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Al-Bashir to inaugurate road in Kassala

The Sudanese President Al-Bashir is scheduled to travel to Kassala this week to inaugurate a road that links Kassala to Eritrea. The President will be accompanied by some ministers and advisors. (*Sudan Vision*)

Amum meets with Egyptian Press Union

Pagan Amum, the Secretary General of the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), will meet today with officials from the Egyptian Press Union in Cairo to discuss the bilateral relations between Southern Sudan and Egypt and recent political developments. The visit comes in light of Egyptian President Mubarak's recent visit to Sudan. (*Ajras Al-Hurria*)

Southern political parties hint at rejecting census

Southern Sudanese political parties stated in a South-South dialogue conference held in Juba last week that it might reject the results of the national census conducted last April due to the lack of preparation before the census. The southern parties unanimously agreed that the difficulties faced by the census may affect its results and stated that these shortcomings "have been acknowledged and documented by various institutions including the National Census Council." The parties further agreed that Southern Sudan will maintain its present status if it were to reject the census results. (*Al-Ahdath*)

UN will reach 60% deployment in 2008

The United Nations announced its commitment to deploy 60% its total force in Darfur by the end of this year and intends to raise the deployment rate to

80% by the end of March next year. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, The Citizen*)

Sudan disregards Kenyan Nile water accusations

The Director of the Nile Water Department of the Ministry of Irrigation, Yusuf Hamad, disregarded accusations made by the Kenyan Minister of Water earlier this week, stating that Sudan has monopolized Nile water resources. Hamad said that Kenya's accusation was not in accord with the provisions of the River Nile Water Agreement and added that a "political agenda is behind Kenya's allegations." (*The Citizen*)

Flood affected areas in Upper Nile receive aid

The flood-affected areas of Maban, Upper Nile State, have affected more than 40,000 people last October, according to Paul Ruaj, Director for Relief and Rehabilitation Commission in Upper Nile State. Ruaj added that the road linking Maban and Melut has helped facilitated the delivery of humanitarian and medical aid to the region. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Editorial: "Let us not forget to thank Bush"

Justin Ambago Ramba notes in the *Citizen* that "the name of President George Bush is "synonymous with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement" and that over the last year he has developed great respect for the accomplishments of the Bush administration in Sudan.

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