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## **Vice President Salva Kiir arrives in Libya**

Sudanese First Vice President and President of the Government of Southern Sudan, Salva Kir Mayardit, arrived in Libya on Monday to meet with the Libyan leader in order to “discuss the normalization of Sudanese-Chadian relations and the latest developments in Darfur.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al - Watan, Al-Ayam*)

## **Parliament endorses Fifth Population Census**

Yesterday, Sudan’s National Assembly tabled and endorsed the Fifth Population Census that was submitted by the Population Census Council, chaired by Bakri Hassan Salih, in spite of objections voiced by various blocs of the parliament. Salih, who was addressing the Parliament, declared that the recent population census was “held under exceptional conditions and with full transparency,” pointing out that the census provided accurate data “without doubt” and was carried out by local and international experts. Salih continued to affirm that the population census was “a purely technical process that has nothing to do with politics.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Khartoum*)

## **SPLM calls for security to guarantee fair elections**

The Chairperson of the Sudanese People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) National Election Committee, James Wani Igga, called for stepping up security in all parts of Sudan in order to guarantee fair elections. Igga requested the Government of National Unity to “follow in the footsteps of the Government of Southern Sudan” in disarming citizens. (*Al-Ayam*)

## **JEM issues counter-statement to SAF**

Following a statement made by the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) accusing JEM of preparing for an offensive against Khartoum, the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) has issued a counter-statement claiming that the Sudanese army is the one that is “assembling its army units in preparation for launching an attack against JEM.” SAF and JEM are currently exchanging accusations “after a failed round of talks held in Doha.” (*SudanTribune.com*)

## **“We would be fools to release JEM detainees”**

Presidential Advisor Mustafa Ismail said that the Government of Sudan “would be fools to release the JEM detainees” in its custody before reaching a peace agreement with JEM. Ismail accused JEM of “coming to Doha without any intention of discussing peace but rather to negotiate the release of their prisoners detained in Khartoum.” (*Al-Wifaq*)

## **Villages established in North Darfur for IDPs**

The Government of Sudan has established 5 villages in North Darfur furnished with all the basic services such as health centers and schools for accommodating the returning internally displaced persons (IDPs.) (*Sudan Vision*)

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