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Al-Bashir calls for rehabilitation projects in Darfur

Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir called on national non-governmental organizations to focus on rehabilitation projects for basic infrastructure in Darfur in addition to their humanitarian role. The request came during a meeting with a committee assigned to unify national ranks in the country. (*Al Wifaq*)

Umma Party: 50% of Heglig revenues for Misseriya

-The Umma Party called for allocation of 50% of Heglig oil revenues for development programs in Misseriya regions. The Umma Party urged the two ruling partners, the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), to convene a meeting on the issue comprising all political parties as well as the Dinka Ngok and Misseriya tribes. The meeting will revolve around the rights of the Misseriya tribes whom the Umma Party claims have been deprived of their rights due to the recent ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) on Abyei borders. (*Al Wifaq*)

- *The Citizen* quotes the Umma Party as describing the Abyei ruling as "unfair," claiming it deprives the Misseriya of water resources. The Umma Party also went on to blame the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) partners of resorting to international arbitration arguing that it could have been solved at a national level."

Sudan proposal accepted by Nile basin member states

Nile Basin member states accepted a proposal submitted by the Government of Sudan to extend the completion of the draft Nile Basin Framework Agreement for another six months and to form a committee in order to resolve outstanding issues with

regard to water rights and resources. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Ahdath*)

GoS accuses Israel of penetrating Nile member states

The Government of Sudan (GoS) accused "Zionist entities" of trying to penetrate African Nile Basin member states in an attempt to cause an African-Arab rift among member states. Spokesperson for the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ali Al-Sadig says the alleged penetration poses as technical aid and partnership in agricultural and development projects. He identified the entities as Israeli Intelligence. Al-Sadig bases his allegations on a hypothesis that the new global war will be over water resources. (*The Citizen, Al-Wifaq*)

Chad continues its raids on Sudanese territory

According to *Al-Intibaha*, Chad continues to launch military strikes on Sudanese territory. Yesterday, Chadian forces attacked a district in West Darfur, claiming that it was performing a search campaign for deserters from the Chadian military. The Sudanese Armed Forces have stepped up their guard in preparation for an imminent attack by Chad.

NEC rejects UN request for election budget revision

The National Elections Commission (NEC) strongly rejected a request by the United Nations to revise a proposed NEC election budget. According to recent press reports, UN official assess the budget as "exaggerated." However, NEC officials say the UN's remarks about their budget questions the Commission's integrity, a matter that the Commission opposes and considers unacceptable. (*Al-Intibaha*)

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