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NCP nominates Al-Bashir as candidate for election

The Advisory Council (Shura) of Sudan's dominant National Congress Party (NCP) endorsed Sudanese President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir as its sole candidate for the upcoming presidential election to be held in April next year. Al-Bashir pledged to work in Sudan's best interest and hoped that he would live up to the aspirations of the Sudanese people and the leadership of the party. (*Sudantribune.com, Al-Khartoum*)

Sudan welcomes US support for peace in Darfur

Speaking before the United Nations General Assembly, Sudanese Presidential Advisor Gazi Salahuddin Al-Attabani welcomed US President Barack Obama's pledge to help achieve peace in Darfur. The government official pointed out that most of Sudan's efforts to end the conflicts in Sudan and to implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement have been challenged by hostile groups such as the International Criminal Court that targets Sudan's sovereignty. (*MirayaFM*)

Government admits atrocities in Darfur

Sudanese Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail admitted that "mistakes" were committed in Darfur and that justice should be served. However, the government official said that Sudan was against having the "integrity of its judicial system under question." Ismail added that an international conference on Darfur was to be held at the end of the year in Sharm Al-Shaik affirming that the Darfur conflict would be resolved by that time. (*Al-Khartoum*)

Peacekeeper killed by armed group in Darfur

An African Union and United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) peacekeeper was killed in an ambush by an unknown group in Western Darfur on Monday this week. Eight armed men opened fire on a convoy that consisted of three vehicles and carried both civilian and military personnel. Three military personnel were injured and a UNAMID vehicle was seized during the attack. (*Al-Akhbar, Khartoum Monitor*)

Political Leaders warn of Sudan's secession

Both the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) Deputy Chairperson Malik Agar and Umma Party Leader Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi said that if Southern Sudan seceded the entire country would disintegrate. Both leaders believe that the South is the main force holding the east, west, south and north of Sudan together. (*The Citizen*)

Juba Conference accused of hidden agenda

Members of Sudanese political parties affiliated with the Government of National Unity (GONU) strongly re-iterated their rejection of the Juba Conference that will conclude its final session today. The parties confirmed that the conference had a "hidden agenda" and did not meet the objectives highlighted in the conference agenda. (*Al-Raed*)

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