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EU to grant African Union forces 40M euros

- On Monday, EU foreign ministers approved a 40-million euro aid package to the African Union peacekeeping forces. For the money to be released, the decision must still be approved at a meeting of EU and foreign ministers from African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) nations in Brussels on May 25. This is because the 40 million euros would need to be reallocated from unused European development funds which are co-managed by the EU and the ACP. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Sudan-Chad relations

- Sudanese Defense Minister Abdelrahim Hussein, accompanied by Director of National Security and Intelligence Salah Abdalla Gosh, made a short visit to Chad yesterday during which they met President Idriss Deby and discussed security and military issues at the border. Sudanese and Chadian officials have reiterated their commitment to implementing the Riyadh agreement and other related agreements signed in Tripoli and Khartoum regarding bilateral cooperation on security matters. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

VP Kiir addresses GOSS Legislative Assembly

- In a speech Monday before the Government of South Sudan (GOSS) Legislative Assembly, First Vice President Salva Kiir Mayardit reaffirmed his government's commitment to the development plans in South Sudan. Kiir assured the legislators that the GOSS is committed to full and objective implementation of a 200-day action plan. Kiir further noted that there has been progress to improve physical infrastructure, provide services, rebuild the economy, and maintain

peace and security. Kiir also revealed that the U.S. Government has donated \$70 million to support road construction in South Sudan. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Sahafa, Al-Sudani, et al*)

MPs call for fair mass media

- Members of the National Assembly emphasized yesterday the importance of fair representation of all groups in the mass media. Lawmakers accused the ruling National Congress Party of dominating the mass media, excluding other national political movements. An SPLM deputy complained that the TV and radio “demonstrated a negative disposition toward the South.” Another deputy called for radio and TV transmissions of National Assembly sessions. Yet another member accused the government-owned media “of not reflecting the peace culture properly.” The lively debate took place when Minister of Information Al-Zahawi Malik provided his ministry's annual performance report. (*Khartoum Monitor, The Citizen, Sudan Tribune*)

Quote of the Day

“Unity should come from within the South first.”
– Vice President Salva Kiir

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