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“SPLM violated the CPA,” says NCP

The National Congress Party (NCP) has denounced the formation of a Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) administration in the disputed Abyei area. In a March 30 statement, the NCP said this constituted a grave breach of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. The NCP maintains that the SPLM administration has caused a buildup of SPLA troops in the area and may worsen the security situation. The NCP has demanded that the administration be terminated, that the Joint Defense Board monitor SPLA redeployment to its former positions, and that the SPLM stop “any unilateral steps that threaten stability in the area and pollute the climate of peace and national dialogue.” The head of the SPLM in Abyei, Edward Lino, said he is there at the request of First Vice President Salva Kiir and he will not leave. He accused the NCP of instigating the violence in Abyei and denying the people their rights to their share of the revenue. “Abyei’s share in the oil revenue is being used to construct the Merowe Dam,” he said. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Libya invites Vice President Kiir to visit

Libya has invited First Vice President Salva Kiir to visit Tripoli. Foreign Minister Deng Alor, who received the invitation through his Libyan counterpart, said talks between Kiir and Libyan officials will focus on issues pertaining to development, investments, and bilateral relations. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Nafie: NCP will not rig elections

Presidential Advisor Nafie Ali Nafie maintains that the Halayeb area is “one hundred percent Sudanese.” Nafie, who was speaking at a political forum at Red Sea University in Port Sudan, pointed

out, however, that Sudan would not get into a conflict with Egypt over the contested area. Of the forthcoming elections, he said that there is nothing to stop the elections from taking place in Darfur. He assured that the NCP has no intention of rigging the elections. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Nearly \$400 million in oil revenue for February

The Ministry of Finance and National Economy announced yesterday that the total revenue reaped by the oil industry for the month of February has topped \$397.78 million. The Government of National Unity will receive \$239.3 million while the Government of Southern Sudan will receive \$158.48 of their respective shares from the oil industry. In January, oil revenues were \$582 million. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

SLM faction accuses Minawi of hegemony

The chairman of the Sudan Liberation Movement (Free Will faction), AbdelRahman Musa, said that 17 members of his faction were killed in an attack staged east of Nyala, South Darfur, by Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) troops loyal to Senior Presidential Assistant Minni Minnawi. He also lashed out at the Transition Darfur Regional Authority led by Minnawi for having “transformed the region into a territory of one tribe administered by unqualified persons.” (*Al-Ahdath*)

Training sessions for census enumerators

Training has started for census enumerators in 820 sites in the north and 300 sites in southern Sudan. The enumerators will be trained to file out census questionnaires. (*Al-Ayaam*)

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