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NCP campaigns in South Sudan for 2010 elections

The National Congress Party (NCP) declared the launch of its electoral campaign in Southern Sudan. Presidential Assistant and Deputy Chairman for the NCP, Nafie Ali Nafie, arrived in Juba on Wednesday to launch the campaign. Nafie also met with President of Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Salva Kiir Mayardit to discuss the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). (*Al-Khartoum, Al-Raed*)

Clashes in Jonglei “politically motivated”

GOSS’s peace and reconciliation advisor, Sultan Ismail Konyi, told reporters that the recent tribal clashes in Jonglei were “politically motivated” and “had nothing to do with tribalism.” He asserted that his office was collaborating with Jonglei authorities to restore calm and peace to the region. More than 150 lives have been lost during the past few months. (*MirayaFM*)

Debi pledges to end tension with Sudan

Chadian President Idris Debi pledged to end the ongoing tension between Chad and Sudan. He confirmed that “the door for dialogue between Chad and Khartoum will always remain open.” The Chadian President has just concluded a five-day visit in France where he met with French President Nicolas Sarkozy. (*Al-Khartoum*)

SPLM Sulaiman to be dismissed from Parliament

A Sudanese parliamentary committee that handles in-house affairs will convene tomorrow to review a proposal to dismiss SPLM caucus member Ghazi Sulaiman from the parliament. (*The Citizen*)

Machar asks GONU to co-operate with Washington

GOSS Vice-President Riek Machar called on officials from the Government of National Unity (GONU) to cooperate with Washington regarding the new U.S. strategy on Sudan. Machar believes that this will help the U.S. decide to lift sanctions from Sudan. He also confirmed that the GOSS will cooperate with Washington to end tribal conflicts in the south. (*Al-Wifaq*)

France hosts meeting with Darfur mediators

Two-day talks between Darfur peace mediators are being held in Paris today. The talks include the joint UN-AU Mediator for Darfur, Qatar’s Foreign Minister of State, and the French diplomatic advisor. The aim of these talks is to facilitate mediation efforts and to ensure a successful round of Darfur peace talks in Doha next month. (*The Citizen, Ajras Al-Hurria*)

Egypt: no tension with Khartoum over Halaib

An unnamed Egyptian diplomatic source confirmed that there was no rift between Cairo and Khartoum over Halaib being considered a constituency in Sudan’s upcoming elections. The diplomat accused spoilers of being behind the “fabricated reports” to cause tension between the two countries. He added that the Halaib border dispute had been resolved earlier. (*Al-Khartoum*)

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