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## **Kiir: SPLM keen on unity, not returning to war**

Speaking at an inauguration event in Blue Nile State, Sudanese First Vice President of the Government of National Unity and President of the Government of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit told a mass rally that the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) [his party] was keen on unity and there would be no return to war. Kiir stipulated that "achieving unity was the responsibility of all Sudanese people and political parties and not to be shouldered solely by the SPLM or the National Congress Party. (*Al-Watan, Al-Sahafa*)

## **Unification of armed factions pertinent for talks**

Presidential Advisor and the official in charge of the Darfur dossier, Ghazi Salahuddin, stated that "the resumption of peace talks would depend on a unified viewpoint by the armed Darfur factions." Salahuddin lauded Libya on its current efforts to achieve this step and added that he was "optimistic about moving forward in achieving peace for Darfur." (*Al-Raed*)

## **Consultative summit to be held in Cairo**

A summit comprising high-level representatives from Sudan, Libya and Egypt is scheduled to be held in Cairo at the end of this month. The aim of the summit is for the three parties to review latest developments in the Darfur peace talks and the means of coordinating efforts. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

## **8 Darfur factions agree to join Doha talks**

Eight Darfur factions now present in Tripoli, Libya, agreed to take part in the upcoming round of talks to take place in Doha. Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Unity faction Political Secretary Osman Al-Bushra said mediators are trying to set a date for resuming Darfur peace negotiations. Meanwhile, Joint

Mediator of the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur Djibril Bassolé, Qatar's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Ahmed Bin Abdullah, and Ghazi Salaheddin have agreed to resume Darfur peace negotiations in Doha, end of September. (*MirayaFM*)

## **Demobilization of 10,000 militants**

Last Tuesday, the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (DDR) in both the north and south of Sudan announced the demobilization of 10,571 militants from South Kordofan, Blue Nile and Equatoria states. The Minister at the Presidency of the Republic and Chairman of the DDR National Council, Bakri Hassan Saleh, affirmed the government's commitment toward the implementation of the disarmament program per the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The minister lauded the efforts of the European Commission and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for their full cooperation with Sudan, expressing hope that this cooperation would continue. (*Sudanese Media Center*)

## **UN warns of famine in several areas in the south**

The United Nations Deputy Coordinator for South Sudan Lisa Grande warned of "disastrous" food gaps threatening the humanitarian situation in several areas of southern Sudan. During a press briefing yesterday, the UN official indicated that the food shortages were due to many factors, such as tribal clashes, a delay in the rainy season as well as a lack of sufficient funds to provide sufficient food supplies. Grande added that "more than two million people in five southern States have been suffering from famine since July" and that the food gap would continue through mid-October. (*Al-Ayam, Al-Sahafa*)

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