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## France reiterates its support for Qatari initiative

France has reaffirmed its support for the Qatari peace initiative on Darfur in a statement released by the French Foreign Ministry. The statement said that France urged all concerned parties to work with Qatar to find a solution for Darfur, adding that France and Qatar would extend their full support to Djibril Bassole, the Joint UN-AU Chief Mediator for Darfur. (*Al-Watan*)

## SPLM pulls out officers of State censors

The Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) has pulled out its officers from the press unit of the National Security Service, as the unit's activities are anti-constitutional and do not comply with the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement. Deng Goc, Chairman of the Board for *Ajras Al-Huriya* and SPLM Parliament member, stated that "SPLM decided to withdraw its staff from the Press and Publications Unit of the security due to continuous censorship. Goc called their activities "opposed [to] the spirit of peace and democracy in Sudan." Goc's statement was made after State security banned *Ajras Al-Hurriya* on account of their three-day strike last week against censors. (*Sudantribune.com*)

## SPLM to celebrate Obama's victory

The SPLM announced that it was planning to celebrate in mid-November U.S. Senator Barack Obama's victory. SPLM told the London-based *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* that Sudan needed to celebrate this occasion because it is in "desperate need for a historical reconciliation," such as this. The event will be held under the theme of "enforcing equal citizenship and respecting diversity." (*The Citizen*)

## NCP protests isolation from dialogue

The National Congress Party (NCP) for the Southern Sudan sector accused the SPLM of deliberately ignoring the party and not asking NCP to participate in the south-south dialogue held in Juba yesterday. NCP secretary for Greater Equatoria Korinilo Pevo said he would send an urgent message of protest to the SPLM leadership requesting clarity on why the NCP had been excluded. (*Al-Khartoum, Al-Wifaq*)

## SAF reintegrated in Saudi Arabia

The North Sudan Commission for Demobilization, Disarmament and Reintegration has helped to reintegrate 50 members from various sectors of the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the Popular Defense Forces (PDF) to work as drivers in Saudi Arabia. An additional 50 prior force members will be offered contracts to work as drivers in Saudi Arabia during the coming month. (*Al-Watan*)

## JEM members hijack vehicle in Darfur

A group from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) ambushed and stole a Land Cruiser in South Darfur State that belonged to Sudatal, the National Telecommunication Company, after robbing the passengers on board and ordering them to get out of the car. (*Al-Watan*)

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