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MFA: “NGOs not working under new names”

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has denied speculation that the expelled foreign NGOs are operating in Sudan under new names. (*Al-Wifaq, The Citizen*)

Afewerki: “Darfur initiative to be reconsidered”

Speaking at an interview, Eritrean President Isaias Afewerki has called for “the reconsideration of all existing initiatives to find a solution for the Darfur conflict, due to failure of the rebel factions to agree with any of these initiatives.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Sudani*)

SPLM to resort to legal action against census

The Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) Deputy Secretary-general for the Southern sector Ann Itto said that “the Party intends to resort to legal action to resolve the current dispute between the two partners of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement with regards to the census results.” Itto said that “the report had a number of discrepancies and could not be used for constituency demarcation.” Chairman of Southern Sudan’s Census Commission, Isaiah Chol, confirmed that “the figures previously announced by the media were untrue.” (*MirayaFM, Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Al-Wifaq*)

Sudanese/European Dialogue to resume session

Sudan and the European Union will resume a dialogue session in Khartoum in mid-May. Head of international relations at the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs told reporters that the meeting would focus mainly on the implementation of CPA,

development issues as well as various other issues of mutual concern. (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

Expert committee proposed for national media

A forum that is currently convening in Khartoum for Sudanese journalists working abroad has proposed setting up a committee of media experts to operate as a consultative body to support national media. University professor Dr. Abdalla Al-Ashaal appreciated the proposal, stressing the importance of using this expertise to unify the national front. (*Sudan News Agency*)

UNMIS deploys 120 in Jonglei State

The UN Mission (UNMIS) in Sudan has announced that 120 of its military and civilian personnel have been deployed in Jonglei state to monitor the security situation in the wake of recent tribal clashes. The Mission will coordinate with state authorities to assist in “smoothing out” the tension between the warring tribes, as well as providing technical, humanitarian and logistical assistance to the region. (*Sudantribune.com, Al-Ahdath*)

GoSS deploys forces in tribal conflict areas

Vice-President of the Government of South Sudan, Dr. Riek Machar has announced that the Government of South Sudan has deployed troops from the Sudan People Liberation Army in the areas of tribal conflicts such as Central Equatoria, Jonglei and the Upper Nile states. Speaking to reporters, Machar has affirmed that the army “was given orders to disarm the civilians by force.” (*Al-Khartoum*)

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