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President issues a decree specifying duties of the Council of Ministers, the Presidency and Ministries (*Al-Khartoum, The Democrat*)

Pagan Amum to brief UNSC on CPA

An informed source disclosed that Secretary General of the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM), Pagan Amum will testify before the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on the progress of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) as well as Referendum and the possibility of recognizing Southern Sudan as an independent state. The briefings are scheduled to take place today and on Thursday and will be attended by Joint Special Representative for the UN/AU Mission in Darfur Ibrahim Gambari, the UN/AU Joint Chief Mediator for Darfur, Djibril Bassole, and former South African President, head of the AU High Implementation Panel on Sudan, Thabo Mbeki. (*Al-Hagiga*)

- An article on *Sudan Vision* stated that SPLM's lobbying before the UNSC is considered a violation to the CPA and that The National Congress Party (NCP) strongly criticized Washington's role in facilitating SPLM's meeting with the UNSC. Unnamed sources have indicated that SPLM's visit to the UNSC was arranged by the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. NCP stated that "Washington is encouraging secession and that the Council's permission for SPLM to lobby the UN member states is a threat to Sudan's unity and a blatant violation of international laws and charters.

Government Denies existence of imposing a no-fly zone in Darfur

Sudanese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Moawia Osman Khalid denied the existence of a no-fly zone in Darfur but admitted that the government had taken some "protective measures" in order to protect aid workers. The Ministry official noted that Sudan is

keen on carrying out its duties toward its citizens and in ensuring that food and humanitarian assistance reaches all the regions of Darfur. Humanitarian Aid agencies said that this week Sudanese security forces had blocked flights and road trips to Darfur, resulting in halting food deliveries to many areas. European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, Kristalina Georgieva, told Reuters that Sudanese authorities had turned down 26 out of 30 requests for trips to south Darfur to transport humanitarian aid in South Darfur state. Says Georgieva, "We call on the government to allow the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations ...to get into more remote areas." (*Al-Khartoum, Sudantribune.com, Al-Akhbar*)

Central African Republic sends military delegation to Sudan

A military delegation, led by Central African Republic Minister of Defense, arrived in Khartoum on Sunday to hold talks with officials from the Sudanese Ministry of Defense. The visit comes as part of a joint effort to boost bilateral ties between Sudan and the Central African Republic in security and military fields, as well as securing joint borders. (*Sudan Official News Agency*)

Five doctors abducted in Darfur

The United Nations and African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) issued a press release today announcing the abduction of five doctors assigned by North Darfur's Ministry of Health to investigate a possible outbreak of Meningitis in Tabara, Darfur. (*MirayaFM*)

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