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#### Kiir calls on the IGAD to save the CPA

Sudanese Vice-President and President of the Government of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit, called on the International Governmental Authority for Development (IGAD) as well as the international community to help save the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) signed between the North and the Southern Sudan from collapsing. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## GoS to send military delegation to Chad

According to the spokesperson of the Sudanese Foreign Ministry Moawia Osman Khalid, the Government of Sudan is planning to send a high level military delegation to Chad to further discussions on the reenergized security protocol signed between Sudan and Chad. (*Sudan Vision*)

#### NCP favors unity over separation

The National Congress Party (NCP) emphasized that it favors unity rather than separation of North and South Sudan. Yesterday, NCP leading member Mandoor Al-Mahdi announced that the Party would work toward making unity the majority choice among the Southerners during the 2011 Southern Sudan Referendum for self-determination. (Sudantribune.com)

### SPLM and NCP agree on Referendum -

The NCP and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) announced that they had reached an agreement regarding controversial clauses pertaining to the Southern Sudan Referendum Act. The draft bill was scheduled to be tabled before the National Assembly today, but the session was postponed due to an inadequate quorum. (Al-Khartoum, Al-Wifaq)

#### Opposition bloc to boycott parliament session

Sudanese opposition parliamentary caucuses threatened to boycott further parliament sessions, if the National Security Act is not tabled before the Parliament. The opposition caucus stated that the SPLM and the NCP parliamentary blocs were ignoring the demands of other political parties. (*Al-Khartoum, Al-Intibaha*)

## Minawi still sceptical about Doha Talks

-Mini Arco Minnawi, Chairman of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/ Minnawi faction is still skeptical about the success of the Doha talks. Minnawi maintains that "the Doha talks will bear no fruit as long as the Abuja Agreement remains stalled." (*MirayaFM*)

-Minnawi described the situation in Darfur as a "fire burning under the ashes," accusing the NCP of ignoring the needs of the people of Darfur. Minnawi pointed out that if the "NCP continues to ignore these needs, a return to war would likely be an option." (Rai-Al-Shaab, Al-Ahdath)

#### China donates 3 million for Sudan's elections

The Government of China announced that it has donated 3 million US dollars to Sudan in support of Sudan's elections. Yesterday, Chinese Ambassador to Sudan met with the Deputy Chairman of the National Elections Commission to confirm his country's support to democratic transformation, stability and development in the Sudan. (*Ajras-Al-Hurriya*)

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