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Doha Peace talks to be resumed mid-November

The leader of Sudan's delegation for the peace talks in Doha, Amin Hassan Omer, confirmed that the talks will resume mid-November. Omer added that recent talks held by United Nations/African Union chief mediator for Darfur, Djibril Bassole, were successful and will have a positive impact on the upcoming talks in Doha. (*Al-Khartoum*,)

British Minister says situation in Darfur "unsafe"

Minister of State at the United Kingdom Department for International Development Gareth Thomas described the situation in Darfur as "unsafe." The visiting British official said that the U.K. will contribute 150 million US dollars through a donor's program. (*Al-Akhbar*)

Al-Mahdi calls for issuing law against "takfirism"

Umma Party Leader Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi stated that the Sudanese government should issue a law that prevents "takfirism" (renunciation of a person's religious faith followed by his condemnation to death). Al-Mahdi stressed the importance of this issue considering the security challenges facing Sudan. (*Al-Akhbar*)

Splinter group forms new SPLM party

A group of officials from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM)-Northern Sector have defected from the SPLM Party and formed a new group called the SPLM-National Party. Speaking at a press conference yesterday, a senior official from the new splinter group said that SPLM "has failed to implement the concepts of the New Sudan ideology." (*Al-Khartoum, Al-Raed*)

Parliament member unveils food crisis in Sinnar

Parliamentary member Mansoor Al-Ajab revealed that a food crisis was imminent in more than 150 villages in the Dinder area of the State of Sinnar. Al-Ajab indicated that 200,000 lives were at risk in the area. He called on concerned government officials to declare a famine in the area and to send aid as soon as possible. (*Al-Ayam*)

Darfur peacekeepers attacked by gunmen

A group of unidentified gunmen attacked a United Nations and African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) headquarters in Kutom, North Darfur on Monday, wounding a peace-keeper. The attackers managed to escape from the Sudanese Armed Forces and United Nations peacekeeping troops who tried to stop them. Officials from UNAMID condemned the attack and stressed that any attack on its peacekeepers constituted a war crime. (*Al-Ayam, Sudantribune.com*)

Egypt: Halaib not to be part of Sudan elections

An unnamed Egyptian source said that Sudan's announcement of Halaib as an election constituency in the upcoming elections was "out of the question." According to the same source, "Halaib is under Egypt's control and any procedure taking place in the area would be under the sole discretion of the Egyptian authorities." (*Al-Ayam*)

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