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Al-Bashir: no backing from Shari'a Law

Speaking before a mass rally yesterday in Al-Damer, Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir pledged compliance with Islamic Shari'a law in Sudan. "Whoever thinks that the Salvation Revolution will forsake religion is disillusioned." Al-Bashir said that his government's oath "to its martyrs is to preserve the Shari'a Law" (*Sudantribune.com, Al-Rai-Al-Aam*).

"Trouser case" accused barred from travel abroad

Khartoum International Airport authorities told Lubna Hussein, the Sudanese female journalist arrested last month by the Public Order Police for "indecent dress," that she was on a travel ban list. The news case as she was about to board a plane to Lebanon. Hussein's case, still pending verdict, was adjourned last week by the court to find out if she was still under her previous United Nations immunity. The Sudanese journalist was given no explanation and her request for a written notification of the travel ban was turned down. (*Sudantribune.com*)

CPA implementation and elections face challenges

The Secretary General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) Pagan Amum stressed that for Sudan to adopt a proper democratic system and to normalize relations with the United States and its neighboring countries, the Government of Sudan must honor its agreements and respect human rights. Amum indicated that various obstacles hinder implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) as well as the electoral process. According to Amum the most important challenge facing Sudan are the "unrelenting" terms imposed by the National Congress Party's (NCP) with regard to the Referendum bill. (*Al-Ayam*)

SPLM threatens to announce self-determination

SPLM has hinted that it might announce self-determination even before the results of the Referendum come out, if the NCP continues to impose unrealistic terms and conditions on its partner (SPLM). SPLM's Secretary General Pagan Amum reiterated his party's call on all political parties as well as the media in Sudan to engage in dialogue around the issues concerning unity and separation. (*Al-Sudani*)

NCP: SPLM working against Sudanese people

-Recent press reports had published remarks by Deng Alor, a leading SPLM member and the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Government of Sudan, accusing the NCP of being a "fundamentalist party." In response, NCP's Secretary of Political Affairs Mandoor Al-Mahdi accused the SPLM of "working against the interests of the Sudanese people, with its lack of patriotism." Al-Mahdi added that the "SPLM was creating tension and arming militias in Southern Sudan." (*Sudan Vision*)

- *MirayaFM* quotes Al-Mahdi as saying that, "a group in the SPLM is arming tribal groups at the expense of other groups."

9 million goes into salaries for "ghost" employees

Recent press reports have revealed that more than 9 million U.S. dollars have gone into salaries for "ghost" employees on payroll lists of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS). In an effort to eradicate such acts of corruption, GOSS President Salva Kiir Mayardit has announced a "clean-up" campaign for all institutions in South Sudan. (*Al-Wifaq*)

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