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Bashir orders mobilization of the PDF

-- President Bashir has ordered the Popular Defense Forces (PDF) to mobilize and training camps to reopen. "This is not for the sake of declaring war but it is clear that we must be ready to respond to Allah's calls," explained Bashir, who was addressing a mass rally in Al-Jazeera State to mark the 18th anniversary of the PDF. "We tell those who want to light the flames of war that we want to see them at the battlefields and not in hotels in European cities," he added. He reiterated his commitment to the CPA and his rejection of the Abyei Panel of Experts' report. Meanwhile, Dr. Hassan Al-Turabi of the opposition Popular Congress Party ruled out a return to war and Sadig Al-Mahdi of the opposition Umma Party warned that a suspension of the constitution at a time when radical solutions for the country's problems are not yet in place will further aggravate the situation. (*Al-Ayaam et al*)

-- SPLM Secretary General Pagan Amum has expressed deep regret over the NCP leadership's threats to return to a war footing. He said that the SPLM is prepared to resolve the crisis by talking with the NCP through the six-member committee. Amum further added that the IGAD and the IGAD Partners' Forum have the moral obligation to intervene to salvage the CPA. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Civil society would administer Abyei

Civil society activists in Abyei have threatened to install their own administration in the town if the parties to the CPA fail to implement the Abyei Protocol by the end of this year. Speaking at a symposium in Khartoum yesterday, they accused the NCP of stalling implementation of the deal. They say they will not allow Abyei to become a scapegoat. (*Al-Ayaam*)

Darfur talks may not resume this year

AU special envoy for Darfur, Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, says talks between rebel groups and the Sudan government may not resume until early next year in order to allow senior insurgent leaders time to finalize their negotiating positions. Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail has blamed the SPLM for the failed talks in Sirte. He told Al-Jazeera TV that the SPLM convinced Darfur rebel groups not to participate in the talks. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

Four killed in armed clashes in South Darfur

Four people were killed and 11 injured in armed clashes between unidentified groups recently about 35 kilometers east of Nyala. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

SAF officers survive chopper crash

A number of officers of the Sudan Armed Forces who traveled to Al-Jazeera State as part of the President's advance team survived a minor crash at the airport. The helicopter they were in was taking off from the local airport to make way for the inbound Presidential aircraft when its main propellers struck a nearby tree sending the helicopter back to the ground. (*Al-Hayat*)

U.S. pressing Sudan to recognize Israeli state

Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail told Qatar-based Al-Rayah yesterday that the U.S. wants to loot Sudan's resources and is pressuring Khartoum to recognize the state of Israel. He also accused Israel of seeking to deepen the ethnic divide in Sudan by accusing Sudan of genocide. (*Al-Hayat*)

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