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## **Kiir to visit IDP camps in Darfur**

First Vice President and President of the Government of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit is scheduled to visit internally displaced persons (IDP) camps in Darfur to observe their conditions there. The date for Kiir's visit to Darfur is yet to be determined but will be the "first high-ranking visit to IDP camps in the region since the start of the Darfur crisis." (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **SLM faction welcomes Qatari Initiative**

Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Islah [reform] faction said that it welcomed the Qatari-led joint Arab Initiative for realizing peace in Darfur. The faction said that it was ready to negotiate with the Government of Sudan "without preconditions." (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **Abyei Administration: "Clashes under control"**

The Abyei Interim Administration announced that recent clashes between northern and southern Joint Integrated Units (JIU) that had broken out in Abyei over the weekend are now under control. The fighting resulted in the death of two police officers from the JIU. The administration announced that a decision had been made to withdraw the Joint Integrated Units from the disputed area to avoid further friction. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **Government slams Save Darfur Alliance**

The Sudanese government strongly criticized a recently submitted proposal by the Save Darfur Alliance group to President-elect Barack Obama urging him to step up U.S. efforts to end the crisis in Darfur. (*Al-Ahdath*)

## **Sudan downplays Bush's call for pressure**

The Sudanese Foreign Ministry downplayed a recent remark by President George Bush to U.S. President-elect Barack Obama calling for continued pressure on the Sudanese government to end the crisis in Darfur and to speed up completion of UNAMID hybrid forces deployment in Darfur. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Ali Al-Sadig told *Miraya FM* that the government will take no "premature action" against the Obama Administration, based on Bush's remarks. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, The Citizen*)

## **Tribal clashes break out in Darfur**

Tribal fighting between Fallata and Habaniya tribes in South Darfur broke out on Friday. The dispute resulted in the death of over 35 people, including 6 policemen who had attempted to stop the conflict. Hundreds of civilians were displaced as a result of the fighting. The governor declared a state of emergency, however, according to police officials, the situation is under control. (*Sudan Tribune.com*)

## **Director of Investment for Africa arrives in Juba**

Pierre Quislain, Director of Investment and Climate Reform Program for Africa, a World Bank initiative, is in Juba to discuss with representatives of public and private sectors the opportunities for investment and reform in Southern Sudan. Quislain pointed out that cooperation between private and public sectors would create job opportunities. (*Radio Miraya FM*)

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