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Al-Bashir begins Nile State tour today

Today, Sudanese President Al-Bashir begins a tour to inaugurate a number of important development and service projects in River Nile State. According to Commissioner of the State, Hassan Al-Hiwaj, Al-Bashir will inaugurate a food security project and an electricity plant in addition to an integrated police section. (*Sudan Vision*)

Sudanese-Egyptian committee meet in Cairo

A joint Sudanese-Egyptian Parliamentary Committee, co-chaired by Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir from the Sudanese National Assembly and his Egyptian counterpart Fathi Sarour, held a meeting in Cairo on Friday to discuss the Darfur issue, the situation in Gaza, and the international financial crisis. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Watan*)

Envoy: “Russia and Sudan in the same trench”

At a press conference on Saturday, Mikhail Margelov, Russia’s Special Envoy to Sudan, said “Russia and Sudan are in the same trench with regards to the challenges they have to face against international conspiracies.” Margelov stated that the purpose of his visit to Sudan was to meet with President Al-Bashir and other senior Sudanese officials to discuss developments in the Sudanese political arena. (*Al-Watan, Al-Khartoum, Al-Ayam*)

Darfur talks in progress

The Joint UN-UN Chief Mediator for Darfur, Djibril Bassole, and the Qatari State Minister for Foreign Affairs have started consultations with the French government to develop a comprehensive plan for negotiations between the Sudanese

government and the armed movements in Darfur. (*Radio MirayaFM, Al-Watan*)

NCP: Israel undermining stability in Sudan

Abbas Al-Khidir, a leading member from the National Congress Party (NCP), told reporters from the Sudan News Agency that “Israel is seeking to weaken the unity of the Sudanese ranks by encouraging the continuous bloodshed in Darfur and by targeting Sudan’s sovereignty through distrustful organizations.” (*The Citizen*)

Umma Party calls for constitutional amendments

Fadl Allah Burma Nasser, Deputy Chairman of the Umma Party, stated that it is mandatory for the state to make the necessary amendments to the constitution in order for it to suit democratic change in Sudan. Nasser pointed out that the current constitution was imposed on the Sudanese people and was established to comply with the stipulations of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement which was duly signed by the NCP and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM.) (*Al-Khartoum*)

Hundreds displaced by clashes in Lake State

Hundreds have been displaced after inter-tribal clashes between the Agaar and Jur-bel tribes of the Lakes State on Thursday. Chan Majok, Director for the Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC) of the West Bahr El Ghazal State said that 170 internally displaced persons arrived in Wau. (*RadioMirayaFM*)

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