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Al-Bashir attends conference in Ethiopia

Sudanese President Omer Al- Bashir arrived in Ethiopia yesterday to attend an Ethiopian-Sudanese Joint Committee meeting for two days. The meeting will “address the implementation of outstanding issues related to agreements duly signed between the two countries.” (*Al-Watan, Sudanese Media Centre*)

Parliament endorses National Security Bill

Yesterday, members of Sudan’s National Assembly endorsed a draft National Security Bill which stipulates that “prison authorities have the right to detain individuals without the permission of a judge for one month.” (*MirayaFM*)

- The bill “complies with the Interim National Constitution for 2005, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, and the Arab Justice ministers’ resolutions regarding war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity.” (*Sudan Vision*)

- The bill was “endorsed over an exchange of heated debate between members of both the National Congress Party parliamentary bloc and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement party over the amendment of the 1991 Criminal Law Act.” (*Al-Watan, Ajras Al-Hurria*)

GoS: “Peace Talks not complete without France”

According to an interview with Sudanese Presidential Advisor Mustafa Ismail with the Al-Jazeera satellite television channel yesterday, “the Government of Sudan (GoS) considers “any peace talks without France” to “not be complete, since France’s role is crucial in influencing Chad and Sudan Liberation Movement leader Abdulwahid Nur.” (*Ajras Al-Hurria*)

UNMIS concerned over clashes in Jonglei

The United Nations Mission in Sudan has “expressed concern” over “escalating tribal clashes in Jonglei over grazing lands and cattle.” So far, disputes have resulted in the deaths of 170 people and the displacement of nearly 5,000 more. UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Southern Sudan, David Gressly, said that the attacks “went beyond cattle raids” and were “adversely affecting development in the region.” A team of UN workers have been sent to the region for assessment and to “see how the affected population can be assisted.” (*Al-Ahdath, The Citizen*)

JEM delegation arrives in Qatar

A delegation from the Justice and Equality Movement has arrived in Qatar to discuss a mechanism for the implementation of the Doha Agreement (signed between the GoS and JEM.) (*The Citizen, Al-Watan*)

Bassole keen on participation of Darfur factions

Joint UN/AU Mediator for Darfur Djibril Bassole has “strongly warned” the Government of Sudan against “repeating the same mistake made during the Abuja Agreement” in limiting dialogue to one faction only. Bassole affirmed his commitment towards bringing as many of the Darfur factions to the negotiating table in Doha as possible and stated that he would seek support from Eritrea, Egypt, and Qatar to pursue this objective. (*Al-Ahdath*)

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