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Breakthrough in Sudanese-Chadian ties

Presidential Advisor Dr. Ghazi Salahuddin stated that the high level Chadian delegation's visit to Khartoum made a "substantial" impact on breaking the impasse between Sudan and Chad. Upon the departure of the Chadian delegation, Salahuddin told reporters in a press statement that, "Sudan and Chad are working to restore the confidence between the two countries and establish a strong fraternal relationship." According to the Sudanese official, a joint technical committee will meet in the coming fifteen days to discuss a possible mechanism to implement the agreement signed by Sudan and Chad. Salahuddin stated that normalization of the Sudanese - Chadian relations will provide "a big boost to the peace process" and added that "Sudan can play a conciliatory role in mending the rift between the Chadian government and [Chadian] rebels if requested to do so." (*Sudan Official News Agency*)

Political parties to demonstrate on Monday

The SPLM along with other southern political parties are planning to stage a rally tomorrow to demand the full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). Speaking at a press conference in Juba yesterday, Spokesperson of the Southern Sudan National Union, Ghada James, called on party leaders to participate in the demonstration. James maintained that the National Congress Party (NCP) is "not committed to the implementation of the CPA" and accused the NCP of "hindering transformation in Sudan." (*MirayaFM*)

DUP accuses NEC of violating Electoral laws

The Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), chaired by Mohammed Osman Al-Mirghani, strongly criticized the National Electoral Commission (NEC) and accused the Commission of violating the 2009

electoral law. By way of a memo submitted to the commission, the DUP accused the NEC of "bias and lack of transparency" and demanded that the NEC rectify these shortfalls. The DUP warns that these violations may have adverse effects on the electoral process if not addressed soon. (*MirayaFM*)

AU urges AU panel to work for Sudan Unity.

The member states of the African Union Peace and Security Council called on the Wise-Man Panel chaired by Thabo Mbeki to encourage unity in Sudan. Sudan's Permanent Envoy to the United Nations, Abdulhalim Abdelm Mahmoud said that the council had commended Mbeki's efforts toward peace in Sudan and urged him to adopt an "even-handed and impartial approach" toward unity in Sudan. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

SPLM sets terms to attend parliament session

The SPLM parliamentary caucus declared that it would attend parliamentary sessions to discuss outstanding bills, only if the Referendum bill was the first to be tabled before the National Assembly. (*Al-Khartoum*)

Ministry: 55 cases of Swine flu reported in Sudan

The Sudanese Ministry of Health announced that it is expecting a rise in the number of Swine flu cases in Sudan during the coming months. The Ministry stated that through December 26, there have been 55 cases of Swine flu in Sudan resulting in only one death. (*Al-Wifaq*)

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