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SPLM leaders accused of damaging movement

- Ghazi Sulaiman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) has "pledged his loyalty to the movement" and said that former SPLM Secretary-General Lam Akol's "defection and formation of a new political body" is "an attempt to damage the SPLM." (*Al-Watan*)

- Undersecretary of the Ministry of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) Military Affairs, Bior Ajang, affirmed that "Akol's deviation from the movement would not affect the party's military sector." (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Predictions that separation may lead to violence

Al-Dirdiri Mohamed Ahmed, "National Congress Party (NCP) member responsible for the Abyei dossier," has predicted that "if southern Sudan opts for separation in 2011, this decision may result in bringing back old ethnic grudges," which in turn "may lead to the eruption of violence between northern and southern Sudan." The NCP member affirmed that the present atmosphere is "highly charged with a feeling of pro-separation" by the people of southern Sudan. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Musa calls for amendments to the Criminal Act

The Arab League's Secretary-General, Amr Musa, called on the Sudanese government to "make amendments to the Sudanese Criminal Law Act by including penalties for the crimes stipulated in the Rome Statute." (*Al-Sudani*)

Presidential press secretary dismissed

Sudanese presidential press advisor Mahjoub Badri has been "relieved from his duties" at the Presidential Palace after he allegedly responded to questions from *Al-Hurra* newspaper on the President's behalf without consulting with him first. According to London's *Al-Sharq al-Awsat*, President Al-Bashir read an interview supposedly conducted with him but had "no recollection of being interviewed." (*SudanTribune.com*)

National media organs to be linked

Speaking at a meeting on Saturday between officials from the media as well as the governor of Northern State and other state officials, the State Minister of Information and Communications, Kamal Obeid, affirmed the ministry's "keenness to enhance and coordinate the activities of all national mass media organs in the states with one another." Al-Obeid announced that the Ministry would "try to find solutions for the challenges that face the media, as well as assist in training cadres to better the media's performance." (*Sudan News Agency*)

Total national oil revenues reaches over \$158m

According to the Undersecretary of the Sudanese Ministry of Finance and National Economy, Hafiz Atta Al-Manan, the total income generated from national oil revenues for the month of April was over USD \$158.7 million. (*The Citizen, Al-Ayam*)

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