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## Parliament calls for monitoring of public funds

Members of Parliament met yesterday with the governor of the Central Bank of Sudan, Sabir Mohammed Al-Hassan, to discuss the 2009 state budget and related laws. The chairman of the Economic Affairs committee, Babiker Mohammed El-Tom, said that “the members of parliament in their deliberations have recommended strict monitoring of public funds to prevent them from being wasted in useless projects.” (*Khartoum Monitor, Al-Ahdath*)

## Southerners “prefer secular government”

Pagun Amum, Secretary General for the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM), said that “90% of the people of Southern Sudan will choose secession if the Government of Sudan is not secular.” Amum added that opinion polls in the South currently indicate that the “vast majority of Southerners would vote for separation” if the referendum were to be held now. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, The Citizen*)

## ICC to request “secret warrants” against rebels

The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, will submit a sealed filing to judges tomorrow requesting that an arrest warrant be issued against an “unspecified number” of Darfur rebel commanders. (*SudanTribune.com*)

## EU delegation visits southern Sudan for dialogue

- A delegation from the European Union (EU) is currently in southern Sudan to hold consultative meetings with Government of Southern Sudan officials in order to discuss outstanding issues regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other subjects of concern. (*Radio MirayaFM*)

- The EU has offered to fund Sudan’s Electoral Commission. “We believe that the elections are a monumental step not only for the implementation of the CPA but also for the reconciliation among people of Sudan,” said Roberto Cantone, Italian Ambassador to Sudan, during the dialogue in Juba. Furthermore, EU consultations in southern Sudan “seek to put an end to the death sentence in Sudan” and aim at discussing other human rights issues. (*The Citizen*)

## Sudan participates in 44th Session of ACHPR

Sudan is participating in the 44th session of the African Committee for Human and People’s Rights (ACHPR) November 10 through 24 in Abuja, Nigeria. The Sudanese delegation is headed by the State Minister of Justice. Sudan’s address at the session tackled the International Criminal Court issue and the Sudan People’s Initiative for Peace in Darfur, as well as the recent declaration of cease-fire by the Government of Sudan. (*SUNA*)

## WFP wary of its 2009 budget

The World Food Program in Sudan complained that its 2009 budget might not be sufficient to meet its needs in the face of the current inflation of food prices. (*Al-Ahdath*)

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