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Darfur

-Senior Assistant to the President Mini Minawi accused the Government of Sudan of preparing to launch a war in South Darfur by arming Janjaweed militia. Minawi refuted reports of Sudan Liberation Movement's involvement in the recent burning of villages in southern Darfur. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- Senior Assistant to the President Mini Minawi has named the slate of Sudan Liberation Movement candidates for legislative and executive posts in the Government. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- Sudan Liberation Movement field Commander Ali Mukhtar stated that pro-government militia had launched attacks on three villages and IDP camps in West Darfur resulting in the death and injury of 280 civilians. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

Al-Bashir addresses new parliamentary session

- President Al-Bashir addressed yesterday the new parliamentary session, affirming his government's commitment to the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, the Darfur Peace Agreement and the East Sudan agreement, and to having good relations with foreign countries. He further revealed a plan for disarmament in Darfur, to be realized in cooperation with the African Union. Al-Bashir further affirmed that the Government of Sudan will continue conducting dialogue with the Darfur rebels to reach a peace settlement. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Wihda, Al-Sudani*)

- Darfurian MPs criticized Al-Bashir's speech arguing that it was vague and that sincerity is needed in the coming phase to implement promises

made by the government with respect to Darfur. (*Al-Ayaam*)

-Following the speech made by President Al-Bashir to the Parliament, Minister of Cabinet Affairs Deng Alor (Sudan People Liberation Movement-SPLM) stated that Vice President Salva Kiir and SPLM Minister of State for Energy and Mining Angelina Teny are both unaware of how oil revenues are being divvied up between the Government of National Unity and the SPLM. (*Al-Sudani*)

- Minister of Cabinet Affairs Deng Alor further accused the Sudan Armed Forces of being involved in the death of 38 civilians in Juba in mid-October. He further accused the National Congress Party of using disputes among SPLM members for its own interest. (*Al-Sudani*)

Continuing fallout over Pronk's expulsion

-Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Ali Al-Saddig stated that the Government of Sudan will allow Jan Pronk to return to Khartoum as a Dutch citizen and not as a UN Special Representative. Al-Saddig further added that Pronk will not be able to visit any region outside Khartoum and will not be permitted to hold talks with any officials or media. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Newspaper editor's assassination: Update

- The Ministry of Interior announces the arrest of convicts involved in the assassination of the late Editor-in-Chief of *Al-Wifaq* newspaper Mohamed Taha. (*Akhir Lahza*)

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