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## **Possible alliance between NCP and SPLM**

Leading member of the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) Nafie Ali Nafie announced that his party was open to the idea of an alliance with the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in the upcoming April elections. Nafie made his remarks at a press conference yesterday stating that such an alliance "will pave the way for further stability and guarantee the unity of Sudan." (*Sudantribune.com*)

## **UK urges Khartoum on post referendum phase**

British State Minister for African Affairs Glenys Kinnock, upon conclusion of a three day visit to Sudan, stressed the importance of adopting measures to address challenges for Sudan's post-referendum phase. Kinnock affirmed that the United Kingdom was committed to providing humanitarian aid to Sudan and to supporting the elections. The British official announced that the UK will contribute \$200 million in humanitarian assistance and for the upcoming elections. The British Minister also stated the need for continued international commitment to the peace process in Sudan and to implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). (*Sudan Official News Agency, Al-Sudani*)

## **AU: renewed violence in Sudan will affect Africa**

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Chairman of the African Union Commission Jean Ping stressed that Sudan must exert more effort to resolve its problems, particularly the crisis in Darfur. Ping contends that "renewed violence in Sudan will have an adverse effect on the entire African continent and will not only affect Sudan." (*Al-Sudani*)

## **JEM gives NCP an ultimatum**

An official spokesperson from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) declared that the ruling National Congress Party in Sudan has only two options to consider: either to establish comprehensive peace in Sudan or to be forcefully removed from power. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **SPLM dismisses 10 South Kordofan members**

Ten South Kordofan SPLM officials have been dismissed from the party for allegedly breaching the party's constitution. The decision was based on a recommendation by an SPLM disciplinary committee and was seconded by the SPLM council. (*Al-Sudani*)

## **Halai'b registered as an Egyptian constituency**

Sudanese political secretary for the Eastern Sudan Democratic Congress Party Salah Al-Din Hassan disclosed that Egyptian authorities have registered the disputed Halai'b region on the Sudanese-Egyptian border as an electoral constituency for Egypt's upcoming presidential elections. Hassan described the step as a final attempt by Egypt to make Halai'b part of its territory. He criticized the Government of Sudan and other political parties for "allowing other nations to claim Sudanese territory." According to reporters from *The Citizen*, the Egyptian Ambassador to Sudan denied that he knew anything about the registration of Halai'b as a geographic constituency for Egypt's presidential elections and refused to comment on the issue. (*The Citizen*)

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