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## **Al-Bashir calls for peaceful co-existence**

Speaking at the opening session of the Islamic-Christian Dialogue Forum, Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir urged both Muslims and Christians “to establish values essential for peaceful co-existence.” He said this was important for re-enforcing solidarity and unity among the Sudanese people. (*Al-Khartoum, Al-Raed*)

## **France asks to exclude Al-Bashir from summit**

The French government threatened to withdraw from the African-French summit to be held in Egypt next February if Sudanese President Al-Bashir is invited to attend. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **GONU and SLM factions agree to work together**

The Government of National Unity (GONU) and the leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction, Mini Arko Minnawi, agreed to work together to address issues concerning Darfur. The Secretary of SLM Political Affairs, Al Fadil Al Tigani, told reporters the faction would hold a forum to consult with other armed movements before the peace negotiations begin in Doha. (*Sudan Vision, MirayaFM*)

## **Security bill passed despite Parliament boycotts**

-The National Assembly passed a security bill yesterday that resulted in the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) boycott of parliamentary sessions. The SPLM and the National Congress Party (NCP) have been at odds over the security bill for some time. SPLM parliamentary members asked for the removal of an article in the bill that empowers security officials to arrest people. SPLM said that the current bill “is a violation to the

constitution and the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). No security office has the right to arrest, search, or confiscate funds or properties.” (*The Citizen, Sudan Vision, Sudantribune.com*)

-Farouq Abu Eissa, opposition party leader of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), slammed the NCP in the parliamentary session and criticized the party’s persistence to endorse the security bill with its current stipulations. NDA members called for a postponement of the session to give parliamentary members more time to discuss the bill. The NDA walked out of the session when their request for a postponement was not granted. (*Al-Wasat-Al-Eqtisady, Al-Maidan*)

-Addressing a forum held at the External Information Council, Sudanese Minister of Justice Abdulbasit Sabdarat claimed that “security services without nails and teeth are a call for chaos.” The Minister was referring to the National Security bill currently tabled before the parliament which still remains to be an issue of dissension between the two ruling partners (NCP and SPLM). (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Egypt opts for Sudan unity**

Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif urged Southern Sudan to vote for unity during the 2011 Referendum. The Egyptian official emphasized that Egypt would respect the decision made by the people of Southern Sudan. The announcement was made during a recent meeting between the Egyptian official and the Sudanese Vice-President/President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Salva Kiir Mayardit in Cairo. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

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