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Darfur armed movements “commit to peace”

Yesterday, “an alliance of armed movements” of Darfur reaffirmed its commitment to “peaceful coexistence and the promotion of unity in Sudan,” as well as its “rejection of the International Criminal Court (ICC)’s stance against Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir.” The representatives of the group disclosed that they are “exerting efforts inside and outside Sudan” to “unify the armed movements of Darfur to reach comprehensive peace,” calling for support from political parties and civil society organizations. (*Sudan News Agency*)

Nafie: U.S./UK/France hope to recolonize Sudan

Addressing a mass rally in Northern State, Presidential Assistant Nafie Ali Nafie “blasted” the U.S., United Kingdom, and France for “exploiting the International Criminal Court (ICC) to gain access to Sudan” and “reclaim their control of Africa and the Middle East.” Nafie said that the ICC is a “court of injustice.” (*Al-Watan, Sudanese Media Centre*)

Qatari intervention between Sudan and Chad

Qatar’s Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Al-Thani met with Chadian President Deby in N’Djamena yesterday to “set the stage for mending the escalating tensions between Sudan and Chad.” Qatar’s mediation comes as part of its peace initiative for “achieving stability in Sudan.” (*Sudan Vision*)

SPLM calls for the reassessment of JIUs

The Secretary General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), Pagan Amum, stated that the “experience of deploying Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) for implementing security in the South needs to be reassessed given the recent security clashes in Malakal and Abyei.” Amum added that the “current JIUs are not qualified to form a basis for future forces.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Sudan detains British journalist

Zuhair Latif, a British journalist of Tunisian origin, has been detained by Sudanese security organs for allegedly “violating immigration procedures” and performing “activities not covered by his mandate.” Latif was working as a correspondent for a French TV channel and pan-Arab media. The journalist’s whereabouts remain unknown at this time. An article in *SudanTribune.com* quotes an international press watchdog as calling on the Sudanese authorities to explain the arrest, “which comes less than a month after the expulsion of Heba Aly, a journalist with dual Canadian and Egyptian citizenship.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab, SudanTribune.com*)

GOSS commits to “assisting women in elections”

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs of the Government of Southern Sudan has confirmed its commitment to “assist women and leaders at the grass roots level” to participate in the upcoming elections. (*RadioMirayaFM*)

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