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## **New U.S. policy towards Sudan**

-The Government of Sudan (GoS) announced it would deal with the new U.S. policy towards Sudan if it promoted the interests of the Sudanese people. Observers indicated that the new policy will be “balanced.”(*Sudan Vision*)

- *Al-Akhbar* ran a headline that says “Washington announces its Policy towards Sudan amidst GoS pessimism and American Optimism.” The article cited an unnamed Sudanese diplomat as downplaying the anticipated announcement. The official added that that “the GoS is not expecting anything new from the U.S. Administration.”

-*Khartoum Monitor* wrote: “U.S ends war on NCP [National Congress Party]”

## **NCP and SPLM reach agreement on Referendum**

The NCP and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) reached an agreement last week regarding the 2011 Referendum for the self-determination of Southern Sudan. Government of Southern Sudan’s Vice-President, Riek Machar, confirmed that the voting procedure for the referendum will require a simple majority provided that two-thirds of the voters take part in the Referendum. Machar said the SPLM and NCP have overcome their differences regarding the issues between them. Machar explained that all southerners will be allowed to vote, including those in Khartoum and outside Sudan. The agreement yet remains to be ratified by NCP and SPLM officials.

Government of National Unity’s (GONU) Vice-President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha was interviewed on Saturday by Sudan TV. He confirmed that the GONU was keen on reaching an

agreement on the Referendum within the time-frame stipulated in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) Taha confirmed that the north and south of Sudan had more in common than the issues dividing them. (*Sudan Vision, Sudantribune.com,*)

## **“Juba Declaration is a tool for western agendas”**

Sudan’s ruling NCP party continued to blast the recently signed “Juba Declaration” which was endorsed by both the SPLM and some national opposition parties. Senior NCP official, Mandoor Al-Mahdi, claimed that the document was a tool that could be exploited by the west. He described the signatory parties of being politically disillusioned and that the NCP would not recognize the declaration’s proposals. (*Sudanese Media Center*)

## **Civil Society nominated for HR Commission**

The Secretariat for Coordination of Civil Society Organizations announced that it had nominated 51 members to be represented in the National Commission for Human Rights. This list was submitted to the Sudanese President for approval. Head of the Secretariat, Azhari Al-Haj, warned that if the government did not approve the proposed list of candidates the Secretariat would no longer deal with the Commission. (*Al-Khartoum*)

## **Sudanese Tribesmen Kill 16 Kenyan Soldiers**

A GoS spokesperson announced that 16 Kenyan soldiers were killed on Saturday by Sudanese tribesmen in the border between Sudan and Kenya. Kenyan officials denied the incident.

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