

## Local Newspapers

### **Dinka Ngok and Misseriya discuss pending issues**

*Al-Sahafa/Akhir Lahza Khartoum, 13/1/11* –Dinka Ngok and Misseriya elders held yesterday a meeting in Kadugli in the presence of Southern Kordofan Deputy Governor Abdul Aziz Al-Hilu and the Adviser to the Governor Shibon Al-Dawi.

Misseriya leader Hamid Al-Doob said the meeting discussed the incidents that occurred last year between the two tribes and the blood moneys and compensations that are supposed to be paid.

Meanwhile, the Misseriya has denied attacking a convoy of trucks carrying southerners returning to the South from the North. Misseriya leader Nimir Babo Nimir said the situation in the Area is relatively calm but still volatile, citing presence of three SPLA camps north of Abyei. He said the recent clashes took place between the Misseriya and the SPLA and accused UN troops of not doing anything to avert recent clashes. “The international troops play no role in securing the situation in Abyei, the Misseriya tribe is exercising self-restraint,” he said.

### **65% voter turnout for the referendum**

*Al-Ayyam*: SSRC Information Officer says voter turnout for the referendum has exceeded 65% in the southern Sudanese states as polling stations closed on the fourth day of polling. He expects an 80% turnout by the final day of polling. SSRC Spokesperson Su’ad Ibrahim meanwhile reports that turnout in the north has topped 35% while the 8 centres outside the country record a 74% turnout by the end of day 3 of polling. She also said that polling has been suspended in the flood-hit Australian town of Brisbane but says they may consider an extension in those areas should the situation prevail beyond Saturday.

*Al-Sahafa* puts the overall turnout figure in the polling stations in southern Sudan at 1.5 million by day 3.

### **UN troops head for Abyei**

*Al-Ayyam*: This lead headliner on *Al-Ayyam* quotes “*agencies*” as having reported that UN Spokesperson Martin Neserski said that UN troops would be heading to the troubled Abyei area. He also said that UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon has expressed concern over the developments in that area.

*Al-Sahafa* meanwhile reports that Misseriya and Dinka Ngok elders are in Kadugli, Southern Kordofan, to discuss means to defuse the tensions in the area.

**Please note the UN statement in question says “UN troop reinforcements are on standby to go to oil-rich Abyei”**

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### **SPLM threatens to refer Abyei issue to the UN**

*Al-Tayyar* reports that prominent SPLM figure Atem Garang (also Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly) pointed out that should the referendum result in separation; the SPLM would seek international arbitration on the Abyei issue.

But a member of the NCP Leadership Office, Nazar Khaled Mahjoub, says the NCP would not agree to any local or international solution on the Abyei issue if the Misseriya is not part of it, reports *Al-Raed*.

### **Regular forces to escort returnee convoys to southern Sudan**

*Al-Sahafa*: Ahmed Imam Al-Tuhami, who heads the police unit in charge of referendum security, says a joint police and army mechanism has been formed to guarantee security on the returnee routes to the south.

## **International**

### **CNN: Not all in northern Sudan embrace Islamic Law**

<http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/01/12/sudan.islamic.law/index.html>Islamic law

Khartoum, Sudan (CNN) -- Many southerners are voting for an independent Sudan this week, thirsting for freedom from the north. They equate sharia or Islamic law that President Omar al-Bashir has vowed to strengthen with slavery.

Al-Bashir has declared that if Southern Sudan votes in favor of separation, sharia will become the main source of Sudan's Constitution, Islam the state religion and Arabic the official language.

### **The New York Times Sudan: Vote Threshold Reached**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/13/world/africa/13briefs-Sudan.html?\\_r=1&ref=world](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/13/world/africa/13briefs-Sudan.html?_r=1&ref=world)

More than 60 percent of registered voters already have cast ballots in an independence referendum for southern [Sudan](#), crossing the threshold needed for the vote to be valid, an official in the south said Wednesday.

### **United States Department of State (Washington, DC) Foreign Press Center Briefing: An Update On The Referendum Vote For Independence**

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101130191.html>

The referendum on Southern Sudan's independence is going extremely well. The polling process is scheduled to last seven days and end on January 15th. Thus far, we

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are extremely pleased with the high turnout and cooperation of officials from both the North and the South.

