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## **Salahuddin to hold talks in Libya**

Sudanese Presidential Advisor and official in charge of the Darfur dossier, Ghazi Salahuddin, is scheduled to hold talks in Libya this week. Salahuddin indicated that the visit comes as a part of the ongoing consultations between Sudan and Libya, with an aim toward defusing the tension between Sudan and Chad and finding a solution to the crisis in Darfur. The talks in Libya will include the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan General Scott Gration and some of the Darfur armed movements who expressed their interest in joining the Doha talks. (*Al-Sahafa, Sudan News Agency*)

## **Doha talks to be held after Ramadan [August]**

Chairperson of the Sudanese Government delegation for the Doha talks Amin Hassan Omer asserted that the upcoming session for talks would start after the month of Ramadan. He disclosed that the meeting this week in Tripoli would include some of the Darfuri armed movements and that invitations would go out to other groups, such as the Justice and Equality Movement and the Abdul-Wahid Mohamed Nour faction. Omer went on to add that the international community was “getting impatient with the lapse of time and the uncertainty around the progress on the Darfur peace issue.” (SUNA)

## **Committee formed for Abyei border demarcation**

Yesterday an interim technical committee was assigned to work on the field demarcation of Abyei in compliance with the recent ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. The meeting, which was chaired by Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir, was held in the presence of First Vice-President Salva Kiir Mayardit and Vice-President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha. The meeting was held to endorse the PCA ruling and to deliberate over issues concerning

implementation of the Abyei Protocol and the demarcation of the border between the north and the south. (*Al-Wasat-Al-Eqtisady, Al-Raed*)

## **Forum to discuss Amum’s remarks in Washington**

The Council for Political Parties in Sudan called for a political forum to consult on recent remarks made by the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) Secretary General Pagan Amum before the U.S. Congress. Amum had allegedly called Sudan a “failed state” and accused the government of exercising “racial discrimination, oppression and violence against its citizens.” (*Al-Khartoum*)

## **NEC Chairman to confer with Kiir tomorrow**

The Chairperson of the National Elections Commission (NEC) Abel Alair is scheduled to meet with Salva Kiir Mayardit tomorrow in his capacity as President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS). The aim of the meeting is to put an end to any qualms, on the part of the GOSS, with regard to the national consensus or geographic constituencies for the upcoming elections. (*Al-Khartoum*)

## **Parliament denies receiving immunity lift request**

Deputy Vice-Chairperson of the National Assembly Mohammed Al-Hassan Al-Amin affirmed that, until now, the Parliament has received no request to lifting the immunity off Northern sector SPLM Secretary-General Yasir Arman. According to press reports, a case against Arman has been filed by the Public Order Police for accusing the police of “harassing detained girls.” (*Al-Sudani*)

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