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SPLM-DC: SPLM, “instrument” for hostile forces

Speaking at a general meeting held by the Sudan Liberation People’s Movement (SPLM)-Democratic Change at Friendship Hall in Khartoum yesterday, the SPLM-DC Chairperson Lam Akol strongly criticized SPLM founding party, led by Salva Kiir Mayardit, calling it "a failed movement that lacks in political and cultural consciousness." Akol claimed that the SPLM leaders “are ignoring the basic principles of the movement and are using the movement to achieve their own interests.” He added that “SPLM leaders have become instruments for Sudan's enemies to the extent that they would even work against the interests of their own country.” (*Sudan Vision*)

NCP rejects Darfur movements’ preconditions

The National Congress Party (NCP) asserted that it would not accept any preconditions by the Darfuri armed movements for their engagement in dialogue with the NCP to bring about peace in Darfur. (*Al-Intibaha*)

Reconciliation agreement between Darfur tribes

A duly signed reconciliation agreement between the Habaniya and Salamat tribes of South Darfur State is now in its implementation phase. Speaking at an NCP conference at Buram locality, retired Habaniya Chief Salah Al-Ghali called on both parties to put the past behind them and to start afresh. (*Sudan Vision*)

Key information regarding UNAMID hostages

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) claimed that it had obtained key information that might facilitate the release of two recently abducted

United Nations and African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) employees. An MFA spokesperson told reporters that authorities in Khartoum are looking into feasible means to use this information for the release of the hostages. Sudanese Government authorities have directed the Wali, (governor) of West Darfur State to closely monitor the situation. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Intibaha*)

Central Equatoria State considers staff lay-offs

Government officials from Central Equatoria State are considering downsizing their staff due to a financial crisis cutting into the state’s budget. A high-ranking official from the state said that employees have gone without pay for three months now. State Minister of Information of Central Equatoria Steward Soroba told reporters that there was no transparency in financial reports and that his ministry could not access pertinent information. Soroba explained that the slack in payment of wages in the state was due to a lack of “system in place.” The government official indicated that reduction in manpower as well as encouragement for private investors to operate in the region are possible solutions for the present crisis. (*The Citizen*)

Cairo refuses to address Halaib dispute now

The Egyptian government rejected a recent request by Khartoum to revive issues regarding the Halaib dispute [on the Egypt-Sudan border] dossier, stating that “the timing to address this issue is not in the best interest of Sudan right now.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

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