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Al-Bashir and Kiir re-elected as Presidents

Yesterday the National Elections Commission (NEC) announced the results of Sudan's presidential elections. Incumbent presidents Omer Hassan Al-Bashir (Head of the Government of National Unity [GONU]) and Salva Kiir Mayardit (Head of the Government of Southern Sudan [GOSS]) have both been announced as the winners in the recently held polls for the positions of presidents for the GONU and the GOSS, respectively. Al-Bashir was announced to have won the polls by a majority of 68.24 % votes, while Kiir won the South Sudan presidential elections by a majority of 92.99%. (*Khartoum Monitor, Al-Qwat Al-Mslha, et al*)

NCP: "We will lead a bloodbath if our legitimacy is challenged"

National Congress Party (NCP) member and recently elected Governor of Khartoum State, Abdelrahman Al-Khidir, stated the NCP is ready to "lead a bloodbath" if the Party's legitimate right to power, acquired in the recently held elections, "is challenged in any way." Al-Khidir affirmed that his Party had won in "this democratic race by preparing for this stage well in advance." (*Al-Sudani*)

Arman says election results were "fabricated"

Yesterday, Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) presidential candidate Yasir Saed Arman told reporters in a press conference that "the poll results announcing Al-Bashir as a winner were fabricated and were announced prematurely." Arman alleges that the National Elections Commission had not allowed sufficient time for accurate computer-generated results. (*Al-Ahdath*)

EU says "Al-Bashir will not escape punishment"

Ministers of the European Union (EU) concluded a meeting in Luxemburg yesterday where they re-

affirmed their support to the International Criminal Court (ICC) arrest warrant against Sudanese President Al-Bashir for committing war crimes in Darfur. The statement was made in the wake of Al-Bashir's recent re-election for presidency in Sudan. The EU said that it was unacceptable for a person wanted by an international court to remain free, and urged the Sudanese government to cooperate with the ICC. (*Al-Maidan, Al-Ahdath*)

Mixed reactions to election results in the South

According to a recent survey conducted by *Sudantribune.com*, following the announcement of the presidential, gubernatorial and parliamentary elections in South Sudan, residents in Juba have expressed mixed reactions to the outcome. Reactions to Salva Kiir Mayardit's winning percentage were generally accepting despite different political allegiances of the citizens. About 95% of the people said they voted for SPLM candidate Salva Kiir. One citizen indicated that "voting for the SPLM presidential candidate meant voting for the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and ... self-determination."

Abducted UNAMID employees released

The United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) announced that the four UNAMID peace-keeping policemen that were held in custody for 16 days have been released by their captors. UNAMID's Special Representative Ibrahim Gambari said that "the release of those employees could not have been done without the good cooperation and support offered by the Government of Sudan and the local authorities in South Darfur." (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Ahdath*)

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