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Arab League pledges more support for Darfur

The Arab League pledged to increase its support to Darfur in an effort to improve on the humanitarian situation as well to promote stability in the region. Arab League Representative Salah Halima said that the Arab states have made a commitment to construct new 150 villages for the benefit of the displaced persons of Darfur. (*Akhir Lahza*)

UN asks Sudan to revise election budget

The United Nations (UN) rejected a budget presented by Sudan to fund the upcoming elections. According to a UN official, Sudan asked for “over \$1 billion for the elections.” However, the UN rejected the budget, telling Sudan that the figures are “exaggerated” and asking them to revise them. The UN offered to assist Sudan by providing technical expertise in order to revise the budget. A senior Sudanese official from the National Elections Commission (NEC) recently blamed international donors for the shortcoming in funds for the elections. (*Sudantribune.com*).

SPLM threatens to refer oil field dispute to court

The Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) said it is prepared to refer the issue of the Hegleig oil fields to the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague, if necessary. The statement comes as a result of a recent announcement by the Government of Sudan (GoS) that it would no longer remit Hegleig oil revenues to the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) based on the July 22 PCA decision to award both Hegleig and Bamboo oil fields to Southern Kordofan State, in the north. Though SPLM officials had originally claimed to adhere to the PCA ruling on Abyei, they now argue “that the oil fields ... belong to Southern Sudan states.” Deputy Chairman of the SPLM parliamentary bloc Atem Garang said the PCA

ruling did not decide on whether the oil fields are part of the north or south of Sudan. Garang said the SPLM will wait on the border demarcation committee’s outcome of the North-South border before deciding on the next move. (*Sudantribune.com*)

Unity State “disappointed” over oil revenue cutoff

The Citizen published an editorial on the PCA Abyei ruling on Unity State’s disappointment over discontinuation of oil revenue payments. The editorial refers to the announcement by the government of Sudan that the 2% oil revenue payments to oil-producing states will be discontinued based on the PCA ruling of Hegleig oil field. The ruling yields the surrounding oil-rich areas to the north. The writer opines that this announcement can re-ignite civil war between the Government of Sudan and the Government of Southern Sudan and urges citizens of the region “to wake up and stand up to claim their land, which is being grabbed by those in the north.”

Sudan and Egypt in accord on Nile agreement

The Egyptian Minister for Water Resources and Irrigation said that Sudan and Egypt were in complete agreement with regard to the Nile Basin Framework Agreement as well as to co-operation with one another in terms of utilizing Nile water resources. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

SPLM fails to nominate presidential candidate

According to an article in *Al-Intibaha*, SPLM has failed to come up with a nominee for the upcoming presidential elections due to differences among party members.

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