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Sudanese President-elect to be sworn on May 27 (*Al-Ahdath*)

Taha, UK Ambassador discuss CPA and Darfur

Sudanese Vice-President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha received outgoing British Ambassador to Sudan Rosalind Marsden yesterday at the Republican Palace in Khartoum. The two parties discussed issues related to the progress of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), Darfur as well as the means to promote the bilateral relationship between the two countries. (*Sudan News Agency*)

Three NGO workers abducted in Darfur

Three persons working for a U.S. humanitarian aid agency were kidnapped in Nyala, South Darfur, yesterday. Sudanese Humanitarian Affairs Minister Abdulbagi Jailani told reporters that two Sudanese and one American female were among the abductees. According to press reports “a demand for ransom” seems to be the reason behind the kidnapping. (*Al-Hagiga, Al-Ayam*)

NCP ridicules SPLM’s invitation to JEM leader to visit Juba

Sudanese National Congress Party (NCP) Deputy Chairman Mohamed Mandour Al-Mahdi ridiculed an invitation extended by Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) to Leader of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), Khalil Ibrahim, to visit South Sudan. (*Sudan News Agency*)

SAF forces prepared to counteract JEM attacks

Yesterday, Governor of Northern Darfur State, Othman Muhamed Yussif Kibir indicated that suspicious JEM movements had been reported in the region. He told reporters that, according to intelligence sources, JEM was assembling its forces

in Wadi Hor in preparation for an offensive. The government official noted that Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) were on high alert, he was confident in the SAF’s ability to counteract any attack by the rebel movement. Kibir noted that the last of JEM’s strongholds in the region appears to be in the small area of Wahd Hor, North Darfur. (*Al-Ahram, Radio Miraya*)

JEM releases 44 captives held in its custody

Yesterday, through the assistance of the Red Cross Organization, JEM released 44 SAF prisoners captured by JEM in Darfur. The prisoners were handed over by the Red Cross to Sudanese Government officials in Al-Fasher. (*Al-Ahram, Al-Ahdath*)

GOSS issues warning to UN-Radio Miraya FM

Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Paul Mayom Akech issued a warning to UN-sponsored Radio Miraya FM. The Minister accused the media house of inciting ethnic violence in Southern Sudan through its broadcasting pattern. He called for the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS), the body that owns and sponsors Miraya FM, to publicly apologize to the people of Southern Sudan for airing divisive news to the population. The warning came during a meeting between the GOSS Minister and United Nations Regional Coordinator for Southern Sudan, David Gressly. The Minister gave the radio administration one week “to put the editorial body in order or the radio would be closed down.” (*Sudantribune.com*)

NEC files case against staff involved in Eastern constituency rigging (*Al-Ayam*)

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