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False rumors about Salva Kiir's death

Virtually every newspaper carried stories about the false rumor that was circulated Sept. 9 that Sudan's First Vice President, and the Government of Southern Sudan's President, Salva Kiir, had been killed. Officials in both the North and South issued statements denying the rumors. Kiir himself is reported to have said that "the enemies of peace wanted from such rumors to create a problem between the northerners and southerners." Deputy Secretary General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement's Northern Sector, Malik Aggar, said Kiir attended church services on Sunday. The Ministry of Interior issued a statement regarding Kiir's rumored "assassination." The statement sought to "assure citizens of the safety and health of the First Vice President and appeal to all citizens to turn a deaf ear to baseless rumors that aim ... to destabilize the security the country is enjoying." (*Khartoum Monitor, Sudan Tribune, et al*)

Darfur rebels found innocent

Members of the Sudanese Liberation Movement, a Darfur rebel group, who were suspected in the killing of three police in Muhandessin several months ago have been found innocent by a court in Omdurman. The SLM and the police exchanged fire after the police surrounded and fired on a home occupied by SLM members. (*Al-Rai Al-Shaab, et al*)

Khartoum State government internal conflict

The Umma Party (Group Leadership) led by Dr. Saddig Hadi Al-Mahdi is expected to withdraw from the Khartoum State government. Al-Mahdi, who serves as the deputy governor, was reportedly passed over for appointment as acting governor recently. Leaders of the ruling National Congress

Party are attempting to resolve the dispute. (*Akhir Lahza*)

Heavy rains claim more lives

Five persons died in Sodari (North Kordofan state) when their dwellings were destroyed by heavy rains. A total of 128 people have died in Sudan due to flooding during this rainy season. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

JEM to continue fighting government

Justice and Equality Movement leader Dr. Khalil Ibrahim, who heads one of the Darfur rebel groups that has not signed the Darfur Peace Agreement, affirmed that he will not stop military operations against the Sudanese government. However, he expressed his readiness to participate in the scheduled peace talks in Tripoli on October 27. (*Al-Ayyam*)

Violence in Al-Buhayrat State

A clash between as yet unidentified groups in Al-Buhayrat State (South Sudan) has left 18 casualties, according to a UN security source and local police. The report was not specific about the cause of the incident or whether the victims were injured or killed. (*Al-Ayyam*)

U.S. Charge' interviewed on Al-Jazeera

In today's *Akhbar Al-Youm*, there is a transcript of the Sept. 9 *Al-Jazeera* interview with the U.S. Charge' d'Affaires in Sudan, Alberto Fernandez. The interview centered on U.S. policy priorities in Sudan.

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