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Al Bashir to meet with VP Kiir and VP Taha

Sudanese President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir is conferring today with the two Vice Presidents of the Government of National Unity (GONU), Salva Kiir Mayardit and Ali Osman Mohammed Taha, to discuss ongoing issues between the two ruling partners (the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM)). (*Al-Akhbar, Al-Wifaq*)

Machar meets with NCP leaders in Khartoum

Following the organized rally held by the Juba Alliance opposition parties on Monday, Vice President of the Government of Southern Sudan, Riek Machar Teny met with NCP high-level officials to discuss the recent arrests on SPLM leaders. During the meeting, both SPLM and NCP party leaders agreed to do all that was within their power to resume peaceful negotiations with regard to the outstanding issues in the CPA. These include the referendum bill for Southern Sudan and Abyei as well as the national security bill, which are necessary to make democratic reform a possibility in Sudan (*Sudantribune.com*).

Minnawi complains of minimal authority in GoS

Senior Presidential Assistant and leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction Mini Arco Minnawi stated that his authority in the Government of Sudan is "minimal." According to Minnawi: "Whoever joins the Inqaz [Salvation] regime (referring to the Government of National Unity) is forced to be lead like a sheep." He further commented on the GoS's current position with regard to the recent demonstrations staged by the opposition parties of the Juba Alliance. "Had the Chairman of the National Assembly received the

Juba Alliance memorandum, the situation in Khartoum would have been different," he said. Minnawi added that the GoS's failure to implement Sudan's peace agreements is what has put Sudan in "dire straits" with the international community. He further pledged his party's support to the Juba alliance, stating that he would perform all that was within the faction's power to support the democratic process in Sudan (*Al-Akhbar*).

Bona Malwal: No referendum without elections

Sudanese Presidential Advisor and Chairman of the Democratic Forum of Southern Sudan, Bona Malwal, said that "according to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), a referendum for self-determination in the south cannot be held without holding the elections first." Malwal accused the SPLM of not creating a conducive environment for the upcoming elections and resorting to "sabotage and intimidating other parties instead." (*Sudan News Agency*)

Naivasha partners urged to exercise self-restraint

Britain has called on the two ruling partners, the NCP and the SPLM, to exercise "self-restraint" and to resume peaceful dialogue to resolve the outstanding issues for the implementation of the CPA. (*Al-Ayam, Al Wifaq*)

Opposition meets today to confirm next rally date

(*Rai- Al-Shaab*)

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