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Government of Sudan (GoS) delegation discussed with Joint African Union/United Nations Chief Mediator Djibril Bassolé preparations for the Doha Peace talks yesterday. (Al-Raed)

--Doha Peace mediators met on Saturday with a Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) delegation to discuss broader participation of the Darfuri movements in the peace negotiations, scheduled for today. (MirayaFM)

UN concerned Sudan might return to state of war

United Nations Secretary General Ban-Ki Moon stated in an annual quarterly report for the United Nations Security Council that, although the two Naivasha partners [the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM)] have achieved progress with regard to the challenges facing their partnership, there is still a possibility that Sudan could return to a state of war. The UN official was quoted to have expressed concern with the ongoing tribal conflicts in Southern Sudan. (Al-Akhbar, Al-Raed, Al-Intibaha)

Sudantribune.com reports that UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon urges the partners of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) to address post-referendum arrangements to avoid returning to war. The UN Secretary General maintains that despite repeated pledges made by the two partners not to return to war, there are many areas of CPA implementation that could ignite conflict. "Now that the Referendum Act is in place, I urge the parties to waste no time in negotiating the post-referendum agreements," says Moon. Moon notes the slow progress being made in implementation of the Abyei Arbitration ruling and the demarcation process of the north-south border. The UN official wrote in his report that implementation of the decision by the

Permanent Court of Arbitration on the Abyei border dispute is hindered by the protests of some the Misseriya. Moon: "Misinterpretations and false rumors regarding the decision have increased tensions throughout the area."

SPLM to boycott South Kordofan state elections

The SPLM announced that it would boycott the elections in South Kordofan if the government of Sudan does not revise the state's census results and the registered geographical constituencies. According to SPLM official and Deputy Governor of South Kordofan State, Abdelaziz Adam Al-Hilu, the census results are incomplete and the geographical constituencies were unfairly configured. Al-Hilu indicates that the National Elections Commission (NEC) had left out large areas occupied by SPLM supporters. Current constituencies in South Kordofan, per Al-Hilu, will render the polls favorable for the NCP. (Al-Intibaha, *Sudantribune.com*)

NCP to counteract opposition plan to outrun Al-Bashir

NCP says it will undertake all possible measures to counteract a plan by the opposition parties to outrun NCP's presidential candidate Omar Al-Bashir in the upcoming elections. Last week, an opposition party leader urged the opposition to name as many candidates as possible to splinter the vote, forcing the NEC to call for a second round of voting where the opposition would vote for a single candidate to run against Al-Bashir. (Al-Wefaq)

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