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CPA anniversary celebrations to be held in Wau

First Vice President Salva Kiir and Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha are due to officiate at the celebrations to mark the third anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in Wau today. Sources also report that the parties to the CPA will be discussing progress in the implementation of the Security Arrangements on the sidelines of the anniversary celebrations. (*Al-Sudani*)

Advisor accuses the U.S. administration

Speaking to the press following a meeting with the visiting U.S. government delegation led by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail said that the U.S. administration is to blame for the tense relations between Sudan and the UN Security Council. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

Sudan refuses customs waiver to U.S. embassy

The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Al-Zubair Ahmed Al-Hassan, told a visiting U.S. government delegation that Sudan will only grant a customs waiver for containers carrying building material for the new U.S. embassy building in the Soba suburb of Khartoum if the U.S. administration lifts unilateral sanctions. He told the delegation, led by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Linda Thomas-Greenfield, that these sanctions have affected Sudan's economy and that the Sudanese embassy in Washington D.C. had to employ the costly services of external auditors to audit its accounts as a result of these sanctions. On her part, Linda expressed hopes to continue dialogue on these issues. (*Akhir Lahza*)

AU envoy deplores shortage in logistics

Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, the AU Special Envoy for Darfur, has expressed disappointment because the international community is lingering behind in providing much-needed logistical support for the joint AU-UN mission, UNAMID. He said that the international community had shown determination in deploying UNAMID but is now lingering on its obligations to the peacekeeping mission. He said it is up to the UN and the AU to provide the required support so that the hybrid operation will be effective in carrying out its mandate. (*Al-Hayat*)

Armed groups storms into prison in Buram

An unidentified armed group stormed into the Buram detention facility in South Darfur on January 13 and released all 90 inmates. They used Land-Cruisers in the attack. No casualties were reported. (*Akhir Lahza*)

Micro-bus driver witnessed shooting

The Minister of Justice, Mohamed Ali Al-Mardi, said in a statement yesterday that there are no leads to the identities of the killers of USAID employees John Granville and Abdurrahman Abbas on January 1, 2008. The minister said that the state prosecutor has recorded the statements of the only witness to the incident, the driver of a micro-bus, for future reference. He declined to elaborate but sources say the driver had only described the vehicle used by the perpetrators. Sources further said that local authorities and FBI agents are continuing in the investigations. (*Akhir Lahza*)

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