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Bashir: Call for Darfur cease-fire

Sudan's President Omar El-Bashir returned from Italy and The Vatican September 15 after meetings with Italy's leadership and Pope Benedict XVI. The talks covered religious co-existence, implementation of peace agreements in Sudan, and economic relations between Sudan and Italy. Bashir called for a cease-fire in Darfur at the start of peace talks in Tripoli, Libya, on October 27. (*Akhbar Al-Youm, Sudan Vision, et al*)

Police explain Khartoum weapons search

Khartoum police issued a statement September 15 concerning the campaign to search and seize illegal weapons around the city. The police asked citizens to notify police about any weapons located in political party offices or any other location, and also warned of an "organization" that seeks to carry out violent acts inside Sudan. (*Akhbar Al-Youm*)

Nafie: Search of SPLM premises "unjustified"

The search of Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) premises was "unjustified," said Nafie Ali Nafie, assistant to the president and ruling National Congress Party (NCP) deputy president. Nafie expressed the NCP's apologies for the searches last week in Khartoum. He also announced the creation of a joint NCP-SPLM committee to help the government succeed in the peace talks. (*Al-Sahafa*)

SLM's Jamous transferred to Chad

Suleiman Jamous, the humanitarian affairs coordinator for the Sudanese Liberation Movement, was transported September 15 from a UN hospital in Kadugli (South Kordofan) to Chad for medical treatment. Jamous stated that he supports Darfur peace talks in Tripoli and he would attend those

talks if invited by the rebel leaders. Jamous was in Kadugli 15 months. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Ayaam, et al*)

SLM's Abdulwahid Nur to Tripoli for talks?

Darfur rebel field commanders have requested Abdulwahid Al-Nur, leader of the Sudanese Liberation Movement (SLM), to attend peace talks in Tripoli. They said that his refusal to participate will not serve the Darfur issue. (*Al-Ayaam*)

GOSS may reopen Garang death probe

The Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) may re-investigate the cause of the late John Garang's death, the government's spokesman Samson Kwaje said yesterday. *Al-Rai Al-Aam* cited a Ugandan newspaper. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Sudan asks IMF to lower debt service

Finance Minister Al-Zubayr Ahmed Al-Hassan and Central Bank Governor Sadir Mohamed Hassan requested that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) decrease Sudan's debt service. In a letter to the IMF, Sudan explained that implementation of peace agreements in Sudan is affecting the budget performance, and they expect the economy to improve if debt is eased. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Sudan-Egypt pact to resume Jonglei Canal

Egypt and Sudan have agreed to complete the Jonglei Canal, a project suspended in 1983 because of the civil war. The canal would collect swamp waters into the White Nile, providing an additional 4 billion cubic meters of water for both Sudan and Egypt. (*Akhbar Al-Youm*)

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