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Sudanese journalists strike over press censorship

Sudanese journalists together with “democratic writers” are on a 24-hour hunger strike, which started yesterday to protest press censorship. Three publications, *Ajras Al-Hurriya*, *Al-Maidan* and *Ray-Al Al-Shaab*, have halted production for three days saying they could no longer accept censorship by the state security organs over editorial content. According to the article, *Al-Intibaha*, another local daily, has announced its support to the journalists’ move against press censorship. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Sudan not immune from global economy crisis

-Yesterday, Sudanese Parliament members held an extraordinary session to discuss the global financial crisis and its impact on the Sudanese economy. Minister of Finance Awad Al-Jaz admitted that Sudan was not immune to the global crisis, given its current trade relations with the United States and other countries. Members of Parliament urged concerned financial authorities to take the necessary steps to counter any possible crisis that might affect Sudan. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

-An article published in *Sudan Vision* states that the Ministry of Finance and National Economy announced before Parliament yesterday that it has set up several strategies to counter the impact of the international financial crisis.

Machar in Uganda today to hold talks

Vice-President of the Government of Southern Sudan Riak Machar is scheduled to travel to Uganda today in his capacity as Senior Mediator between the Ugandan government and the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA). Machar will attend a round of talks between the government of Uganda,

the LRA and some United Nations representatives to decide on a final date for a ceasefire that will put an end to the tension between the two concerned parties. (*Al-Ayam*)

Sudan reveals intention to pursue nuclear energy

An article published in *Sudantribune.com* mentioned that a Sudanese official disclosed that Sudan is contemplating development of a nuclear program for scientific research. Sudanese Minister for Science and Technology Ibrahim Ahmed Omer told Sudan News Agency (SUNA) that his government received approval for its plans from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Omer said that the IAEA will fund the program jointly with the Sudanese government. He did not mention, however, whether a formal agreement had been signed.

Severest penalty requested for rebel attackers

The prosecution handling the May 10 Omdurman rebel attack case demanded at the court yesterday the severest sentence for thirteen of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) suspects involved in the Omdurman attack. (*Al-Ayam*)

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