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## **Kiir: Qaddafi will back S. Sudan's independence**

Sudanese First Vice President of the Government of National Unity and the President of the Government of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit has stated that he had the support of the Libyan leader should southern Sudan decide to separate from Sudan. Qaddafi was quoted as saying "if the southerners want to vote for independence they should not be intimidated by anybody... I will support them." (*Ajras Al-Hurria, Al-Intibaha, The Citizen*)

## **Amum on CPA meeting in Washington**

The Secretary-General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement Pagan Amum told reporters at the airport last night upon his arrival from the CPA conference held in Washington that "the meeting failed to achieve its objective of bringing the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) and National Congress Party (NCP) to agree on the proposed items on the agenda of the meeting. Said Amum, "the NCP was more interested in lifting U.S. sanctions and removing Sudan's name from the list of states that sponsor terrorism." (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Al-Watan, Ajras Al-Hurria*)

## **MFA "ridicules" Chad on its allegations**

- The spokesperson for the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Ali Al-Sadig has "ridiculed" the statements of the Chadian Foreign Minister that allege that Sudanese opposition forces are present in Chadian territories. Al-Sadiq described the minister's statements as "false" and as "an attempt to escape responsibility." Al-Saddiq continued, saying "Chad is quite aware of the intensive presence of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) in its territories and its military training camps. (*Sudan News Agency*)

- An article published in *Rai-Al-Shaab* has stated that U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan General Scott Gration has "put pressure on both Khartoum and N'Djamena to defuse the ongoing tension between the two countries." Al-Sadig was further quoted by the paper as saying that "the U.S. should put pressure on Chad because it is not committed to any form of normalization, in addition to being instrumental in fuelling the conflict in Darfur."

## **Sudanese elections delay again**

The National Elections Commission has announced that the time-frame for holding the national elections in 2010 has been delayed for another two months and will start in April next year. The scheduled time-frame has been modified as follows: July – October 2008 shall be utilized for training, education, and raising awareness of the electorate and other stakeholders. The registration phase will follow immediately after this period, then the nominations and the actual campaign will begin. The poll results will be announced in mid-April, bringing the elections to an end. (*Sudan News Agency, Akhbar Al-youm, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **UNAMID peacekeepers attacked in Darfur**

According to the United Nations/African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), unidentified gunmen launched an attack on Monday on Nigerian police units deployed in West Darfur, wounding one peacekeeper in the leg. According to reports, his condition is stable. (*SudanTribune.com*)

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