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## **Committee discusses peace and development issues**

Deputy Secretary General of the Arab League, Ahmed bin Halim, announced that the Permanent Committee for African-Arab Cooperation will review a report next week in Tripoli that was prepared by the Arab League's Secretariat General and the African Union Commission. The Committee will discuss several issues, including realization of peace and development in Sudan and resolving the crisis in Darfur. (*Sudan News Agency*)

## **Lam Akol: SPLM turning the South into hell**

Lam Akol, Chairperson of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement for Democratic Change (SPLM-DC), strongly criticized the SPLM, accusing the mother party of "turning South Sudan into hell." Akol argued that the SPLM had the opportunity to implement the party's objectives in the South but failed to do so after the signing of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). In an interview with the London based *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat*, Akol accused SPLM leaders of corruption and unaccountability. "South Sudan leaders are purchasing houses in the United States, Australia, and South Africa," he said, and he questioned where the money was coming from. Akol pointed out that South Sudan had received \$8 billion USD in oil revenues shares over the past four years. Akol disclosed that none of this money was being spent on basic services, such as education and health, that were severely lacking in South Sudan. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Misseriya defy PCA ruling on border dispute**

Members of the Messeriya tribe announced that they would not adhere to the July ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague on the

Abyei border dispute. According to the London based *Al-Hayat* newspaper, several Misseriya tribal leaders vowed to defy the court ruling by refusing to leave their land. The tribal leaders announced their intention of appealing the PCA's ruling and threatened to use force if the Dinka Ngok insist on making them leave. (*Khartoum Monitor, Al-Tayar*)

## **UK ready to handle Sudan's debts**

The British Ministry of Development is ready to provide technical assistance to help Sudan negotiate its foreign debts. Sudanese State Minister of Finance, Lual Deng, confirmed that the proper management of Sudan's foreign debts would contribute to the better use of its resources. This would lead to better services that would advance economic performance in Sudan. (*Al-Raed*)

## **Doha talks to be resumed end of October**

The Government of Sudan (GoS) has received official notice that the Doha peace talks will resume at the end of this month. Sudanese Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salahuddin confirmed that the GoS would participate in the talks. However, a spokesperson from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) said that they would only participate if other Darfur armed factions were not present at the talks. (*MirayaFM*)

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