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Al-Bashir: 90% of the Darfur “enjoys stability”

During an interview with a British-based broadcasting agency, Sudanese President Al-Bashir affirmed that “nearly 90% of the states of Darfur enjoy security and stability” and are “currently undergoing development projects.” (*Al-Watan*)

GoS calls for implementation of peace agreement

Sudanese Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha said that “speeding up the implementation of the peace agreement in South Kordofan” is “a priority in order to push the development process in the state forward.” This statement came during a meeting held on Tuesday at the Secretariat General of the Council of Ministers with the new Wali (Governor) of South Kordofan State Ahmed Mohamed Haroun. (*Sudan News Agency, Sudan Vision*)

Situation in Jonglei “now calm”

The situation in Jonglei has now “returned to normal.” The region had “recently undergone a period of unrest” due to intertribal conflicts, cattle raids, and grazing land rights. (*MirayaFM*)

DDR to demobilize soldiers in S. Kordofan

The Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) Commission plans to disarm and demobilize 17,000 soldiers from the Sudan Armed Forces, the Popular Defense Forces, and the Sudan People's Liberation Army in South Kordofan State. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Parliament to “hasten” endorsement of bills.

The Chairperson of the National Assembly, Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir, has called for “hastening the endorsement” of the pending Criminal and Press Act bills “before the end of the Parliament’s term.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Al-Watan*)

Al-Obeid accuses Kiir of press monitoring

Speaking at a convention held for Sudanese journalists abroad yesterday, Sudanese Minister of State Kamal Al-Obeid accused Vice President of the Government of National Unity Salva Kiir Mayardit of being “responsible for monitoring the press in Sudan.” Yasir Arman, Secretary-General of the Northern Sector of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) “strongly denied” the Minister’s allegation, accusing him of trying to “blame their setbacks on others,” and added that “strict monitoring was typical of the National Congress Party’s policy towards the press.” (*Ajras Al-Hurria*)

Malik hails Islamic and Arab Media

During an interview with the *Al-Alam* TV station, Sudanese Minister of Information and Communications Al-Zahawi Ibrahim Malik lauded the role of Islamic and Arab Media “in foiling the anti-Islam campaign being staged by the Western media.” (*The Citizen*)

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