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SPLM gives NCP ultimatum to endorse pending bills

The Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) gave its ruling partner, the National Congress Party (NCP), a one week ultimatum to agree on a number of pending bills or to have the SPLM boycott the rest of the National Assembly's parliamentary sessions. The two pending bills are the 2011 Referendum for self-determination in the south and the National Security bill. Both bills were tabled before the parliament earlier this year. Secretary-General of SPLM's northern sector, Yasir Arman, argued that this was the Parliament's last session before the April 2010 elections and that the bills should be approved as soon as possible. Chairperson of the National Assembly, Ibrahim Ahmed Al-Tahir, accused Arman of having "his own personal agenda" and asserted that the NCP is committed to resolving the differences between the NCP and the SPLM. (*Sudantribune.com, Sudan Vision, Al-Akhbar*)

Non-compliant foreign NGOs may be expelled

-The Government of Sudan (GoS) has threatened to expel any foreign non-governmental organization (NGO) that does not comply with GoS regulations for humanitarian work in Sudan. Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs official, Ahmed Adam, added that "any violation by these organizations in Sudan could lead to their expulsion." (*Al-Raed*)

-An article in *Sudan Vision* cited the State Minister for Humanitarian Affairs, Abdulbagi Al-Jailani, as saying that "So far, the foreign NGOs working in Sudan have been committed to their objectives and have demonstrated respect to Sudanese regulations and culture."

SLM faction leader calls for talks on Darfur security

Abdul Wahid Nur, leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)-Abdel Wahid faction, called on all Darfur mediators who want to achieve unity in Darfur to collaborate with him to ease the humanitarian situation in Darfur. Al-Nur confirmed his party's willingness to engage in talks with mediators to find ways to protect the people of Darfur. Al-Nur believes that security and the return of the displaced to their homeland are major factors for lasting stability. He maintains that having peace talks without insuring security on the ground is a "betrayal to the people of Darfur." Al-Nur urged Darfur peace mediators not to focus on "unification of the armed movements" but rather on "finding the groups capable of enforcing peace agreements." Al-Nur concluded that "it would be better if they [the mediators] seek to find new recipes for success." (*Sudantribune.com*)

AU Council to discuss Mbeki's report on Darfur

A meeting to discuss a report on Darfur by the African Union Elder Commission has been scheduled to be held at the end of this month in Abuja, Nigeria. The session will be chaired by Thabo Mbeki, Chairman of the Commission, and will be attended by high level Sudanese government officials. The meeting has been described as "decisive" since it will include important findings by the Commission whose mandate is to establish peace and justice in Darfur. (*Sudan Vision*)

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