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U.S. Envoy seeks progress in Darfur and on CPA

Yesterday, U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan General Scott Gration said that the situation in Darfur necessitates that the Government of Sudan, the U.S., the NGOs, and the international community to work together in order to provide medical care for the displaced and to combat malnutrition cases. He said after meeting the Sudanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Deng Alor that he found a sense of cooperation and understanding from the Government of Sudan. (*Al-Ray Al-aam*)

Amum: SPLM is ready for the elections

The Secretary General of the SPLM, Pagan Amum, assured that the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) is ready to participate in the elections at various levels in the Parliament and throughout the states in both the north and the south. "Whether or not to form an SPLM coalition will be a policy set according to the elections program," he stated. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Doha negotiations at the end of this month

State Minister of Youth and Sport, Amin Hassan Omer, said that the second round of Doha negotiations will be at the end of this month. "Although the Government of Sudan has not been informed officially of the date, it is ready to negotiate with any willing group to achieve peace in Darfur," said Omer. (*Al-Sudani*)

UN: Cannot fully bridge gap of expelled NGOs

The Humanitarian Affairs Coordinator of the UN Mission in Sudan, Amira Haq, assured the readiness of the international organization to cooperate with the Government of Sudan, but added that national NGOs will need "a long time to upgrade their capacities in several areas," and that "millions of the displaced could not wait that long." Haq also mentioned that NGOs which are not included in the expulsion decision might leave their areas if instability and abduction cases continue. (*Al-Sahafa*)

A local delegation negotiates with the abductors

The Government of South Darfur has sent a local delegation to negotiate with the abductors of two women working with International Medical Aid NGO. A police officer in Nyala said that the two abducted women are "in good health" and that the group that abducted the NGO workers calls itself "the Revolutionary Group of Free Africans." The group is claiming that the abduction is in retaliation to the "abduction of children last year in Chad," and also because the group "rejects the ICC decision against President Al-Bashir." (*Al-Ahdath*)

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