



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS



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## **SPLM will not be dragged into war, says Kiir**

Speaking at a mass rally in Juba yesterday, First Vice President Salva Kiir said that the SPLA, under his leadership, will not lead the country into another war. He warned however that he will not allow the SPLM/A to be humiliated. He said the SPLA reserves the right to defend itself should it be attacked. He expressed concerns that President Bashir is touring Arab and Islamic states to request military hardware. Kiir further warned against the Sudan Armed Forces and the SPLA serving the agenda of “groups with personal goals” seeking to draw the country into another war. “President Bashir’s remarks that advocates for the Abyei boundary report ‘soak the report in water and drink that water’ implies he is trying to renege on the Interim National Constitution and the CPA,” said Kiir. Of his recent visit to the U.S., Kiir said he went there to discuss the progress on the implementation of the CPA and the conflict in Darfur. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

## **Nafie says two SPLM members hampering peace**

Presidential Advisor Nafie Ali Nafie said that Abyei is the major stumbling block to the implementation of the CPA. Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Nafie, who is also the Deputy President of the NCP, said that the solution to the Abyei problem does not only rest with the Abyei Panel of Experts report. He said the NCP will never agree to the report. Nafie added that the SPLM should “get rid” of two of its members (whom he did not name) in order to resolve outstanding issues. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## **UN accuses JEM for attack on AU site**

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said yesterday that the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) is to blame for the September attack on the AMIS base in Haskanita (South Darfur) that left 10 AU soldiers

dead. The JEM (under Dr. Khalil Ibrahim) has denied involvement and, in a statement yesterday, blamed splinter groups still using its name for the attack. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

## **MPs call for release of Hassanein and Mubarak**

MPs representing various parliamentary blocs have petitioned President Bashir for the release of Ali Mahmoud Hassanein (a former MP) and Mubarak Al-Fadil (leader of the Umma Party Reform Agenda). The detainees are being held over allegations of masterminding a plot against the government. (*Al-Ayaam*)

## **In-house plot against Kiir**

Tilara Reng and Alieu Ajang have accused “communists” within the SPLM of seeking to overthrow Salva Kiir as party chief. Speaking to *Al-Sudani* daily, they warned that the plot would lead to the disintegration of the SPLM. (*Al-Sudani*)

## **Fine or jail terms for editor and reporter**

The courts have levied fines of SDG10,000 on the editor-in-chief and SDG5,000 on a reporter of the *Al-Hayat wa Al-Nas* newspaper (covering mainly social and cultural issues). If they fail to pay the fines, editor Muna Abu-el-Gharaim and reporter Manal Osman could go to jail. The Ministry of Education sued the paper for publishing a story alleging that HIV/AIDS is on the rise in high schools in Khartoum North as a result of irresponsible sexual practices by the students. (*Al-Sudani*)

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