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Osman: U.S. links enhanced relations to Israel

Presidential Advisor Dr. Mustafa Osman accused the western media of “exaggerating facts” about Darfur and raised skepticism over the International Criminal Court and its double standards. Dr. Osman admitted the presence of victims in Darfur, but “not in the same numbers circulated by the western media.” Dr. Osman affirmed Sudan’s “rejection of the American conditions” to enhance U.S.-Sudanese relations because “the U.S. links them to the recognition and establishment of diplomatic relations with the state of Israel.” (*Al Intibaha, Al Sahafa*)

S.Darfur demands compensation from UNAMID

Authorities in South Darfur are demanding that UNAMID carry out an investigation into the recent collision of a UNAMID armored carrier with a bus near Nyala. The authorities have also demanded that UNAMID pay a “blood price” to the families of the people who lost their lives in the collision. The authorities warn that they will not allow UNAMID forces to “transgress their mandate.” (*Al-Khartoum*)

Customs confiscate satellite news equipment

Customs authorities have confiscated “advanced Satellite News Gathering (SNG) equipment smuggled into the country through a western embassy.” Sources say the equipment was flown in to Sudan via the British Embassy’s diplomatic pouch and was then handed over to the Khartoum offices of BBC Arabic. The authorities commented that this incident may cause a “diplomatic row” between London and Khartoum. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Lino arrives in Abyei

The head of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) in Abyei, Edward Lino, arrived in Abyei to a warm welcome by the Ngok Dinka tribe yesterday. He told a mass rally that the SPLM will “operate in transparency” as it “provides services to the people.” (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Lakes State may boycott census

The Governor of Lakes State, Daniel Akot, has threatened that his state may boycott the fifth National Population and Housing Census to protest the omission of ethnicity references in the questionnaire. (*Sudan Tribune*)

Mine center to destroy landmines

The National Mine Action Centre said it will destroy 4,997 anti-personnel landmines in Juba this coming Monday as part of Sudan’s commitment to the Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty. (*Al-Ahdath*)

DUP advance party in Khartoum tomorrow

An advance party of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) arrives in Khartoum tomorrow to prepare for the return of self-exiled DUP leader Mohamed Osman El-Mirghani. The team is led by his son, Jaffar, but a date is yet to be fixed for the older El-Mirghani’s homecoming. (*Al-Ahdath*)

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