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Al-Bashir in Mauritania to boost bilateral ties

Al-Bashir is heading to Nouakchott tomorrow to meet with his Mauritanian counterpart in order to discuss issues of mutual interest as well as boosting the bilateral relations between the two countries. (*Al Raed, Al-Wifaq*)

NCP says parliament will not extend sessions

The Sudanese National Congress party (NCP) confirmed that Parliament will not extend its session and will go into recess on December 23rd as planned. The Chairman of the National Assembly Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Tahir brushed off demands by the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) for an extension to continue discussions on outstanding bills. Al-Tahir stated that the current legislative term "will end as planned on December 23rd with no further delays." SPLM Secretary-General Pagan Amum told reporters that the extension is necessary for controversial bills to be passed. Amum argued that these bills are necessary for the implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). (*Sudantribune.com*)

Political Analysis: fears of forgery and violence

A political analysis report in the *The Democrat* newspaper maintains that the elections process in Sudan might result in violence and chaos rather than pacifying the political climate in Sudan. The author argues that with every passing day the political situation in Sudan grows more and more complex. The intensity of the matter is evident in the conflict between the Naivasha partners, the opposition parties desperately trying to call for democratic reform and weaknesses and "fraud" in the electoral process. As a result, the journalist predicts that the coming period for Sudan will be a turbulent one – with possible outbreaks of violence in Sudan. (*The Democrat*)

Parliament to endorse Act amidst objections

Sudanese National Assembly declared that it would endorse the pending National Security Act by means of "mechanical" vote after reaching a deadlock regarding the Act. Members of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) parliamentary bloc said that they would not recognize the Act if it is passed by the Parliament. The SPLM stated they will "deem the law as a special National Congress Party (NCP) law that does not pertain to the people of Sudan." (*Al Wifaq, The Democrat*)

SLM/Minnawi support special protocol on Darfur

A spokesperson from the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minni Minnawi faction stated that the faction was in support of a recommendation, made by an international crisis group, to add a special protocol on Darfur to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) signed in Naivasha in 2005. The spokesperson asserted that the faction's main concern was to find an immediate solution for the crisis in Darfur. (*Al-Khartoum*)

Israel provides citizenship to Sudanese refugees

Abdelrahman Adam Farooq, Sudanese National Assembly Member disclosed that Israel provided 200 Sudanese refugees living in Chad with Israeli citizenship. Farooq stressed the importance for the Sudanese Government to bring these refugees back to Sudan. Farooq stated that ignoring these refugees would make them "fall prey to a foreign agenda." (*Al-Akhbar, Al-Ayam*)

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