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GoS to effect genuine democratic transformation

The Government of Sudan (GoS) has reiterated its commitment to establish a democratic environment in Sudan for free and transparent elections. This will enable political parties to freely compete in the elections next year. (*Al-Khartoum*)

GoS serious about implementing CPA

Speaking at an international symposium held in Moscow regarding the crisis in Darfur, Sudanese Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salahuddin affirmed the government's sincerity to fully implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). Salahuddin urged the international community to increase its efforts to achieve peace and stability in Darfur. He also urged the international community to convince the Darfur armed rebel movements to participate in the Doha talks. (*Sudan News Agency*)

-Speaking at the same conference, the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Aleksandr Saltanov said that Moscow supported Sudan's independence and integrity. "If Sudan's territorial integrity is not preserved, the consequences will affect not only the neighbour states of the Horn of Africa but also the entire continent," he stressed. (*Sudantribune.com*)

Khartoum will not sign new agreement with Chad

Sudanese Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail told reporters in a press statement that Sudan had no intention of signing a new agreement with Chad. Ismail argued that Chad must honor its previous agreements with Sudan. However, he affirmed that the GoS welcomed ongoing efforts to defuse the current stand-off between Sudan and Chad. (*Al-Raed, Khartoum Monitor*)

NCP ready for dialogue on Referendum bill

National Congress Party (NCP) member and election campaign official Ibrahim Ghandoor expressed the NCP's willingness to discuss the Referendum bill with all political parties. (*Al-Wifaq*)

PCP & Umma downplay call for dialogue

Members from both the Sudanese Umma National Party and the Popular Congress Party (PCP) downplayed President Omer Al-Bashir's call for dialogue with other political parties. Meriam Al-Sadiq Al-Mahdi, a leading member in the Umma National Party, told reporters that the NCP tended "to exclude" other political parties from engaging in real dialogue. Meanwhile, PCP Secretary-General said that "any dialogue would be fruitless" if a genuine democratic transformation did not take place. (*MirayaFM*)

JIU requires permission to enter areas in Abyei

The Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) has requested Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) to get permission in advance from SAF headquarters before entering the court-ruled areas in Abyei. This comes after the border demarcation technical team said that security conditions in the area were unstable. SAF had ordered the withdrawal of the accompanying JIU who were sent to provide security and protection to the team. Informed sources expressed that this request demonstrates evidence of high tension in the region. (*Al-Tayar*)

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