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Conference on Darfur kicks-off in Cairo today

A conference for consolidation of the viewpoint by Darfuri armed movements kicks off today in Cairo, Egypt. The meeting comes in preparation for the upcoming peace talks in Doha and includes representatives from Sudan, Egypt, Libya, the Arab League as well as the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration. Four of the Darfur factions already agreed Friday, in Addis Ababa, to unite. The signatory factions of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) include SLM-Unity faction; SLM-Juba Unit; United Resistance Front, led by Bahr el Din Abu Garda; in addition to some leaders of SLM-Abdel Wahid Nour faction. (Al-Ayam, MirayaFM, Al-Sudani)

SLM commanders dismissed for attending talks

Six commanders from the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) - Abdul Wahid Nur faction were dismissed for their participation in the recent talks, held with U.S. Special Envoy Scott Gration in Addis Ababa in order to unify the stances of the armed factions. (Sudan Vision)

Pagan: NCP arming militias in the South

Speaking at a press briefing in Juba, Secretary-General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) Pagan Amum accused the National Congress Party (NCP) of arming militias and civilians in the south. Amum said that the "NCP is aiming to destabilize Southern Sudan." His statements came after the conclusion of a meeting held in Juba last week among members of the SPLM Political Bureau. Amum disclosed that the SPLM had a plan to prevent the transfer of arms to the south and that it would continue disarmament of

civilians in the region. (Al-Khartoum, Sudantribune.com)

SPLM demands "no stalling on" referendum law

The SPLM Political Bureau called on the NCP to stop "its game" of trying to weaken the electoral process and delay the enactment of the South Sudan Referendum Law. SPLM says it wants the referendum law "to be enacted before the end of the year and to be made into a very simple and procedural law and should not be linked with post referendum arrangements." (MirayaFM, Al-Ayam)

SPLM sacks two of its leading members

SPLM's Political Bureau has decided to sack two of the party's leading members, Ghazi Suleiman and Manoa Aligo. The two members have allegedly violated the movement's ideology and have participated in destructive activities against the movement. (Sudan Vision)

Restaurants to remain open during Ramadan

The Commission for the Rights of Non-Muslims in Khartoum State demanded that restaurants remain open for non-Muslims during the day, in the month of Ramadan. This came in a Presidential decree directed to local authorities. (MirayaFM)

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-Ghanaian president to visit Sudan in October
-Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salah al-Din to hold talks with Egyptian officials in Cairo on Sudan

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