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Sudan, Chad fail to defuse border tension

Sudan and Chad failed to defuse tensions along their border areas on Sunday, despite a meeting of African leaders in the Libyan capital. The meeting also made no progress towards ending the crisis in Darfur. Comments from officials leaving the meeting suggested its main purpose was to gather the views of protagonists rather than reconcile them. (*Sudan Tribune*)

Sudan calls for transparency over UNAMID

Sudan's Representative to the UN, AbdelMahmoud AbdelHameed, says that Sudan has called on the AU and the UN to be transparent on the issue of the hybrid operation in Darfur. He said that a meeting of the joint tripartite mechanism of Sudan, the AU, and the UN in Addis Ababa on January 27 proclaimed that the parties should keep up the existing spirit of cooperation on UNAMID. Participants also said that forthcoming talks between UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and President Bashir on the fringes of the AU summit meeting will provide a good opportunity for consultation over outstanding issues. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Political body of CPA partners resumes work

The Joint Political Committee of the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) convened on January 27. Al-Dirderi Mohamed Ahmed, a member of the committee, told the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) that the Elections and Human Rights Commission bills were among the key issues discussed. (*Al-Sudani*)

Political parties not consulted on Elections bill

Deputy Secretary General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), Yassir Arman, told the press on January 27 that the political forces were not consulted over certain articles of the Elections bill concerning the nomination of candidates. He called on the NCP to seek a consensus that meets the minimum aspirations of the political parties on the bill. (*Al-Ayaam*)

JEM claims fresh massacre by Janjaweed

Ahmed Hussein Adam, the spokesman for the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), accuses government forces and Janjaweed militias of "massacring" 21 civilians near Sarf Gidad in West Darfur on January 22. Local security authorities have rebuffed the claims. Authorities say the killing was as a result of clashes between JEM elements and villagers. (*Al-Sudani*)

New wave of displacements reported in Darfur

The Director-General of the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) in West Darfur has reported a new wave of displacement in the area. Ismail Adam reports that approximately 700 families have fled to Tendelti and Ban Jadeed as a result of attacks on their villages by militias said to be from Arab tribes. (*Al-Ayaam*)

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