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Kiir refuses to sign on National Security Act

-Parliament endorsed the National Security Act by a majority vote on December 20. (*Al-Sudani*)

-President of the Government of South Sudan (GOSS) and Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) Salva Kiir Mayardit refused to sign the National Security Act, recently endorsed by the National Assembly. A member of the SPLM parliamentary bloc, Ramadan Shaila described the act as "a sham." SPLM Members of Parliament walked out on the session as the bill was being enacted while other opposition caucuses boycotted the session altogether. Opposition parties of the Juba alliance renounced the security law and declared that they will seek to repeal the law through the constitutional court. (*MirayaFM*)

-SPLM called the endorsement of the National Security Act a "hard blow to democratic transformation" while the Juba Alliance said they would actively work against the endorsement of the Act. (*Al-Sudani*)

"The National Security Act is abusive and a violation to the Constitution" (*Al-Sahafa*)

Referendum Act for South Sudan approved

-The National Legislative Authority chaired by Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir, the spokesperson for the National Assembly approved the general provisions of the Referendum Act for South Sudan yesterday. The Referendum Act for Abyei was postponed for a session planned to be held today. Members of Parliament called for working towards unity of Sudan and described the Referendum Act "as one of the riskiest, since the independence of Sudan." (*Sudan Official News Agency*)

-A workshop between the National Congress Party (NCP) and the SPLM, on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) during the post referendum era is being held in South Africa. A leading member of the NCP, Amin Hassan Omar told *MirayaFM* that the two partners were in agreement on most of the issues relating to the referenda. He also revealed that the NCP delegation was headed by Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail while the SPLM delegation was led by the Minister of Cabinet Affairs in the Government of National Unity, Kosti Manibe. (*MirayaFM*)

AU Panel to brief the UNSC on Abuja summit

The African Union Panel, assigned for implementing the recent Abuja summit resolutions on Darfur is heading to New York today to brief the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on its final report on Darfur. (*Sudan Vision*)

Lam Akol dismissed from Parliament

Yesterday the National Assembly voted to dismiss former SPLM member and chairman of the newly formed splinter party SPLM-Democratic Change Lam Akol from his parliamentary role for change of political allegiance. (*Al-Watan*)

Extra security measures for season festivities

Khartoum State Police disclosed that extra security measures would be taken to protect civilians from criminal and chaotic acts during Christmas and New Year celebrations. (*Al-Sahafa*)

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