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## **20 political parties support Al-Bashir candidacy Al-Bashir steps down as SAF Commander**

Sudanese President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir stepped down from his position as High Commander of the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF), a pre-requisite to run for the upcoming Presidential elections in Sudan. Al-Bashir, the designated nominee of the ruling National Congress Party (NCP), received the backing of more than 20 pro-government political parties who signed a charter yesterday to bid for Al-Bashir's election re-run. Chairman of the United Salvation Front Joseph Malwal stated that the parties have considered Al-Bashir's nomination because of his previous achievements for peace in Sudan and for initiatives to solve the country's problems. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Akhir Lahza*)

## **Ghazi Saluhuddin to hold talks in Libya**

Presidential Advisor and official in charge of the Darfur dossier, Ghazi Salahuddin, is scheduled to travel to Tripoli to brief senior Libyan government officials on Sudan's position regarding the upcoming Doha talks. (*MirayaFM*)

## **Warnings of organized violence during elections**

Presidential Advisor for National Security and former Chief of Intelligence Salah Gosh cautioned that there might be possible breakouts of "organized violence" in areas where people had been "incited" to turn against the government. He pointed out that internally displaced persons camps in Darfur, Abyei and areas of southern Sudan are possible locations for violence. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Gosh was quoted in *Al-Intibaha* as alleging that "there is an internationally backed plot to cause elections in Sudan to fail."

## **SPLA launches attack on Misseriya in Kordofan**

Two members of the Misseriya tribe were killed and several others were wounded in an attack launched by elements from the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in Qashqash, South Kordofan State. According to the article, members of the SPLA attacked shepherds tending to their herds of sheep. (*Al-Intibaha*)

## **Opposition demands Security Act suspension**

-Sudanese Communist Party called for suspension of the National Security Act, calling it "a freedom-restricting law that will not allow for credible elections." (*Al-Maidan*)

-NCP Political Secretary Ibrahim Ghandour downplayed the opposition party's call for suspension of the National Security Act, stating that it is similar to European and U.S. laws in content. Ghandour denied that the act restricts freedom and noted that the state is already encouraging democracy through freedom of expression in both the media at political forums. Ghandour affirmed that the upcoming elections in Sudan would be "fair" and monitored by international observers, all of which will ensure that free and credible elections. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Sudan reserves the right to screen U.S. citizens**

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed Washington that Sudan reserves the right to reciprocate on new Transportation Security Authority (TSA) security directives by applying enhanced screening procedures on U.S. passengers flying to Sudan. (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Ahdath*)

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