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Sudan & Chad hold reconciliation talks in Doha

Yesterday, Sudan and Chad embarked on reconciliation talks in Doha under Qatari and Libyan mediation. Senior Qatari government officials and the Libyan Secretary of the People's Committee for External Relations and International Cooperation Musa Mohammed Kosa were present at the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Qatari Prime Minister, Hamad bin Jasim bin Jabor Al-Thani, who expressed his hopes that the meeting "would result in consolidation of Sudanese-Chadian bilateral relations as well as ending the differences between them." (*Al-Watan, Akhbar Al-Youm, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

GoS: France asks Bashir not to run for elections

According to the Sudanese Presidential Advisor Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie, who just returned from a meeting with officials in Paris, France has "proposed" that Sudanese President Al-Bashir "not run for Sudan's 2010 elections in return for France's support in suspending the International Criminal Court decision against Al-Bashir." Nafie further claimed that some of the rebel movements were "trying to change the regime through foreign powers." Nafie warned that "this is considered as an act of treason." (*SudanTribune.com, Khartoum Monitor*)

Foreign aid workers released

The two kidnapped foreign aid workers captured several weeks ago that have been held hostage in South Darfur have been released by their abductors, the "African Freedom Hawks." One of the kidnappers spoke to Reuters via satellite phone stating that the two women, Stephanie Joidon and Claire Dubois, have been released and handed over

to local authorities in South Darfur State. (*Ajras Al-Hurria, Sudan Vision*)

JEM contests treatment of JEM prisoners

According to a Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) spokesperson, detained prisoners held in custody for their alleged involvement in the Omdurman attacks last year are "being held in inhumane conditions" and have been "subjected to "horrific torture." Per JEM, prisoners are "being held in tiny prison cells with bad ventilation, where they have to take turns to sleep." In addition, the detainees are "prevented from using the toilet and are fed foul food and dirty water, which results in serious health problems." Local lawyers and human rights activists questioned by Amnesty International claim that the trials for the imprisoned were "grossly unfair" and that "many had confessed under torture." (*Sudantribune.com*)

UN committee to probe tribal clashes in Jonglei

Yesterday, a fact-finding committee comprised of government officials from Jonglei State and the United Nations Mission in Sudan arrived in Jonglei to investigate the areas affected by the recent tribal clashes, which killed over 170 people. Deputy Governor of Jonglei State, Hussein Maryot, stated that the "Sudanese People's Liberation Army was not involved in the attacks" and that the committee has headed towards the Akobo and Pibor districts. (*Al-Intibaha*)

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