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Salahuddin accuses SPLM of funding opposition, claims South Referendum Act is “recipe for war”

Speaking on a Blue Nile TV program, Sudanese Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salahuddin accused the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) of encouraging political opposition parties in the north through covert funding. “SPLM calls for making unity attractive, democratic transformation while seeking secession at the same time,” he said. Salahuddin also criticized Article 67 of the Southern Sudan Referendum Act, describing it as “a prescription for war.” According to Sahahuddin, Article 67 of the Act determines post-referendum arrangements with regard to unity or secession and is the “most sensitive” provision in the Act. Salahuddin argues that the Act does not specify a date for reaching an accord on either border demarcations or citizenship. He warned that time was running out. (*Sudan Vision, Sudantribune.com*)

NCP supports DUP initiative

Sudanese National Congress Party (NCP) stated that it supports the Democratic Unionist Party's (DUP) initiative to encourage national political consensus. NCP and DUP members met on Sunday to discuss the initiative. (*Sudan Vision*)

GoS calls for development programs for Darfur

The Government of Sudan (GoS) calls on non-governmental agencies to increase efforts for more development projects in Darfur rather than focus on humanitarian assistance. Director of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department for Peace, Mohamed Abdalla Idris, disclosed that a joint tripartite mechanism comprising GoS officials plus members of the African Union and the United Nations will look into means for reconstruction, development and providing basic services in Darfur. (*Al-Akhbar*)

Ballot casting deadlines receives 3-day extension

The Sudanese National Elections Commission (NEC) announced that ballot casting for the Sudan 2010 general elections will take place over a period of three consecutive days instead of one. NEC Deputy Chairman Abdullah Ahmed Abdulla said that the process will be monitored by both international and local observers to ensure credible elections take place. (*Al-Ayam*)

Juba Alliance objects to NEC candidacy terms

Sudanese opposition parties coalition, known as the Juba Alliance, strongly objected to terms and conditions set by the NEC for candidates running for the 2010 Sudan elections. According to the coalition, NEC demands “a clean criminal record” for candidates running for the elections, which means that opposition parties who have faced any form of detention may not run for the elections. Members of the coalition said that this condition would “sabotage” the chances for candidacy of most of the opposition members. (*Ajras-Al-Hurriya*)

Food Gap in West Darfur

The West Darfur State Ministry of Agriculture announced a significant food gap in West Darfur due to a 45 % decrease in crop production, caused by limited rainfall this year. State Minister of Agriculture Bashir Hamed told reporters that the state government was seeking to fill the gap by utilizing strategic reserves, aid-agencies as well solutions offered by Sudan's partners involved in food and security. (*Al-Tayar*)

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