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Parliament debates current term end-date

Yesterday National Congress Party (NCP) parliamentary and Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) blocs had a heated debate on the end-date for the National Assembly's current term. NCP parliamentary bloc Chairman Gazi Salah El-Din said "ending the Parliament's term does not mean dissolving it." Salah El-Din added that the Constitution provided for Parliament to resume once the pending bills were tabled and passed. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Sudan Vision*)

Russian Special Envoy to Sudan appointed

The Government of Sudan (GoS) welcomes the appointment of Russian Special Envoy to Sudan Mikhail Margelov. The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) said that the appointment supports the special relationship between Sudan and Russia, and is part of Russia's role in solving disputes to boost international peace and security. MFA expressed its confidence in the Russian Special Envoy, describing him as "an impetus for the ongoing efforts toward comprehensive peace in Darfur." (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

Nhial Deng appointed Minister of SPLA Affairs

Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) and First Vice-President of the Government of National Unity, issued a decree appointing Nhial Deng Nhial Minister of the Southern People's Liberation Army Affairs. Nhial previously had rejected a position in the Government of National Unity and had resigned as Minister of Regional Cooperation for GoSS, in 2005. Daniel Deng, Chairman of the Security and Public Order Committee of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, appreciated the appointment,

saying it "comes at the right time." Deng indicated that the Sudanese People's Liberation Army needed "wise leadership." (*Radio MirayFM*)

Sudanese accused of spying for ICC

Mohammed El-Sari was accused of allegedly passing information about International Criminal Court (ICC) war-crime suspects to an unnamed Jordanian and three Sudanese-Americans. Sari was accused of bribing police in return for documents linking the current Sudanese Minister of Humanitarian Affairs Ahmed Haroun to alleged war crimes committed in Darfur. Haroun is an alleged war crime suspect on Chief ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo's list for atrocities in Darfur. Charges against El-Sari include passing sensitive information and confidential documents to a foreign body to the detriment of the state. (*Sudaneseonline.com, Al-Watan*)

SAF denies involvement in Congo conflict

Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) spokesperson Al Sawarmi Khalid Saad denied allegations by the United Nations Security Council Panel of Experts that Chinese arms had been flown into Democratic Republic of Congo from Sudan. Saad confirmed that Sudan maintains no military cooperation with the Democratic Republic of Congo. (*Radio MirayaFM*)

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