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Sudan to seek alternatives to boost economy

Speaking at an oath-taking ceremony held for two new Ministers, Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir stressed “the importance of looking into both the agricultural and animal sectors to seek alternative ways to boost Sudan’s economy.” The new Minister of Agriculture asserted that the Ministry’s priorities “would be getting acquainted with the views and proposals of concerned officials, scientists, researchers, and farmers in related fields in order to come up with a strategic plan to enhance development programs in the field of agriculture.” (*Akhir Lahza, Sudan News Agency*)

Holmes discusses security issues with NISS

- The Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes met with National Intelligence and Security Service Chief Salah Gosh in order to discuss “security issues in Darfur” and to express his concern about the issue of “the abduction of foreign aid workers in Darfur.” Holmes further went on to confirm during a press conference held on Sunday that “the humanitarian situation in Darfur is improving” but warned of “serious repercussions if the humanitarian gap was not covered within a time period of two months.” He also “disclosed that the Sudanese government had agreed to replace the three previously expelled humanitarian organizations with three new ones in order to continue providing aid services in Darfur.” (*Akhir Lahza, Al-Ahdath, Sudan News Agency*)

- *MirayaFM* quotes Holmes as saying that “the humanitarian situation in Jonglei is disturbing, particularly after the recent tribal clashes.” He added that a tripartite committee composed of the Government of Southern Sudan, the Government of

National Unity, and the United Nations would be established to “face the challenges of humanitarian work in the region.” Holmes pointed out that “the priority will go to providing assistance to the affected people in southern Sudan, especially Jonglei.” (*Akhir Lahza*)

JIU complains to parliament about lack of funds

Second Commanding Officer of the Sudanese Joint Integrated Units, Thomas Serlo, appealed to the National Assembly to look into the issue of “insufficient funding for the Joint Integrated Units,” adding that “JIUs specifically assigned to oil-producing areas are operating under dreadful working conditions.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Al-Ahdath*)

Deby threatens to sever relations with Sudan

Chadian President Idris Deby has confirmed his intentions to “sever diplomatic relations with Sudan.” Deby, speaking at a meeting at the Republican Palace in N’Djamena, said that “if the Chadian government did not see an improvement in bilateral relations between Chad and Sudan, Chad will sever its relations with Khartoum” and “close down the Sudanese Cultural Centre in Chad.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Sudan expecting attack on Darfur capital

Minister of Defense Abdel-Rahim Ahmed Hussein said that the Sudanese government “expects an attack by the Justice and Equality Movement in El Fasher.” (*SudanTribune.com*)

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