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AU summit issues “Tripoli Declaration”

The African Union (AU) summit for resolving conflicts in Africa held in Tripoli this week concluded its final session by issuing the “Tripoli Declaration” which stated that the situation in Darfur is no longer considered a “state of war.” The declaration proposes that efforts be strengthened to achieve stability in Darfur. It confirms the A.U. leaders' unanimous decision to reject dealing with the International Criminal Court (ICC). It also stresses the importance of rehabilitation in areas of conflict, indicating that 2010 will be dedicated to peace and security in Africa. (*Sudan News Agency*)

NCP outlines its election Campaign

The Chairman of the Shura [advisory] Council of the National Congress Party (NCP) in Khartoum Ahmed Hasab Al-Rasul announced the agenda of the party's election campaign. The agenda focuses on mobilizing grass-root populations during the registration stage and educating voters about the objectives of the party. Hasab Al-Rasul said that the goal of the NCP is to make unity attractive to the people of the south. He added that southerners residing in Khartoum will be able to vote in the upcoming 2011 referendum. (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Raed, The Advocate*)

DUP denies supporting Al-Bashir's candidacy

The Sudanese opposition Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) dismissed local press reports stating that the DUP would support the candidacy of Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir for another term. *Al-Tayar* quoted a leading DUP member Al-Haj Atta Al-Manan saying said that “his party and the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) had agreed to nominate Al-Bashir as a candidate

representing both parties for the presidential election next year. The paper alleged that the two parties had reached an agreement on geographical division of the electoral constituencies. The Party's deputy Chairman, Ali Mahmoud Hassanein, strongly denied the allegations and affirmed that “no such thing had been discussed by the party.” Hassanein added and that “such a position could never be upheld by the DUP since it is against the party's ideology”. (*Sudantribune.com*)

GOSS denies Uganda's ban on food exports

The Director-General of the Trade Ministry of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS), John Pan Pagun. denied recent news reports that the Ugandan government had imposed a ban on food exportation to Southern Sudan. Pagan told reporters from *MirayaFM* that the GOSS had not yet received an official notice from its Ugandan counterpart enforcing the ban. However, the Director did mention that the Ugandan parliament had been contemplating restricting exportation of food to Southern Sudan in order to tackle the worsening famine. Pagan added that even if Uganda enforced the ban “the consequences on Southern Sudan would not be serious since the south shares borders with several other countries.”(*MirayaFM, Al-Wasat Al-Eqtisady*)

Heavy rains expected over coming few days

Forecasts by experts from the Meteorological Department in Khartoum are predicting heavy rains in different areas of Sudan over the coming few days and are indicating a rise in the (Blue Nile) river-water level. (*Al-Intibaha*)

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