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Nafie addresses Doha talks today

The Government of Sudan and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) will convene in Doha today to pave the way for peace negotiations. The Sudanese delegation will be chaired by presidential advisor Nafie Ali Nafie, who will address technical aspects at the talks today. Nafie will concentrate on building a framework acceptable to the two parties. Observers have expressed optimism over the success of this first round of talks. Meanwhile, Al-Tahir Al-Faki, a JEM Legislative Council spokesperson, stated that the “that the Doha talks are nothing but preliminary consultations to break the ice.”(*Al-Sahafa, Sudan Vision*)

China concerned with peace protection in Sudan

The Chinese ambassador to Sudan, Li Chengwen, has renewed his country's call for all the relevant parties in Sudan to engage in dialogue in order to reach a resolution for the issues impeding the peace process in Sudan. Chengwen said, “China is concerned for Sudan’s peace and stability.” The Chinese ambassador stressed that stability was in “everybody’s best interest” and asserted that his country would work with Sudan at both the international and regional levels to assist in helping Sudan in facing its challenges. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Sahafa*)

UNAMID helicopter fired at in Darfur

Unknown armed elements fired shots at a UNAMID helicopter flying over the Darfur region. The helicopter was carrying food to El Fasher. Nouredine El-Mazni, Spokesperson for the joint United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) said, “fortunately there was no loss of life,” but added that such incidents are

“unacceptable, as the joint hybrid forces are only in the region to keep peace and are not part of the conflict.” (*Al-Watan, Al-Wifaq*)

Al-Ruzaiqi and 250 Missariya abandon JEM

Abdulrahman Al-Ruzaiqi, JEM Deputy Chairman, along with 250 Missariya JEM members have declared that they have abandoned their allegiance to the movement [JEM] and have decided to return to their home state. South Kordofan State Governor Osman Suleiman will be holding a reception in their honor today. The reception will also be attended by National Assembly Spokesperson Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir. (*Al-Wifaq*)

Minnawi is criticized for boycotting Doha talks

Mini Arco Minnawi, Senior Presidential Assistant and leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction, was criticized by several government officials for boycotting the Doha preliminary peace talks between the government and JEM. South Darfur State Deputy Governor Farah Mustafa describes Minnawi’s stance as “unjustifiable” and dubbed Minnawi’s faction “not the only movement controlling Darfur.” (*Sudan Vision*)

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