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France urges Libya to calm Sudan-Chad tension

The Sudanese Government yesterday filed a case against Chad at the United Nations (UN) Security Council pointing out that it will act according to UN regulations and Sudan's responsibility to protect the nation and its people. Meantime, French President Nicholas Sarkozy urged Libyan leader Muammar Al-Ghadafi to continue his efforts to assist in overcoming deteriorating relations between Sudan and Chad. *Al-Rai Al-Aam, Sudan Tribune (online)*

Kiir criticizes results of the fifth census

President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS), Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) and First Vice President of the Government of Sudan Silva Kiir Mayardit expressed yesterday his discontent with the results of the latest population census, asking that it not be used as the basis for wealth and power sharing in the coming general elections. *Al_Ray Alaam, Khartoum Monitor*

URF leader Abu Garda testifies at the ICC

The leader of the United Resistance Front (URF), Bahar Idriss Abu Garda, appeared yesterday before the judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. At the end of the short procedural session, the judge announced that the next session will be held on October 12, 2009, to consider the accusations against Abu Garda. The defendant pleaded not guilty, indicating that he did not participate in attacks against an African Union peacekeeping base in North Darfur, in September 2007. *Al-Ayyam*

SAF closes border with Chad

Military officials of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) said that the army has closed the border with Chad, adding that SAF is ready to thwart any attacks from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM). SAF holds that JEM is supported by the Chadian President Idriss Deby. *Al-Sudani*

NCP to decide in November on Al-Bashir candidacy

Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail stated that nominating Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir for the upcoming presidential elections will be a decision made at the general conference of the National Congress Party (NCP), scheduled for November 2009. Ismail denied any disputes over the possible nomination. He also disclosed that the party's strategy to confront the ICC arrest warrant decision against Al-Bashir will be carried out within the forum of the UN Security Council. *Al-Sahafa*

CPA partners hold consultations on press law

NCP and SPLM signatories of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) held parliamentary discussions yesterday on the draft press and publications law. SPLM affirmed its keenness to work in consultation with the NCP to eventually endorse the bill. *Sudan Vision*

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