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## **AU Council discusses Naivasha Agreement**

The African Peace and Security Council discussed an evaluation report on the progress of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, yesterday in Addis Ababa. The report was submitted by Yahya Hussein, head of the Sudanese government delegation. (*Al Rai-Al Aam*)

## **SPLM expects tension between coalition parties**

Edward Lino, a leading member of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), said that he expects tension between the two parties in the Government of National Unity -- SPLM and the National Congress Party (NCP) -- in the coming weeks over Abyei and Missiriya issues as well as disputes with regard to oil revenues. Lino further added that he expects the Legislative Assemblies of both South Kordofan (Nuba Mountains) and Blue Nile State (Ingassana Mountains) "to demand their rights to secession, should Southern Sudan secede from the North." (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

## **Sudan to chair African Group at the UN**

Sudan Envoy to the United Nations in Geneva Ambassador John Ukec has been selected as Chairman of the United Nations African Group, in Geneva. Former Foreign Minister Hussien Abu Saleh described the selection as a "vital political step." He asserted that this supports the position of Sudan in the face of the current International Criminal Court (ICC) challenges. Observers further confirmed this by stating "the step was very important for Sudan, at this point, and that Sudan needed the extra support to emerge from the ICC crisis." (*Khartoum Monitor, Sudanese online*)

## **Kuwait holds talks in Juba**

Kuwait's Ambassador to Khartoum Suleiman Al-Harbi is holding talks in Juba with senior Southern Sudan government officials. The visit will cover a range of issues related to the development and reconstruction process in the South. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

## **Press council meets to discuss press censorship**

Members of the National Press and Publications Council; a number of senior print media editors; and Salah Gosh, National Intelligence and Security Service Chief, met to further discuss press censorship and state security monitoring. (*Al-Sudani*)

## **Bahrain encourages investment in Sudan**

National Assembly Spokesperson Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir met yesterday with Bahraini Shoura [Consultative] Council member Khalid Bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa and reviewed bilateral relations between Sudan and Bahrain. The meeting also tackled Sudan's agricultural potential and opportunities of agricultural investment in the country. Al-Khalifa affirmed his enthusiasm in encouraging private Bahraini investments in Sudan, especially in the agricultural sector. Al-Khalifa pointed out that "Arab food security was a great concern, given the current food crisis the world now faces." (*SUNA*)

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