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Salva Kiir calls on the U.S. to intervene on Abyei

Southern Sudan's presidential affairs minister, Luka Biong, says Vice President Salva Kiir has asked the United States to intervene to help resolve the Abyei issue by creating a mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the peace deal. The Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) has also called upon the UN Security Council to invite the Abyei Border Commission's panel of experts to give their views about the commission's report. The National Congress Party had earlier rejected the commission's findings. Regarding Kiir's U.S. visit, Biong said an invitation came via the foreign ministry on October 5. He said that Kiir later discussed the proposed visit at a meeting with President Bashir, Vice President Taha, and the undersecretary for the foreign ministry. The U.S. Embassy issued a statement yesterday clarifying that the visit was arranged through normal channels and with the knowledge of Sudan's government. Foreign ministry spokesman Ali Al-Sadik, said he was not aware of any notification for such a visit. In a related development, SPLM Secretary General Pagan Amum told *Al-Rai Al-Aam* daily yesterday that the Intergovernmental Agency for Development will convene to discuss the obstacles to the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. Amum said he does not rule out an "early secession" of southern Sudan before the scheduled referendum. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

JIU boss, others arrested over Yambio murders

The commander of the Joint Integrated Units in Yambio has been arrested along with 14 others in connection with the deaths of three police officers a week ago, said Dominic Dim Deng, the Minister for SPLA Affairs in the Government of Southern Sudan, who was speaking before the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly on November 12. (*The Citizen*)

Darfur rebels free kidnapped oil workers

A Darfur rebel group on Monday freed five workers, including two foreigners (an Iraqi and an Egyptian), taken hostage in an attack on an oil installation almost three weeks ago. "We handed them over to tribal chiefs this morning who will pass them on to the International Committee of the Red Cross," said AbdelAziz Al-Nur of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM). He said earlier this month that JEM leader Khalil Ibrahim had given instructions for the release of the hostages following a request from the Egyptian government. (*Sudan Tribune, citing news agencies*)

Defense minister takes aim at terror groups

Defense Minister AbdelRaheem Mohamed Hussein told Al-Arabiya television yesterday that some armed groups in Darfur are terrorist organizations. He called upon the international community to list these groups as such. The minister blasted some states for allowing these armed groups to operate from their territories. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Former inmate says Sami Al-Haj was tortured

Ahmed Suleiman, one of the three Jordanian inmates released from Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility, said that Al-Jazeera cameraman Sami Al-Haj was tortured in the detention center simply because he worked for the television channel. In an interview with Al-Jazeera, Suleiman said that Sami Al-Haj is still on hunger strike and continues to be tortured. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

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