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New opposition alliance launched

Eighteen opposition parties say they will soon launch an alliance that will be known as the “United Solidarity of Democratic Forces” – the acronym will be “Takadum.” The alliance would bring together the Democratic National Party, the Sudan Congress Party, the Arab Baath Party, the Unionist Nasserite Party, the Sudan Patriotic Front, and a breakaway faction of the Democratic Unionist Party. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Bashir: 350,000 IDPs returned home to Darfur

Speaking at the opening of the Arab League Summit in Damascus yesterday, President Bashir said that “more than 35,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) have returned to their homes in Darfur.” He praised Arab states for their “generous support” for the returns. President Bashir also said that Sudan is preparing to receive approximately 2,000 Palestinian refugees who are currently “stranded” on the Iraq-Syria border. He said the decision to allow these refugees to reside in Sudan emanates from Sudan’s belief in the Palestinian cause and is part of Sudan’s contribution to “put an end to the plight of the Palestinian people.” (*Al-Ayaam*)

JEM calls for Darfur dialogue

The Idriss Azraq faction of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) has called for the convening of a Darfur conference on reconciliation to “enable stakeholders to reach a unified political platform” to help resolve the problems of Darfur. (*Al-Ayaam*)

SLM/A wants to cooperate with peacekeepers

The head of the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA Minnawi faction), Najid Wadi, said that the

movement seeks to “open a new chapter in cooperation” with UNAMID peacekeepers. SLA field commanders told UNAMID that they want to “improve the security situation in Darfur” and offer a “safer environment for humanitarian actors to do their work.” (*The Citizen*)

Tribal clashes flare up in South Darfur

Two days of clashes between the Turgem and the Rizeigat have left eight people killed and 22 injured southwest of Nyala in South Darfur. The clashes started when the Rizeigat attacked a group of Turgem IDPs who were returning home after taking refuge from earlier attacks by the Rizeigat. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Motives for “fuss” over BBC transmitter?

A source at the BBC expressed surprise at the “media fuss” over the issue of the imported TV transmitter. He said that Al-Jazeera had the same transmitter and that the way the matter was “blown up by the media” shows there is “a missing link” somewhere. Some sources said the European Directorate at the Sudanese Foreign Ministry held a meeting on the issue, but the ministry’s spokesman Ali al-Sadiq said the matter had not been brought to him officially. Ambassador Umar Yusuf told Al-Sudani that “what happened will not have any reflections on relations between the two countries” and that “this was simply a violation of customs regulations and will result in paying money supposed to be due to the state.” He denied any political implications. (*Al-Sudani*)

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