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Commission blames delay in voter training on donors

The National Elections Commission (NEC) blamed its failure to initiate voter and cadre training as well as voter awareness campaigns on delays by concerned donors who, according to NEC, have not yet provided the necessary funding. NEC declared that it was suffering an acute lack of funds. (*Al-Khartoum, Rai-Al-Shaab*).

GoS to stop paying Higeig oil revenues to South

Following the Permanent Court of Arbitration's decision with regard to the boundaries of Abyei, the Government of Sudan (GoS) announced that it will no longer remit Higeig oil revenues to the Government of Southern South (GOSS). National Congress Party (NCP) member El Dirdiry Mohamed Ahmed stated the "South will not be entitled to receive any shares from the two oil fields [Higeig and Naim] falling outside the boundaries of Abyei," adding that the previous arrears on Abyei oil revenues owed to the GOSS are no longer due." The wealth-sharing provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement stipulates that 50% of the net oil revenues derived from oil should go to the Government of Southern Sudan. (*Khartoum Monitor, Sudan Vision*)

GOSS official confiscates properties of SPLM-DC

The newly formed Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM)-Democratic Change party, headed by Lam Akol, announced by way of a press statement yesterday that the Government of Southern Sudan authorities arrested and confiscated property of the party's leadership. The statement claims that GOSS officials are continuing to harass SPLM-DC members denying them their rights to exercise political work as guaranteed by the Constitution and the law. (*Sudan Vision*)

Egypt threatens withdrawal from Nile Agreement

Egypt hinted that it would withdraw its membership from a session currently being held in Alexandria by the member states of the Nile Basin Initiative if its "historical rights" to the Nile Basin waters were not "adhered to ... as stated in previous agreements" (Egyptian Minister of Water Resources). Egypt requested the amendment of a provision (Article 14b) in the draft Framework Agreement which involves water security. (*Al-Intibaha*)

Russia: ICC arrest warrant "not applicable"

Russian Special Envoy to Sudan Mikhael Mergalov told reporters that the International Criminal Court's arrest warrant against Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir could not be practically carried out. The Russian Envoy said that he "believes that international community is dealing with Al-Bashir as a legitimate head of state." The Russian Special Envoy said he could not imagine any power would come to Khartoum to arrest Al-Bashir. (*Al-Wifaq, Akhbar Al-Youm, Sudan Vision*)

SPLM requests cancellation of Public Order Law

SPLM strongly criticized the NCP, its ruling partner, accusing the NCP of harassment in the north. An official SPLM spokesperson from the Northern Sector told reporters in a press conference that "certain security organs" were performing acts that involved harassing women in Sudan." The SPLM member called for "the immediate cancellation of the public order law," which she claimed "breached the Constitution and did not comply with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement." (*Al-Intibaha*)

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