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Sudan hopeful regarding U.S. stance

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs is hopeful that the perspective espoused by U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan during a press briefing last week with regard to Darfur is shared by the entire U.S. administration and its institutions. The Special Envoy was alleged to have “denied the existence of genocide in Darfur.” Khartoum believes that such a stance will facilitate the ongoing process of dialogue between the government of Sudan and the U.S. administration. The Ministry believes that such a position will silence hostile attitudes against Sudan. (*Sudan News Agency*)

Editorial regarding CPA meetings in Washington

An unsigned editorial today urges the two ruling partners of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) to “let go of their political colors and treat the Washington trip as a concrete chance to meet each other halfway to find a solution acceptable to all parties.” The National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People’s Liberation Party (SPLM) are currently meeting in Washington in the presence of the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan along with other international supporters of the CPA. (*The Citizen*)

Mbeki meets Governor to solve crisis in Darfur

Former South African President Thabo Mbeki, Chairperson of the African “Wise Men” delegation is currently meeting with the Governor of Southern Kordofan State to discuss ways to solve the Darfur crisis. Mbeki affirmed that the process of returning the internally displaced persons (IDPs) to their villages is “a top priority” and called for urgency in addressing the issue. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Challenges face the political process in the South

Speaking at a forum of challenges facing the political process in the south, Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) National Assembly Vice-Chairperson Atim Garang claimed that the political process in the south is facing serious financial challenges which will require the support of the federal government in Sudan in order to overcome these problems. Garang called GOSS the “laughing stock of the federal government.” (*Al-Sudani*)

GoS blames failure of Doha talks on JEM

Ghazi Salahaddin Attabani, a leading NCP member and presidential aide, accused the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) for the failure of this round of peace talks in Doha. Ghazi Salahaddin said JEM had insisted on linking negotiations in Doha with the release of JEM members held in custody by the Government of Sudan (GoS) since the May 2008 JEM attack on Omdurman. (*Al-Sudani*)

SAF: Ready to face any attacks by JEM

The Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) declared its readiness to counter any attack on the Sudanese-Chadian border, should JEM decide to launch an offensive on Sudan. A SAF spokesperson confirmed that JEM’s activities are under strong surveillance by the Sudanese military. (*Al-Intibaha*)

Qatari Foreign Minister to visit Khartoum soon

The Qatari Foreign Minister is scheduled to visit Khartoum and Tripoli in order to discuss the next round of talks between GoS and JEM. (*Al-Ahdath*)

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