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JEM leader denounces US Envoy Sudan testimony

Justice and Equality Movement leader Khalil Ibrahim strongly denounced the U.S. Special Envoy Scott Gration's Sudan testimony before the United States Senate, describing the Envoy as both "naïve" and "working as if he were a Foreign Minister to Sudan." Speaking to reporters from *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* by phone, the JEM leader threatened to boycott any form of dialogue with the U.S. Special Envoy, should he continue to support Khartoum. (*Al-Watan*)

Outbreak of violence by tribal militias in Jonglei

An eruption of violence in Mareng area of Jonglei State resulted in 161 deaths in addition to casualties. According to the Deputy Governor of Jonglei State Hussein Mar Nyot, armed militias from the Murle tribes launched an attack the day before yesterday leaving over 160 civilians and soldiers dead. A majority of women and children were among those killed in the clashes. Nyot added that many citizens have fled the area. (*Al- Raed, MirayaFM, Al-Watan*)

Symposium on Israeli intervention in Sudan

Sudanese Future Centre Studies held a symposium on Israel's alleged intervention in Sudanese affairs. A number of specialists and experts presented working papers on the history of Israeli intervention in Sudan and Israeli involvement in the Darfur crisis and in Eastern Sudan. The Centre's Director Rabie Hassan Ahmed pointed out that the objective of the symposium "is to shed light on Israeli interventions in Sudan and to create awareness among those who work or collaborate with Israel, such as the Darfuri liberation groups and Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) Abdelwahid faction." (*Sudan News Agency*)

NEC endorses all geographical constituencies

Yesterday the National Elections Commission (NEC) announced that it endorsed the demarcation of all 25 state geographical constituencies in Sudan. Deputy Chairman of the Commission Professor Abdallah Ahmed Abdalla said that a report on the geographical constituencies for the elections will be submitted to the Sudanese President as well as to all political parties. He affirmed, "the commission would keep its doors open to entertain any objection by any political party or citizen with regard to the demarcation process." (*Al-Ayam*)

South Sudan cabinet passes a number of media bills

The Council of Ministers of the Government of Southern Sudan has passed a number of outstanding bills on media related issues. The cabinet passed the 2009 Media Authority and the 2009 Right to Information bills. The Media Authority bill will "oversee media activities in Southern Sudan, consistent with constitutional and international guarantees of freedom of expression, and promote public interest in the media sector." The second bill will give citizens the right to access government's documentation that are in the interest of the public. (*Sudantribune.com*)

Egypt supports lifting Sudan sanctions

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul-Ghait announced that Egypt welcomes the "recent stance" of the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration, "to lift economic sanctions against Sudan." (*SMC*)

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