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CPA partners urged to complete reconciliation

Niron Philip, Chairperson for the joint Assessment and Evaluation Commission (AEC) urged the two Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) partners -- the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) -- to intensify their efforts to implement the remaining items of the CPA and to complete reconciliation in South Kordofan. The AEC in South Kordofan is already preparing for a joint reconciliation workshop for the end of this month. It will involve participation of national government officials from Blue Nile and South Kordofan states. (*Sudan Vision*)

Egypt seeks support of UN Security Council

The Egyptian government informed its Sudanese counterpart that it is seeking support from the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, specifically France and the United States, with regard to the International Criminal Court (ICC) pending arrest warrant of Sudanese President Al-Bashir. Egypt states that it rejects the indictment of any Arab country head of state and will do whatever is within its power to help Sudan thwart the ICC action. Mandour Al-Mahdi, Political Secretary-General of the National Congress Party (NCP), conveyed the Government of Sudan's disappointment with Washington's "indifference" towards the ICC. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Machar warns of tribal disputes

Vice-President of the Government of Southern Sudan Riek Machar warns of tribal disputes among the various tribes over grazing land during the dry season and directed the relevant authorities to start

intensive reconciliation meetings between the communities. (*Al-Ahdath, Khartoum Monitor*)

Abu Qarda: "ICC allegations are fabricated lies"

Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) Commander Bahar Idris Abu Qarda denied allegations published by the local Sudanese press that he was wanted by the ICC Chief Prosecutor for committing war crimes in Darfur and stated that the allegations were "fabricated lies." (*Al-Ahdath*)

SLM held conference in Switzerland

Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) organized consultative meetings in Switzerland, from December 14-24, that were attended by over fifty delegates from Darfur and other regions of Sudan. The meeting was facilitated by the Swiss government with the aim of bringing together key SLM leaders with SLM Chairperson Abdel Wahid Al-Nur in order to find a political solution for achieving peace in Darfur. SLM Spokesperson Yahia Al-Bashir Bolad affirmed that SLM hoped for peace in Darfur and wanted Sudan to adopt a system of government that would permit the political and social justice throughout Sudan. (*Sudantribune.com*)

Minnawi accused of conspiracy

Darfur rebel signatories [of the Declaration of Commitment] accused Chairperson of SLM/Minnawi faction and Senior Presidential Aide Arco Mini Minnawi of conspiring to disintegrate their movements and exclude them from the Darfur peace process. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

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