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## **New Sudan government announced by way of two presidential decrees**

-Two presidential decrees have been issued yesterday announcing the appointment of Sudan's new government cabinet. (*Sudan Official News Agency*)

-*Sudantribune.com* ran an article that stated that "the long awaited new cabinet in Khartoum came as no surprise to most observers who expected the dominant National Congress Party (NCP) to keep many key figures in the post-election government. Al-Bashir issued a decree naming the ministers and state ministers in the 35-member government. The Foreign Ministry was handed over to its former state minister Ali Karti, a hard-line Islamist. Karti replaced Deng Alor from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) who was "largely marginalized in the last year of his term." Sources reported that former foreign ministers Mustafa Ismail and Lam Akol were also considered candidates for this post. NCP & Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) had previously agreed on exchanging the foreign ministry with SPLM in return for a seat in the Ministry of Energy. Overall, twenty-four ministers were chosen from the NCP while eight of the ministries went to SPLM members. Representatives from three minor parties were appointed for each ministry.

## **NCP expresses trust in Chad's pledge not to allow JEM leader Khalil Ibrahim on its territory**

NCP Information and Press Secretary-General Fath Al-Rahman Shaila Ameen told reporters in a press statement yesterday that the ruling party [NCP] was quite satisfied that Chad would remain committed to its promise of not allowing Justice and Equality Movement leader to manage the movement's military activities from Chadian territory. (*Alwan. Al-Ahdath*)

## **Kober Prison bans visits following convicts escape**

Yesterday, following the escape of four convicts sentenced to death for the murder of American Diplomat John Granville and his driver in 2008, Kober [Sudan's national detention center] banned all visits without announcing a new date for relatives to visit prison inmates. (*Alwan*)

## **SLM-Minnawi and NCP talks at a stand-still**

-According to press reports NCP has failed to convince Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Mini Arco Minnawi faction of participating in this new government. (*Al-Hagiga, Al-Akhbar*)

- An article on *The Citizen* quotes SLM/Minnawi faction leader as referring to the Darfur Peace Agreement as being "a defective agreement" as well as accusing NCP of dallying over the implementation of the agreement. Minnawi stated that "some of NCP's practices may push his faction into spurring a war again."

## **Chad and Egypt to hold summit in Cairo**

A Chadian-Egyptian Summit is scheduled to be held in Cairo at the end of this month in order to discuss the situation in Sudan as well as the latest developments on the political arena in the region. (*Al-Akhbar, Al-Khartoum*)

## **Physicians strike to end soon after reaching compromise with Doctors' bar association (*Al-Ahdath, Al-Akhbar*)**

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