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Clarification on U.S. sanctions against Sudan

Most of Sudan's daily newspapers published articles about the new U.S. regulations on sanctions against Sudan. The articles noted that the new regulations clarified that most activities and money transactions, with the exception of the oil industry, are allowed in South Sudan. (*Khartoum Monitor, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al*)

Review of conditions for release of detainees

According to the Sudan News Agency, the government of Sudan has established a committee composed of officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and "concerned organs" to review with the U.S. administration the technical aspects of an agreement to release Sudanese detainees from Guantanamo Bay Naval Detention Facility. SUNA reports that "a number of Sudanese detainees are expected to be released after working out a political and legal framework in the coming weeks.

Mauritania pledges troops for Darfur

According to a UN official cited in an Agence France Presse article, Mauritania has pledged some 800 troops to the AU-UN hybrid force being deployed to Darfur region. Already, Mauritania has 30 military observers and police officers in Darfur as part of the AU force of 7,000. (*Sudan Vision*)

Salva Kiir visit to U.S.

An editorial in *Sudan Vision* speculates about the purpose of First Vice President Salva Kiir's visit to the United States. "We have no illusions as to the understanding of U.S. policy on Sudan. The First Vice President is well aware of the American lobbies' hostile attitude towards Sudan. As a national leader, he might be faced with attempts aimed at undermining NCP-SPLM partnership," the

editorial said. The daily counseled Kiir to "send a clear message to these lobbies that the targeting of the Sudanese government will endanger the Peace Agreement itself as peace is an inseparable package. We believe that while in U.S., Kiir will speak on behalf of the entire Sudanese nation to silence those lurking to infiltrate the Sudanese arena to fish in troubled waters."

South buries police officers killed by SPLA

-- Most English dailies that focus on South Sudan reported on the funerals of police officers who were gunned down by SPLA elements at Yambio Police Station earlier this week. The Governor of Central Equatoria State, Clement Wani Konga, addressed mourners in Juba saying, "Despite the fact that our Equatorian officers are deliberately murdered in cold blood while performing their national duty, I still appeal to all of you Equatorians not to take revenge on any Dinka as we in the Government of Southern Sudan are doing every possible effort to ensure that those culprits are brought to book." (*Sudan Tribune, Khartoum Monitor*)

-- According to an editorial in today's *Sudan Tribune*, "the last thing needed in Southern Sudan is a South-South conflict." The editorial referred to the killing this week of "innocent police officers by SPLA soldiers." The newspaper called for calm and said the actions of a few did not reflect the entire SPLA. The editorial added that the Dinka community should be assured that it is not held to account for the actions of a few of the tribe's members. "What we should then try to do is learn from this experience." The daily said the SPLA will need to deal with those responsible for the killings.

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