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## **Kiir to retain military position in south elections**

Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Minister of Presidential Affairs Luka Biong confirmed that Salva Kiir Mayardit will retain his military title of Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) Commander-in-Chief while running for the position of president of GOSS in the upcoming 2010 elections. Biong noted that this is within the terms of the GOSS interim Constitution. Since SPLA regulations contain a clause stating that no member of the SPLA can participate in political activities, Biong indicated that Government officials are currently looking into the regulations and will come to a final decision regarding the contradiction in regulations. (Al-Akhbar, Al-Gowat-Al-Muslha, MirayaFM)

## **SLM-AW delegation meets with officials in Juba**

A delegation from the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM/AW)/Abdelwahid Nur faction arrived in Juba yesterday to hold discussions with key GOSS officials. SLM delegation head Salah Rizig told reporters upon arrival that the aim of the visit was to foster better relations between his movement and the SPLM and to discuss issues related to the upcoming elections, the referendum and Darfur. (MirayaFM, Khartoum Monitor, Al-Gowat-Al-Muslha)

## **JEM meets with AU Mediator in Chad**

A delegation led by Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) leader Khalil Ibrahim met in N'Djamena with Joint Mediator of the African Union and United Nations Mission in Darfur Djibril Bassolé to exchange perspectives on and evaluate their participation in the Doha peace talks. An official spokesperson from JEM told MirayaFM reporters during an interview that JEM is still waiting for a response from the Doha mediators to decide whether

the movement will participate in the Doha talks or not. (Al-Akhbar)

## **Acute humanitarian crisis in the South**

The Government of Sudan announced that 40% of citizens in Southern Sudan are suffering an acute humanitarian crisis due to food and water shortages as well as health and educational concerns. State Minister of the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Abdulbagi Al-Jailani, stated that the main reasons behind the crisis in the South are tribal clashes, regional activities of the Lord Resistance Army (LRA) and "the reluctance of foreign aid organizations to work in the south [who prefer offering their services to Darfur]." Al-Jailani acknowledged that the government had long forewarned of an impending crisis and disclosed that the international donors, who had previously pledged \$22 million in humanitarian aid, have not yet come through with any payments thus far. Al-Jailani indicated that the most affected areas are Rumbek, Warrap, North Bahr El-Ghazal and Jonglei. (Sudan Vision)

## **CPA partners fail to reach agreement on number of National Assembly seats for Southerners (Al-Akhbar)**

## **Sudan's parliament members announce campaign to fight corruption (Al-Khartoum)**

## **Umma Party and Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) form alliance for elections (The Citizen)**

## **JEM says "it can take Khartoum by surprise" (The Citizen)**

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