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Al-Bashir returns from his visit to Cairo

Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir returned to Sudan yesterday after his one-day trip to Egypt to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to “discuss issues of mutual concern,” including the International Criminal Court’s recent decision to issue an arrest warrant for Al-Bashir. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Intibaha*)

UN warns of food shortages in Darfur

The UN Under-Secretary General and Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs, John Holmes, has warned of “possible food shortages” and short-falls of other essential items in Darfur during the rainy season. Holmes told the press that the World Food Program and UN agencies will face “enormous obstacles” in distributing aid after the expulsion of 13 international nongovernmental organizations from Sudan. The UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, Ameerah Haq, meanwhile said that “concrete plans should be made if the humanitarian gaps are to be bridged.” (*MirayaFM*)

750 killed in tribal clashes in Jonglei

Seven hundred and fifty people have been killed in the recent tribal clashes in Jonglei State. The Governor of Jonglei State, Kuol Manyang Juuk, attributed the fighting to cattle raiding, stating that he has “previously appealed to the Government of South Sudan to intervene and carry out forceful disarmament of civilians.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Medical team expelled from Central Equatoria

An Egyptian medical team was requested to discontinue their work and leave Central Equatorial State. State Minister of Health, Huda Michael,

justified the termination, saying that the team “did not providing adequate services.” The Government of Southern Sudan denounced the termination of the team’s services and asked them to resume their work at a government hospital in Juba. (*Al-Intibaha*)

Uncertainty surrounds national elections date

-An article in *The Citizen* has cited the official spokesperson of the Sudanese Communist Party, Yousif Hussain, as stating that “sources are circulating news that the NCP is planning to change the elections dates.” Hussain expressed his party’s total rejection to any changes in the date for the upcoming elections and added that “this should be decided by the Elections Commission in consultation with all the political forces and not be used to serve NCP interests.”

-The National Congress Party (NCP) denied speculations that “the party had proposed a bid for early elections.” NCP Secretary-General for Political Relations Mandour Al-Mahdi affirmed that “this would not occur without consultations with the political forces,” adding that the “NCP was not the only determining party with regards to election dates.” (*Al-Intibaha*)

Juba Hospital in need of pharmaceutical drugs

A physician working at the Juba Teaching Hospital announced that the hospital has been out of the drugs needed to cure tuberculosis for more than 7 days. “The hospital is feeling the pinch of the current financial crisis,” said a certified nurse working in the same unit. (*The Citizen*)

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