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Editor-in-Chief of *The Citizen* arrested

-Nhial Bol, Editor-in-Chief of *The Citizen*, was arrested by police in Juba on Friday for publishing an article on October 7 that made corruption allegations against the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development of the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS). (*The Citizen*)

-The *Sudan News Agency (SUNA)* reported on October 12 that the Sudanese Journalists General Union (SJGU) called on the authorities of the Government of Southern Sudan to release Bol based on the Press and Publications Act of 2004 and on instructions by the Minister of Justice not to detain journalists in such cases.

Leroy welcomes Qatari Initiative on Darfur

Alain Leroy, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, announced his support for the Qatari Initiative for boosting the peace process in Darfur. Following his meeting with Nafie Ali Nafie, advisor to Sudanese President Al-Bashir, Leroy told SUNA that he “welcomed the Qatari Initiative because it supported the efforts of the joint AU-UN Chief Mediator for Darfur.” The UN official called on all the concerned parties to coordinate their efforts in order to achieve peace and stability in Darfur. (*Akhir Lahza*)

Minnawi to participate in Darfur Conference

Mini Arco Minnawi, Presidential aide and Leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction will participate in the Darfur National Conference, scheduled to be held in Khartoum next Thursday. The SLM leader will head a delegation from the three states of Darfur at the conference. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Wifaq*)

Arab steering committee visit seen as “positive”

Qatari Initiative steering committee Chairperson Ahmed bin Abdalla Al-Mahmoud described the recent committee meeting as “positive” and said that it “met its objectives and was welcomed by the Sudanese government, the political parties, and the people of Darfur.” (*Sudan Vision*)

Al-Turabi slams Darfur initiative

Hasan Al-Turabi, leader of the Popular National Congress Party (PCP), criticized a national conference on Darfur to be launched by Sudanese President Al-Bashir this coming Thursday. Al-Turabi said that that the conference was “a move to block the International Criminal Court (ICC) from prosecuting President Al-Bashir.” According to Al-Turabi, the national conference, which will involve 180 prominent figures in Sudan as well as envoys from neighboring African countries, is expected to be a “failure,” as “the Sudanese president only resorted to this initiative after the ICC prosecutor had sought to issue an arrest warrant against him.” (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Janjaweed militia accused of attacks in Darfur

Some of the armed movements in Darfur accused Janjaweed militias of attacking villages in South Darfur yesterday. The attacks resulted in the death of several civilians. To confirm the incident, UNAMID sent a patrol of peacekeepers, who were blocked by the militias from further investigation into who was behind the attacks. (*Ajras Al-Hurriya*)

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