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## **Sudan-Chad agree to end hostility**

-Sudan and Chad have agreed to end the on-going hostility between the two countries and to honor previously signed reconciliatory agreements. Sudan's Ambassador to Chad, Abdullah Al-Sheikh, confirmed that Sudan and Chad would resume talks in Khartoum within the next two weeks. (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Khartoum*)

-An article published on MirayaFM's website reports that the Chadian Minister of Information, Mohamed Hussein Mursal, said it was "premature to speak of normalizing the Chadian-Sudanese relations." Mursal told reporters that the Sudanese government's reports of a successful dialogue (between Khartoum and N'Djamena) were not true. (*MirayaFM*)

## **Sudan participates in Interpol Conference**

A Sudan delegation led by Minister of the Interior, Ibrahim Mahmoud Hamid, is participating in the Interpol conference in Singapore. Addressing the opening session of the conference, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon said that Sudan would raise a number of security issues including enhancing cooperation between police forces in the different states of Sudan. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **ICC trial for Darfur rebel to start next week**

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has scheduled a court hearing next week for the leader of the Darfur United Resistance Front (URF), Bahr Idriss Abu Garda. However, the Sudanese government has dismissed Abu Garda's appearance before the ICC, labeling it as a "ploy" by the ICC prosecutor to pressure Sudanese President Al-Bashir into surrendering himself. The rebel leader has been charged with masterminding a raid on African Union

(AU) peacekeeping forces in Darfur. (*Sudantribune.com*)

## **Matip says Bentiu clashes were a "plot" by SPLA**

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), Paulino Matip, maintains that the recent clashes in the Bentiu-Unity State between SPLA forces and his guards was coordinated at the highest level of the SPLA. Officials of the SPLA downplayed the incident as a "misunderstanding" between the two groups. However, Matip wrote a memo last week addressed to the international community and the United Nations accusing Southern Sudan President Salva Kiir Mayardit, Governor Taban Deng, and SPLA Chief of Staff James Hoth Mai of plotting against him. (*Sudantribune.com*)

## **Mysterious disease hits Southern Sudan**

A mysterious disease, suspected to be an outbreak of Ebola, has killed 23 SPLA soldiers in Southern Sudan. The World Health Organization (WHO), as well as the Government of Southern Sudan, are taking necessary measures to prevent the spread of the disease. WHO is currently investigating incidents of viral hemorrhagic fever in various areas of Southern Sudan. Commissioner Louis Ramadan of Western Bahr el-Ghazal State said a number of inspection points have been set up as precautions on the roads leading to the affected areas. (*Khartoum Monitor, MirayaFM*)

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