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Bashir to travel to Libya for mini-summit

President Bashir travels to Libya today to attend a meeting alongside his counterparts from Libya, Egypt, Eritrea, and Chad. State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Al-Sammani Al-Waseela, said that the mini-summit will include discussions of the border tensions between Sudan and Chad in the wake of Chadian military incursions into some parts of Darfur. (*Al-Ayam*)

Foreign ministry summons CDA Fernandez

Yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, Alberto Fernandez, to protest his recent statements to Reuters. In a communiqué issued yesterday, the foreign ministry denounced the statements made by Fernandez and described them as baseless, misleading, and contravening his mandate that should be dedicated to improving ties between the two countries. The communiqué said those statements are a stark intervention into the country's internal affairs. Mr. Alberto Fernandez said his statements are within the context of his country's policy towards Sudan. (*Sudan Vision*)

Conference held to discuss Guantanamo

Speaking at an international conference held in Khartoum to discuss the Guantanamo detention facilities, Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail said that the U.S. has selective respect for human rights. He talked of Sami Al-Haj and the need to release the inmates should the U.S. government want to improve its image. He also said that terrorism is not known in Sudan. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Advisor's appointment will not affect Darfur

In response to the appointment of Musa Hilal as Presidential Advisor, Foreign Minister Deng Alor said that the National Congress Party (NCP) has the right to appoint who it chooses. Speaking to Radio Sawa, he said he does not think Hilal's appointment will have a direct bearing on the situation in Darfur. He pointed out, however, that the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) was not consulted over the appointment. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

Renk-Malakal-Juba road to be de-mined

The National Center to Combat Landmines will start a field survey on the Renk-Malakal-Bor-Juba road next week. The center hopes it will soon be able to start de-mining the 987 km road. The road is of major economic and social importance, as it links northern and southern Sudan. (*Al-Hayat*)

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