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NCP, SPLM dispute a “summer cloud”

President Bashir said that the political dispute between the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) is a “summer cloud that will soon pass.” Bashir, who was addressing a visiting Mauritanian delegation yesterday, added that the mechanisms provided by the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) were sufficient to help resolve the dispute. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

NCP suspicious of SPLM on Darfur

Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman told the press yesterday that the mechanisms set up by the CPA are sufficient to resolve the conflict between the parties to the agreement. Mustafa expressed suspicion about the silence surrounding ongoing meetings of the Darfur rebel groups in Juba under the brokerage of the SPLM. He accused the SPLM of conspiring against the NCP over Darfur. He declined to comment on a possible initiative by the U.S. to help resolve the political standoff between the NCP and the SPLM. (*Al-Sahafa*)

AU body to appoint special envoy for CPA

The African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) resolved yesterday to appoint a special envoy to follow up the implementation of the CPA. The AUPSC has also requested the NCP and the SPLM to provide quarterly reports on the CPA. It also called for an urgent meeting of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and called on the parties to the agreement to be in constant contact with the AUPSC. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Rice to visit Addis Ababa on Wednesday

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice travels to Addis Ababa next Wednesday. While there, she is

expected to meet Alpha Oumar Konare, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission. She is also expected to hold talks with relevant parties over the Darfur peace process, the CPA and the conflict in Somalia. (*Al-Hayat*)

UNAMID needs helicopters

Speaking to the *AFP*, the head of the United Nations African Mission in Darfur, Rodolphe Adada, has lamented the inability of the international community to provide the vital 24 helicopters for the mission. He said that Jordan had initially expressed willingness to do so but then withdrew its offer and no alternative has come up. He said the international community should review the entire operation if it cannot provide helicopters. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Sudan will not harbor opposition forces

Responding to recent accusations by Chad, Sudan’s Defense Minister AbdelRaheem Mohamed said Sudan will not harbor forces opposed to neighboring states. He said Sudan will rather disarm such groups and treat them as refugees instead of providing them a safe haven. The minister said relations are good with Chad and that Sudan will not arm the Chadian opposition. (*Al-Khartoum*)

U.K. delegation meets jailed teacher

Two UK government representatives met Gillian Gibbons, the British teacher sentenced to 15 days in prison and deportation for an alleged insult against Islam. They also held talks with ministers and said they hoped to meet President Bashir and plead for the teacher’s release. (*Al-Khartoum*)

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