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## Political Parties threaten to boycott elections

-The political parties that participated in the Juba Conference threatened to boycott the upcoming general elections if the government fails to meet conditions necessary for democratic transformation. At the conclusion of the conference, the parties emphasized the necessity to solve the Darfur crisis through peaceful means and the importance of endorsing the South Sudan Referendum law. *(MirayaFM)*

-At the conclusion of the conference, Umma Party Leader Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi told reporters that if the "National Congress Party (NCP) opposed the recommendations proposed by participants of the Juba Conference they would find themselves up against a huge bloc."*(Al-Sudani)*

## Ghazi: "Sudan not an agent for Iran"

Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salahuddin Al-Attabani downplayed U.S. concerns about Sudan's ties with Iran. Salahuddin told reporters on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly meetings that "Sudan was not an agent for Iran in the region and that claims that the relationship between Sudan and Iran was suspicious are erroneous."*(Al-Ahdath)*

## Yemen VP to Participate in NCP Conference

Yemen Vice-President Abdurabo Mansour Hadi has arrived in Khartoum to participate in an NCP General Conference hosted in Khartoum today. Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ali Karti, stated that the visit demonstrated Yemen's willingness to cooperate with Khartoum. *(SUNA, Akhir Lahza)*

## Jonglei villagers flee after rumors of new attack

According to the authorities in Twic East County, Jonglei civilians are leaving their villages in the county after hearing rumors of an imminent attack by the Lou Nuer tribes. Earlier attacks occurred in the same region last month. Twic East County Commissioner, Deng Akol Deng, said the security situation was grave and there was mounting fear due to unconfirmed claims that the Lou Nuer militia had given the citizens a 9-day ultimatum to either join in the fighting or leave the area. He added that UN staff had left the region and this departure has resulted in increased anxiety among civilians. *(Sudantribune.com)*

## Darfur female refugees face rape in Chad

Amnesty International recently released a report stating that female refugees from Darfur who live in the camps in Eastern Chad have been subject to rape and other forms of violence. This was despite the presence of UN security forces and Chadian government troops. Amnesty international says these women and girls are facing daily violence and sexual harassment by villagers living nearby and the Chadian army. Tawanda Hondora, Deputy Director of Amnesty International's Africa Programme, urged authorities to bring the perpetrators to justice and to establish rape-awareness programs. *(Al-Ahdath)*

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