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## **Abducted foreign aid workers released yesterday**

The two aid workers from GOAL International who were kidnapped in Darfur last July were released yesterday. Sudanese Humanitarian Affairs State Minister Abdul Bagi Al-Jailani went to El-Fasher to accompany the released hostages back to Khartoum. The minister stressed the government's concern for the safety of foreign humanitarian workers assigned to Sudan. He added that the Government of Sudan (GoS) will ensure that abductions do not occur in the future. The United Nations Mission commended the GoS' "strenuous efforts" for releasing the two relief workers. According to press reports no ransom was paid and the workers were released through peaceful intervention. (*Sudan Vision, Al-Wasat Al-Igtisady*)

## **Security Chief demands more authority**

The Sudanese National Security and Intelligence Services (NISS) Chief Mohammed Atta stated that the "NISS was in need of increased authority in order to implement the nation's agenda and to deter the dangers facing the nation." The NISS chief was speaking at a meeting with senior members of the media and emphasized the NISS could not operate without having the authority to arrest. (*Al-Ahdath, The Democrat*)

## **Russian envoy to meet with JEM rebels**

Following the Moscow workshop for Darfur held earlier this month, Russian Special Envoy to Sudan, Mikhail Margelov, requested to meet with Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) leader Khalil Ibrahim in an effort to engage with all the Darfur armed movements. The Moscow workshop was attended by all six Special Envoys to Sudan, representatives of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), the African Union, the Arab League, and the European

Union. JEM's Spokesperson, Ahmed Hussein Adam, told reporters that the JEM welcomed the Russian Envoy's initiative because the JEM believed that Russia would listen to the movement's views and not just those of the Sudanese government. (*Sudantribune.com*)

## **Southern Sudan parties engage in dialogue**

Following this week's meeting, Southern Sudan's Political Parties decided to engage in a South-South dialogue on November 7 to establish agreement on the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The Agenda for the dialogue will include the general elections and the Referendum for self-determination for the south. (*Al-Ayam, Al-Wifaq, The Democrat*)

## **OIC commends Sudan and Chad**

The Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Ekmeleddin Ihsan Oglo, acknowledged Sudan and Chad's efforts to normalize their bilateral relations. He commended Sudan and Chad on their efforts and noted both countries' commitment to overcome their differences. (*Sudan News Agency*)

## **7 killed and 120 homes burned in Jonglei clashes**

Government officials in Southern Sudan said fresh confrontations between armed groups from both the Dinka and Nuer tribes broke-out in Jonglei this week. The incident resulted in 7 deaths and 120 homes were burned down. (*Al-Wifaq, The Democrat*)

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