressed its support for the Qatari Initiative on Darfur and is confident of Qatar's leading role in bringing peace to Darfur. (*Al-Wifaq*)

Electoral law does not comply with the CPA

The Minister of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development for the Government of Southern Sudan told the Southern Legislative Assembly yesterday that urgent amendments were needed for the 2009 electoral law in order for it to comply with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and the Interim National Constitution. (*The Citizen*)

Sudan -Chad resume diplomatic relations today

Sudanese and Chadian diplomats resume respective

missions in N'Djamena and Khartoum today. (*MirayaFM*)

Ex-Sudanese President Ahmed Al-Mirghani dies

Ahmed Al-Mirghani, former President of the Sudan and Vice-President of the Democratic Unionist Party, passed away in Alexandria, Egypt, yesterday. His body will be flown back tomorrow to be buried in Khartoum. (*Al-Ayam, Al-Wifaq*)

Sudan and Iran seek mutual media cooperation

Sudan and Iran recently exchanged delegations to strengthen media cooperation between Khartoum and Tehran in order to confront the organized targeting of Sudan and Iran by the western media. Iranian Assistant Foreign Minister accused the western media of targeting both countries, saying, "they are deliberately working to distort the image of Iran and Sudan to create a negative image." He further stated that "the western media focuses on shortcomings and conflicts instead of the positive merits and aspects." (*SUNA*)

Two groups behind kidnapped Chinese workers

Sudanese Minister of Interior Ibrahim Mohammed Hamid stated in an address before the Council of States that two rebel groups from South Kordofan State were behind the kidnapping of the Chinese oil workers abducted in last month in that state. A member of the group -- an ex-leader of Shahama [a movement that integrated its forces into the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM)] -- just returned from Israel. The other group leader is from a JEM faction led by Fidail. (*The Citizen, Al-Sudani*)

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