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Deby to attend swearing-in of Sudanese president

The Government of Sudan (GoS) extended an official invitation to Chadian president Idris Deby to attend the inauguration ceremony of Sudanese President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir, who won the recent Sudan elections according to results announced last month. (*Al-Tayar, Al-Wefaq*)

Presidential meetings to resolve outstanding issues between CPA partners

President-elect of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Salva Kiir Mayardit stated that presidential meetings between the two Comprehensive Peace Agreement Partners (the National Congress Party [NCP] and the Sudan People's Liberation Party [SPLM]) are scheduled for the forthcoming days in order to resolve outstanding issues related to the full implementation of the CPA. (*Al-Khartoum*)

SPLM seeks alliance with political parties to support South Sudan referendum

SPLM urged political parties in Sudan to form a "broad alliance" with the SPLM in order to support the South's Referendum for self-determination and the establishment of the New Sudan. SPLM accused its peace partner, the NCP, of deliberately delaying the formation of the Referendum commission and warned that the elected parliament in Southern Sudan may hold the Referendum without the NCP's participation. (*Sudantribune.com*)

Sudan discontent with Kampala conference

The Sudanese government today expressed its discontent over a recent conference to review Sudan issues in Kampala, Uganda. The conference constitutes a special meeting of African states signatory to the Rome Statute to discuss possible

amendments to it. According to press reports, GoS refrained from attending the conference. "Sudan is not concerned with any conferences or forums held in any country in Africa or the Third World on the ICC, as Sudan is not a signatory to the Rome Statute," said NCP member Ibrahim Ghandour. He added that some African countries are working on the internationalization of internal issues and on having these issues monitored by European courts." The NCP official noted that the Kampala conference should review "unfair practices of the ICC in Africa" instead. (*Sudantribune.com, Al-Ahdath*)

Egypt to mediate between JEM and GoS

According to *Radio Miraya*, Egypt is leading mediation efforts to bring the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) back to the negotiation table with GoS. JEM Foreign Relations Secretary Jibril Ibrahim stated that Egypt has influence over the government in Sudan. He added that his movement is hoping that Egypt can play an influential role in promoting peace in Sudan. Jibril denied that JEM is seeking an alternative venue for the Darfur peace talks. Ibrahim disclosed that JEM Chairperson Khalil Ibrahim will meet with Egyptian Intelligence Chief, Omar Suleiman, in Cairo on Saturday to discuss various Sudan issues. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abu Al-Ghaith and Intelligence Chief Omar Sulaiman are currently visiting Khartoum to conduct talks with officials there and in Juba. (*Radio Miraya, Al-Ahdath*)

Violent clashes kill 35 in Unity State

According to *Al-Intibaha*, recent violent clashes between elements of the Sudan People Liberation Army (SPLA) and local herdsmen in Unity State left 35 dead. SPLA forces allegedly attempted to steal livestock from locals living in the area.

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