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MFA “appalled by MP Al-Tahir’s attitude”

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has said it was “appalled” by the “contemptuous attitude” adopted by the Chairperson of the National Assembly, Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir, towards the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deng Alor, for “failing to show up” at a parliamentary session yesterday, stating that the Foreign Minister’s rejection of continuing the session in the presence of the MFA’s representative, Foreign Minister of State Al-Sammani Al-Wasila, was “unjustifiable.” MFA spokesperson Ali Al Sadig defended the Foreign Minister’s position by telling reporters that “Alor was busy tending to other appointments and the Minister had no intention of disrespecting the National Assembly.” (*Ajras Al-Hurria, Khartoum Monitor Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Opposition and armed movements to meet in Juba

A meeting hosted by the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) will bring together a number of the Sudanese opposition parties and the Darfur armed movements to discuss the Darfur crisis, the peace agreements, and the upcoming elections. The meeting is scheduled to take place this coming Saturday in Juba. (*Al-Sahafa*)

GOSS arrests NCP representative in Juba

Authorities from the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) have allegedly arrested National Congress Party (NCP) representative Muntasir Ibrahim of the Political Executive Coordinating Committee while he was on an official visit to Juba. The NCP official was in Juba to discuss “northern merchant rights” after complaints that some merchants had lost their properties in southern Sudan. Senior officials from the Government of National Unity are calling for

Ibrahim’s immediate release. (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

NCP and SPLM in conflict around Criminal Law

The NCP and SPLM have “failed to compromise” with regards to some of the stipulations of the Criminal Law Act in Sudan, even though the bill has been submitted to the National Assembly for endorsement. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

Acute water shortages in Al –Gedarif, New Halfa

The people of the areas of Al-Gedarif, New Halfa, and Khashm Al Girba complained to the Parliament of “acute water shortages” that may result in threatening the lives of residents and livestock, as well as great harm to crop harvests this season. According to key officials from the region, the water shortage is due to “a lack of funds needed to fix the water pumps” that help water flow from the Rosieres Dam to the surrounding regions. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Two possible cases of swine flu in Khartoum

A press report appeared in *Rai Al-Shaab* alleging that two cases of the H1N1 virus (commonly known as swine flu) had been discovered at Khartoum Airport. *The Citizen* and *Ajras Al-Hurria*, however, have alleged that the two suspected carriers, from the UK and Mexico, tested negative. The Federal Minister of Health, Tabitha Butros, confirmed that “Sudan has stepped up its precautionary measures to avoid the virus causing any form of epidemic in the country.”

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