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SPLM to hold talks on Darfur

The Sudanese People's Liberation Movement announced that it was "seriously seeking support" from neighboring countries to "solve the Darfur conflict." Yesterday the movement held consultations with a visiting Eritrean delegation to discuss Eritrea's role in solving the conflict in the region. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Al-Wifaq paper suspended by security organs

- Two days ago, "national security organs" shut down the daily *Al-Wifaq* newspaper for its publishing of an Op-Ed by the newspaper's Editor-in-Chief Ishaq Ahmed Fadl Allah. According to press reports, the column referred to comments made by Yassir Arman in a parliamentary session against some of provisions of Sharia law concerning adultery. The case has now been submitted to a judicial court and Fadl Allah, who has been ordered to stop publishing columns, awaits the court's verdict. (*MirayaFM*)

- Meanwhile, the Sudanese Journalist Union, in a press statement, confirmed its support to *Al-Wifaq* newspaper and stated its rejection to "any legal action made against the paper or its employees." The union also urged government authorities to allow the paper to resume its publication to lessen the effect on its employees. (*Al-Sudani, Al-Sahafa*)

SPLM committee to question Akol and Suleiman

Deputy Secretary General of SPLM/Northern Sector, Yassir Arman, stated that a committee has been formed within his party to question Lam Akol and Ghazi Suleiman on recent remarks made by them which were "not in line with the Movement's interests." (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Al-Mahdi: Presidential run not yet decided

Chairperson of the Umma Party Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi asserted that he has "not yet decided whether to personally run for Presidency during the upcoming elections." However, he confirmed that his party "would be represented in the elections for the presidential and parliamentary elections." (*Al-Ayam*)

GoS denies new air strike on Sudan's coastline

Presidential Secretary for Media Affairs Mahgoub Fadul Badri has said that "Israel was not behind the recent attack on the Iranian ship near the Sudanese coastline." He also stated that "the Sudanese government is still looking into the earlier air strikes on the eastern border of Sudan launched in January." (*Al-Sudani*)

Abyei strongly in need of medical assistance

According to Carlo Ayowel, the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee for the Abyei Community Sectors, "Abyei is facing an acute medical crisis due to shortages in medicine and medical staff." (*Ajras-Al-Hurria*)

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