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## **Kiir: South will remain “friendly,” if separated**

Yesterday, First Vice-President of the Government of National Unity and the President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Salva Kiir Mayardit addressed a mass rally in Kadugli, claiming that he “is confident that the two partners [National Congress Party and Sudan People’s Liberation Movement] will overcome their differences regarding implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).” Kiir reaffirmed that the “SPLM remains committed to peace” and will “remain friendly with its northern counterpart, should the people of the South vote for separation in 2011.” (*Al-Sudani*)

## **JEM rejects including other factions in Doha talks**

The Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) said that it “would not go into talks” with the Government of Sudan if other Darfuri factions participate in the talks. According to JEM Legislative Assembly Head Al-Tahir Al-Faqi, “JEM is the only party with significant military presence in Darfur and that [therefore] the other factions should collaborate with his party.” (*Al Ahdath, The Citizen*)

## **Over 700 IDP’s return to their homes in S. Darfur**

The Peace and Development International Organization in collaboration with the Sudanese Businessmen Association has launched a program making it possible for more than 700 internally displaced persons (IDPs) to return back to their homes in South Darfur, in the areas northeast of Nyala -- Adwa, Dumma and Ganjou -- at a cost of over one million Sudanese pounds. Executive Director of the Peace and Development International Organization said that most of these areas have been rehabilitated and that there are a number of

development projects under way to encourage voluntary return of IDPs. (*Sudan News Agency*)

## **Hurdles facing education in Southern Sudan**

The United Nation’s Children’s Fund (UNICEF) issued a report stating that child abuse, economic difficulties in the household, and a shrinking national budget are the hurdles currently facing education in Southern Sudan. A shortage of teaching staff and loopholes in formulated policies further contribute to the problem. The report mentions a rising drop-out rate by children who are in-school victims of sexual harassment as well as domestic violence. The disparity in the age range furthers the problem. “Rigorous efforts are needed by all the concerned partners in Southern Sudan to address these issues,” said Under Secretary William Maciek, of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology- GOSS. (*The Citizen*)

## **GoS affirms role of the press in 2010 elections**

The Government of Sudan (GoS) has affirmed the “important” role of the press in the upcoming national elections. The Governor of Khartoum State Abdelrahman Al-Khidir confirmed this while speaking to several high-level representatives from the Sudanese Journalists Union. Al-Khidir stated that the Government of Sudan is willing to support the press in carrying out its role to help channel public opinion. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

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