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Al-Bashir and Kiir review Naivasha Agreement

Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir and First Vice-President Salva Kiir Mayardit held a meeting yesterday to discuss a number of issues concerning Sudan. Following the meeting, Vice-President Kiir told reporters that he and the President had reviewed challenges facing the Naivasha Agreement; the outcome of the African Union Summit in Serte, Libya; as well as the Referendum Act and a number of other issues. (*Al Raed, Sudan News Agency*)

Kiir visits South Kordofan today

In his capacity as Sudanese Vice-President of the Government of National Unity and President of the Government of Southern Sudan, Salva Kiir Mayardit began a three-day visit today – the first of its kind -- to South Kordofan State in an effort to support the State's vital role in promoting unity in Sudan. According to the Governor of South Kordofan State, South Kordofan shares the longest border with the South and should therefore act as a bridge for promoting mutual cooperation between the North and South. (*Al-Akhbar*)

SPLM and SLM support Umma Party/JEM deal

Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) and Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) have expressed their support to the recent initiative by the Umma National Party for engaging with the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) in order to achieve peace in Darfur. SPLM's Secretary General Pagan Amum said that "his party respects the right of any political party to engage in dialogue with one another in order to reach consensus." Amum admitted that SPLM as a political party also has contacts with JEM. (*Al-Watan*)

More Darfur factions to participate in peace talks

The Government of Sudan disclosed that new Darfuri armed movements have agreed to participate in a second round of Doha talks for achieving peace in Darfur. SLM/Abdul Wahid faction is among participating parties. The Government affirmed "the importance of being as inclusive as possible" to engage Darfur factions and civil society organizations. Yesterday, Dr. Amin Hassan Omer, a National Congress Party leading member and Sudanese delegation Chairperson in Doha, briefed the diplomatic corps and international organizations on the latest developments on Darfur peace talks. Dr. Omer expressed his optimism and stated that "the Doha talks would witness more progress and participation this time," adding that the new round of talks are scheduled for August. (*Al-Raed, Al-Ayam*)

SPLM Secretary General threatens to go to war

An article in *Al Wifaq* quotes SPLM Secretary General as pledging to "return to war should the political situation in Sudan remain the same and the current regime continue its unilateral approach in suppressing freedom of expression and other rights."

Sudan refugee commission to question UNHCR

A Sudanese refugee commission said it would question the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in Chad for its involvement in helping Sudanese refugees there migrate to the United States and Israel. The Sudanese commission claims the operation is sponsored by Western organizations as a means to implement their "political and religious agendas." (*Sudanese Media Center*)

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