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Abyei boundary demarcation starts in September

Speaking at a thanksgiving mass organized by the St. Mathew's Cathedral in Khartoum this week, Sudanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Deng Alor confirmed that the boundary demarcation for Abyei would begin in September with the monitoring of international experts. Alor added that there would be a team of surveyors: two from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), two from the National Congress Party (NCP) as well as international experts. (*Sudantribune.com*)

SPLA officials accused of salary embezzlement

A high-ranking official from the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) was accused of embezzling the salaries of junior officers in the SPLA. Head of the Anti-Corruption Commission in South Sudan, Pauline Riak, pointed out that "the anti-corruption law in the South does not allow the Commission to prosecute those involved in corruption cases. Riak clarified that the Commission only has the authority to investigate cases and to report the Commission's findings to concerned authorities. (*MirayaFM, Al-Khartoum, Al-Sudani*)

Egypt: secession of south may lead to poverty

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abu Al-Ghaith warned that separation between the north and south of Sudan would lead to the spread of poverty and further conflict. These comments by the Foreign Minister to the visiting Chinese Special Envoy on African Affairs occurred during a recent official visit to Cairo. According to the same article, Egypt has been historically wary of Sudan's possible division for fear that it would affect Egypt's share of Nile waters, which Egypt considers a "lifeline." (*Sudan Vision*)

GoS urged to fund media programs in Sudan

Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salahuddin stressed the need for the Government of Sudan (GoS) to grant financial support for increased media programs in Sudan in order to counteract the "gloomy and tainted image" of Sudan put forth by other Arab media outlets. (*Al Watan, Al Wasat*)

GoS hints that it might declare war against Chad

GoS hinted at the possibility of declaring war against Chad for its recent attacks in West Darfur and announced its readiness to confront N'Djamena. It warned that further provocation would cause the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) to act. (*Akhir Lahza*)

Sudan court postpones "trouser case" to August 4

Khartoum North Court postponed the ruling against journalist Lubna Hussein on charges of indecent dress. Hussein, a journalist and United Nations employee, resigned from her UN job after the court determined her UN immunity. Hussein insisted on a full court hearing and might face a penalty of up to 40 lashes and an undetermined fine. She was arrested earlier this month by the Public Order Police in Khartoum. SPLM Northern Sector Deputy Secretary General Yassir Arman called the trial a "disgrace to women in both north and south Sudan" and called for change in the Public Order Laws. (*MirayaFM*)

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