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Aftermath of Presidential Adviser's death

- President Al-Bashir received expressions of condolence following the death yesterday of Presidential Adviser Dr. Majzoub Al-Khalifa. The president received his deputies, the National Congress Party Shura Council, political parties and associations, members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Sudan, leaders of the Sufi sects, Muslim and Christian clergymen, scholars, Imams of mosques, and union leaders at National Congress Party headquarters in Khartoum. Al-Khalifa and his brother died in an automobile accident. (*Lead story in all newspapers*)

Embassy's message of condolences

- The U.S. Embassy in Khartoum expressed in a statement yesterday its "sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Dr. Al-Khalifa and to his colleagues in the Government of National Unity. Dr. Majzoub Al-Khalifa was an energetic and able advocate for his country's policies. He was deeply involved in working for the peaceful resolution of the Darfur conflict through the Abuja peace process and subsequent agreements. While that goal of peace in Darfur has not been fully achieved yet, Dr. Al-Khalifa's efforts are worthy of note." (*Al-Sudani, Al-Ayaam, Akhir Lahza, Sudan Vision, the Sudan Tribune, Khartoum Monitor, Alwan, Al-Khartoum*)

U.S.-Sudan relations

- In an interview with *Al-Sahafa* newspaper, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry Mutrif Siddig accused the U.S. administration of not fulfilling its commitments to the Government of Sudan, which involved improving bilateral relations following the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, as well as exerting pressure on non-signatories to the Darfur Peace Agreement. Siddig

argued that "the U.S. has instead imposed sanctions which lead us to think that the U.S. has other agenda in the region other than those declared." Siddig further refuted reports of security cooperation between the Sudan and U.S. and stated, "I only read about in the newspapers." (*Al-Sahafa*)

GOSS demands that sanctions be lifted

- The Minister of the Presidency in the Government of South Sudan (GOSS), Luca Deng, warned of the consequences of U.S. sanctions against South Sudan, particularly given that the South depends heavily on oil revenues. Deng, who just returned from a visit to the U.S., stated that he demanded during his visit to form a joint committee of both the U.S. and GOSS to create a mechanism for exempting the South from sanctions. (*Al-Wihda*)

UNMIS: Attacks against Darfurians on rise

- A human rights team of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) reported increased attacks against civilians in Darfur, saying insecurity continues to cause the displacement of thousands of people. The spokesperson of the UN mission in Sudan stated that the team this week visited Kutum and Kabkabiya in Darfur region. The team documented increased attacks on civilians by Arab militia and ongoing gender-based violence incidents at the Fataborno Internally Displaced Persons camp. (*Sudan Tribune*)

Quote of the Day

"The government will deal only with UN Security Council resolutions which we like." – Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mutrif Siddig

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