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Salahuddin holds meeting with Darfur mediators.

Sudanese Presidential Advisor and official in charge of the Darfur dossier Ghazi Salahuddin, held a meeting in Doha with Qatari Foreign Minister of State, Ahmed bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud and Joint African Union and United Nations Chief Mediator for Darfur Djibril Bassolé. The meeting occurred within the framework of the recent Darfur peace talks held in Doha on November 18, 2009 and was held to prepare for the next round of negotiations scheduled to be held on January 24, 2010 between Sudan's Government of National Unity [GONU] and the Darfuri Armed Movements. (*Sudan Official News Agency, Al-Raed, Ajas-Al-Hurriya*)

Sudan and Chad unite against rebel groups

Sudanese and Chadian authorities have agreed to implement a security protocol signed between Sudan and Chad, to assist in blocking the activities of Sudanese rebel movements targeting the Government of Sudan. Chadian Consul in Khartoum, Hussain Jeddah confirmed that "there are no Sudanese rebel groups currently operating in Chad." A leading member from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) El Tahir Al-Faki commented on the renewed partnership between Khartoum and N'Djamena stating that JEM "will not be affected politically or militarily by this new arrangement." Whereas Abdelwahid Mohamed Nur, faction leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Abdelwahid welcomed the move, stated that "Chad's participation in the negotiations would contribute to stabilize the Darfur region." The General Secretariat of the Arab League commended the "positive breakthrough" in the bilateral ties between Sudan and Chad. An official from the Sudanese Foreign Ministry, Moawia Osman Khalid, told reporters that Khartoum's wish to work out its relationship with Chad was "not a tactical Sudanese

attempt to push the Doha peace talks forward but in fact, a genuine attempt to rebuild the confidence between the two countries from a strategic standpoint." (*The Citizen, Al-Raed, Al-Wifaq*)

NCP: SPLM looking for ways of separation

The NCP accused its ruling partner the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) of trying to manipulate the Southern Sudan Referendum Act to "make it easy for separation." (*Al-Intibaha*)

Minawi: Darfurians still being 'marginalized'

Speaking in his capacity as Chairman of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi Faction, the Senior Sudanese Presidential Assistant, Mini Arco Minnawi accused the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) of continuing its "ongoing marginalization" of the Darfuri people. Minnawi claims that "this is obviously the Government of Sudan's failure to implement the Darfur Peace Agreement." (*MirayaFM*)

SPLM members accused of treason

Ghazi Sulaiman, one of the SPLM's leading members, accused certain SPLM party members of treason and being "agents" for the West." *Sudan Vision*, ran an article that quoted Sulaiman revealing the existence of a "western plot, led by Israel, to put Sudan in a state of unrest." He added that the recent demonstrations in Khartoum were part of this plot which he vowed to reveal to the Sudanese people. (*Al-Intibaha*)

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