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Al-Bashir in Saudi Arabia today

Sudanese President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir has begun a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia to hold talks with King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz. The meeting will focus on issues relating to agricultural cooperation, food security, encouraging Saudi investments in Sudan as well as discussing issues of mutual interest. (*Al-Akbar, Al-Khartoum, Sudantribune.com*)

Minnawi holds meeting with armed movements

Yesterday, Mini Arco Minnawi, in his capacity as Senior Presidential Assistant and the Chairman of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/ Minnawi faction held a series of meetings with several Darfurian armed movements in Cairo to discuss what will become of Darfur should the south decide to separate. During his stay in Cairo, Minnawi will also meet with senior Egyptian government officials. (*Al-Akhbar*)

SLM/AW demands self-determination for Darfur

The Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/ Abdulwahid Mohammed Nur faction demanded that the people of Darfur should have a right to self-determination. The faction's spokesperson Ahmed Bolad said that "this demand is a basic condition for the movement's participation in the Doha peace talks." Whereas, another spokesman Zanoon Sulaiman, from the SLM faction led by Mini Arco Minnawi responded by stating that "it was too early to demand self determination for Darfur." Zanoon added that even though his party was working towards unity of Sudan, the lack of trust between the negotiating parties might necessitate such a condition [the right for self-determination]. (*The Democrat*)

JEM to boycott Sudan 2010 elections

Ahmed Hussain, the Spokesperson of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) told reporters that the movement they would not participate in Sudan's 2010 elections. (*The Citizen*)

Referendum endorsed amidst Parties' objections

The final Referendum act has been passed by a majority vote, mostly by the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), even though five other parliamentary caucuses strongly objected to the endorsement and refrained from voting. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Misseriya reject amendments to referendum

Yesterday, parliamentary representatives from the Misseriya tribes strongly rejected any amendment that would affect their territorial rights to the region on the Referendum for self-determination on Abyei. A Misseriya parliamentary member from the Darfur peace caucus Mohamed Abdulla Adam warned the two peace partners against "selling out" on the rights of the Misseriya by manipulating the [Abyei] referendum." (*Al-Wifaq, Al-Ahdath*)

Central Bank of Sudan issues new measures to combat money laundering

(*MirayaFM*)

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