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## **SPLM, NCP to resolve differences by December**

Pagan Amum, Secretary-General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), announced that the SPLM was to resolve all its outstanding issues with its ruling Naivasha partner -- the National Congress Party -- by the end of December. Both partners are reported to be in agreement with regard to the 51% voter turnout needed for the 2011 referendum. However, *Khartoum Monitor* states that the SPLM will only accept a 55% voter turnout. Amum says "the reason behind the prolonged talks is that both party members have to go back to their respective leadership for consultations over issues beyond their mandate." (*Al-Tayar, Khartoum Monitor*)

## **GoS says Chad not serious about normalizing ties**

The Government of Sudan (GoS) accused N'Djamena of not being "serious" about normalizing ties with Khartoum. The article mentions that Chad had set a number of terms, including expulsion from Sudan of Chadian rebels before the normalization of bilateral ties could take place. Khartoum holds that Chad's insistence on giving refuge to Darfuri rebels will encourage further resistance to possible compromise, which will eventually lead to failure of the Doha peace talks. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **Lam Akol nominated as presidential candidate**

-While *Juba Post* writes that eight Southern political parties have unanimously nominated Lam Akol, Chairman of the SPLM-Democratic Chang (DC) party as a presidential candidate for the Government of Southern Sudan, *Khartoum Monitor* denies that Akol has been nominated as a GOSS presidential candidate.

## **NCP denies forming secret voter centers**

The NCP has strongly denied allegations that it has set up secret voter centers in collaboration with the National Elections Commission (NEC) calling the allegation a "fabrication with no supporting evidence." (*Al-Raed*)

## **Citizens urged to register to vote**

The Governor of Khartoum State Abdel Rahman El-Khidir urged Sudanese citizens to exercise their constitutional rights and register to voting for the upcoming elections. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Voter registration extended for one more week**

NEC has decided to extend voter registration for another week (until December 7) and has changed the ballot-casting date from April 5 to April 11, 2010. (*Al-Akhbar*)

## **Swine flu cases may be on the rise in Sudan**

According to press reports, there has been an increase in the number of suspected cases of Swine Flu in Sudan, particularly after the Hajj [Pilgrimage]. The Federal Ministry of Health revealed that a number of Swine Flu cases have been detected in Sudan, although the actual number of cases has not been determined. The Ministry had previously announced fifty cases of Swine flu in Sudan. Director of Pandemics at the Ministry, Babiker Al-Magbul, affirmed availability of the H1N1 vaccine in Sudan. (*The Democrat, The Citizen*)

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