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Al-Bashir concludes a visit to Saudi Arabia

Sudanese President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir concluded a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia and returned to Khartoum yesterday, after meeting with King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Al-Bashir asked not to sign Abyei Referendum

Misseriya parliamentary representatives called on Sudanese President Al-Bashir, asking him not to sign on the recently endorsed Abyei Referendum Act. According to the Misseriya parliament members, the referendum should be returned to parliament for further deliberation. The parliament officials warned that the Misseriya in Abyei would not allow the implementation of the law in its current form and that it would hinder the Abyei demarcation process. A leading member of the tribe Abdel Rusul Al-Nur stated that “the Messeriya would do everything they could to annul the Abyei Referendum Act, describing it as a racially biased law.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Sudantribune.com*)

Al-Turabi urges parties to defeat Al-Bashir

Opposition Popular Congress Party (PCP) Leader Hassan Al-Turabi urged political parties to nominate as many presidential candidates as possible in an attempt to defeat President Al-Bashir in the upcoming Sudan elections. Al-Turabi argues that the only way political parties can outrun Al-Bashir is by dispersing the number of votes to ensure that Al-Bashir does not acquire a majority vote during the polls. He indicates that the National Elections Commission (NEC) will be forced to call for a new voting round, which will enable opposition parties to nominate one candidate at that time to compete against Al-Bashir. (*Al-Ayam, Sudan Vision*)

GOSS to resort to military force against the LRA

The Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) declared that it would resort to military force to deter the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) from carrying out further attacks in the South of Sudan. GOSS Minister of Presidential Affairs Luka Biong, said that the GOSS's patience has run thin with the LRA, whose presence in the area has become a "constant menace" to the GOSS and civilians residing in the South. (*The Citizen, Al-Wifaq, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Check points for monitoring Chad-Sudan borders

Sudan's Ambassador to Chad Abdulla Al-Sheikh announced that a Sudanese-Chadian technical panel has been appointed to look into establishing check-points for monitoring the adjoining border between the two countries. The technical panel is scheduled to meet in N'Djamena to discuss security issues next Thursday. (*Al-Wifaq*)

British Minister to visit Khartoum next week

The British Minister for African Affairs is scheduled to arrive in Khartoum next week to meet with high-level officials from the Government of National Unity. The purpose of the visit is to discuss the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), the current situation in Darfur, as well as the bilateral ties between Sudan and Great Britain. (*Al-Tayar, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

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