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## Referendum not to be used for blackmail

National Congress Party (NCP) Deputy Chairman for Political and Organizational Affairs and presidential advisor Nafie Ali Nafie maintains that the upcoming referendum for self-determination for the South should not be used as an “instrument for political blackmail.” Nafie was referring to remarks made by some political party members at the Juba Conference who had threatened to boycott the upcoming elections. Nafie challenged these parties to come forward and represent themselves in the elections if they truly represent the people of Sudan. He argued that the referendum is a national issue that concerns all parties. He went on to criticize the large foreign participation at the conference and mentioned that the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) should not have participated in a conference that did not include all of the political parties in Sudan. (*Al-Sudani, MirayaFM, Al-Sahafa*)

## Raid on Egyptian Consul’s residence in Juba

According to the *Sudanese Media Center*, an information advisor from the Egyptian Embassy told the news agency that an unknown group had ransacked the Egyptian Consul’s residence in Juba, looting money and personal effects. The Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) expressed its regrets to the Egyptian Embassy and assured them that the GOSS would investigate who was behind the raid

## Fighting between SPLA troops in the South

- Heavy fighting broke out yesterday between army units of the Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) in Bentiu, Unity State. One army units was under the command of General Paulino Matip and the other unit was led by Governor Taban Deng

Gai. The conflict started as an argument between security members of each group and escalated into a fierce battle between the groups. (*Sudan Vision*)

- An article posted on *Sudantribune.com* cited an SPLA official spokesperson confirming that the clashes in Bentiu were “purely an SPLA affair and that no tribalism or politics were involved.”

-Meanwhile, First Vice-President of the Government of National Unity (GONU) and GOSS President Salva Kiir Mayardit stated that the incidents in Bentiu were the work of the “enemies of peace,” whom he contended were trying to disrupt the stability of Southern Sudan. (*Akhbar Al-Youm*)

## Juba-Bor Road closed as a result of tribal clashes

Press reports stated that the Juba-Bor Road was closed as a result of deadly clashes which broke-out between the Dinka Bor and Mundari tribes on Friday. Several people were killed and wounded in the fighting. (*Sudan Vision*)

## Party leader urges consolidation of peace issues

Speaking at the closing session of the NCP General Conference yesterday, Sudanese Communist Party Chairperson Mohammed Ibrahim Nugud strongly urged the GONU to facilitate dialogue that would resolve all Sudan’s current issues. The party leader proposed that Sudan’s problems could be resolved by consolidating the on-going peace agreements, such as those of “Naivasha, Abuja, Asmara, and Cairo.” He hopes all political parties will be involved in the dialogue. (*Al-Sahafa*)

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