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Security chief deplures foreign presence

Speaking at a workshop organized by the Parliamentary Committee on Defense and Security, National Security and Intelligence Chief, Salah Gosh, accused European and U.S. NGOs operating in Sudan of “transgressing the lines and recruiting informants to provide their embassies with intelligence harmful to internal security.” He deplored the lack of legislation governing the presence of foreigners in the country. Gosh also said that the presence of illegal immigrants in the country is a security threat because of their “terrorist activities targeting foreigners in the country.” He pointed out that these foreign agencies have a number of HF radios used for “direct communication from Khartoum to Washington,” in addition to other advanced communications equipment. (*Akhir Lahza et al*)

Nafie holds talks with Fernandez

Nafie Ali Nafie, Assistant to the President of the Republic, held talks at his office yesterday with U.S. Charge’ d’Affaires Alberto Fernandez. Fernandez later told reporters that issues discussed included Darfur, Abyei, and means to improve bilateral relations. The Charge said that the U.S. and Sudan continue to have a dialogue despite some problems and obstacles. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Developments on Abyei

The Presidency was scheduled to meet today to discuss the recent developments in Abyei, the elections bill, and the population and housing census, said Foreign Minister Deng Alor. For his part, Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman pointed out that the National Congress Party (NCP) will not remain indifferent to the appointment by the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement of Edward Lino as

its Administrator in Abyei. He said he hoped the issue could be resolved through dialogue with the SPLM. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

-- Muhktar Babo Nimir, a prominent chief of the Misseriya, said that the Misseriya are waiting for the Presidency to take a decisive action on Abyei and will not comment on recent statements by Edward Lino, the head of the SPLM in Abyei. Mohamed Ali, another prominent Misseriya figure, has warned the Misseriya may form a parallel administration in Abyei in response to the SPLM move. Atim Garang, the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, maintained that Edward Lino’s appointment is not a violation of the CPA. (*Akhir Lahza*)

AU calls on parties to overcome differences

The AU has called on the NCP and the SPLM to exert more efforts to overcome their differences over Abyei, border demarcation, the forthcoming elections and the housing and population census. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Meroe residents set conditions ahead of census

A committee representing citizens affected by the construction of the Meroe Dam Project in northern Sudan has called on the government to meet their demands for appropriate compensation before the national population and housing census. (*Al-Sudani*)

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