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Sudan may send delegation to U.S.

The Government of Sudan has "hinted" it may send a delegation to the U.S. in mid-May to conduct "normalization talks." The step comes in the wake of the recent visit by U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan General Scott Gration. (*Al-Wifaq*)

Al-Bashir briefed on East Sudan peace dossier

Presidential Advisor Musa Mohammed Ahmed briefed President Omer Al-Bashir on the latest developments of the Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement in terms of security, wealth, and powersharing. Ahmed, who is also the leader of the Beja Congress, described the agreement as a "model" one and affirmed his support to it. Al-Bashir confirmed the government's seriousness towards implementing all the stipulations of the agreement. (*Al-Khartoum, Sudan Vision*)

South Darfur tribes hold reconciliation sessions

The Habbania and Fallata tribes of South Darfur State have resumed reconciliation sessions in Nyala "in order to resolve their differences." Representatives from both tribes were present, including the governor of South Darfur State, who warned of the consequences these tribal conflicts have on the stability of the region. (*Ajras Al-Hurria, Khartoum Monitor, Sudan Vision*)

Abyei arbitration to start soon

A ruling over the Abyei dispute is expected on the 18th of April at the International Tribunal Court in The Hague. Jurors will listen to testimonies from both the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement before the

judges announce their verdict on the case. (*The Citizen*)

Kidnapped hostages face being put to death

The lives of the two French aid workers kidnapped earlier this month in Darfur have been threatened by their abductors if authorities attempt to forcefully release them. The kidnappers have demanded that "the French government negotiate with them directly" to fulfill their demands, which include "bringing back those responsible for kidnapping children from Darfur" for trials. Meanwhile, the Governor of South Darfur State, Ali Mahmoud, said that negotiations were ongoing to free the hostages and help them return home safely. (*MirayaFM*)

Kalma IDP's decline aid from national NGOs

According to a delegation from the Sudan Council of Voluntary Associations (SCOVA), internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Kalma Camp have refused to receive humanitarian aid from national aid organizations and have refused to cooperate with the delegation. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

UNAMID: hijacking still a problem in Darfur

The United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) said that the hijacking of the organization's vehicles operating in the region continues to be a problem in Darfur. UNAMID spokesperson Noureddine Al-Mazni told reporters that a vehicle was recently stolen in Zalingi. (*Ajras Al-Hurria*)

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