### **Reuters : Sudan turnout to pass 60 percent threshold - commission**

<http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFTRE7072NN20110112>

JUBA, Sudan (Reuters) - South Sudan moved a step closer to independence on Wednesday after organisers of its secession referendum said the vote's turnout would pass the 60 percent threshold it needed to be binding.

### **Reuters: South Sudan could become food exporter: WFP**

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE70B0LX20110112>

KHARTOUM (Reuters) - With investment and security south Sudan could become a food exporter and end its chronic food dependency within a decade, the U.N. World Food Programme said on Wednesday.

### **AFP: South Sudan rulers hail 'valid' independence vote**

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/south-sudan-rulers-hail-valid-independence-vote-20110112-19oai.html>

South Sudan's ruling party said Wednesday that the 60-per cent turnout threshold required for a landmark independence vote to be declared valid has been reached after just three days of polling.

### **Aljazeera.net: North Sudan arming border region**

<http://english.aljazeera.net/video/africa/2011/01/2011112191523563491.html>

In Sudan voting has continued for a fourth day in the week-long referendum. Officials in the south say the voter turnout has already reached more than 60 per cent. That is the number needed to validate the results of a vote that could split the country in two. There have been reports of troop build-up along the north-south border. Nick Clark travelled to the sensitive South Kordofan to investigate.

### **Radio**

#### **Radio Miraya: 36% vote in north and 74% abroad, SSRC says**

[http://www.mirayafm.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=4854:36-of-voters-vote-in-north-and-74-abroad-ssrc-says&catid=85:85&Itemid=27836](http://www.mirayafm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4854:36-of-voters-vote-in-north-and-74-abroad-ssrc-says&catid=85:85&Itemid=27836)

percent of voters in the north and 74 percent abroad have so far cast their ballot as the fourth day of the voting ended today, Southern Sudan Referendum Commission (SSRC) says.

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### **Radio Miraya: Talks between Ngok Dinka and**

[http://www.mirayafm.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=4855:-reconciliatory-conference-between-ngok-dinka-and-misseriya-held-wednesday&catid=85:85&Itemid=278](http://www.mirayafm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4855:-reconciliatory-conference-between-ngok-dinka-and-misseriya-held-wednesday&catid=85:85&Itemid=278) Misseriya tribes after clashes

The Ngok Dinka and Misseriya tribes held a conference today in Kadugli in Southern Kardofan state, Miraya reporters in Abyei say. The conference follows recent clashes between the two tribes north of Abyei which reportedly resulted in over 20 deaths

### **TV**

#### ***Al Jazeera TV:***

*History of a Broken Land* can be seen from Wednesday, January 5, at the following times GMT: Wednesday: 0300, 1900; Thursday: 1400; Friday: 0300; Saturday: 2200.

*Crossroads Sudan* can be seen from Monday, January 11, at 1730GMT, with repeats airing at 0030GMT, 0530GMT, and 1130GMT the next day.

*People & Power* can be seen from Wednesday, December 29, at the following times GMT: Wednesday: **0630, 1230**; Thursday: **0300, 1930**; Friday: **0630, 0830**; Saturday: **2030**; Sunday: **0730**; Monday: **1430**  
<http://english.aljazeera.net/programmes/peopleandpower/2010/12/2010122964716111620.html>

*The LRA and Sudan* can be seen from Wednesday, January 5, at the following times GMT: **Wednesday: 0630, 1230; Thursday: 0300, 1930; Friday: 0830, 1630; Saturday: 2030; Sunday: 0730.**  
<http://english.aljazeera.net/programmes/peopleandpower/2011/01/20111585750480428.html>

#### **Al Arabiya News Channel's:**

<http://www.alarabiya.net/english.html> and  
<http://www.alarabiya.net/default.html>

Currently Al Arabiya has a daily one hour show on the referendum at 14 G, plus special coverage on all its bulletins.

The main bulletins are at 6 GMT, 7 GMT, 9 GMT, 13, 14, 15, 18, and 20 GMT  
Panorama is a daily current affairs programme at 19 G along the lines of BBC's Newsnight or ABC's Nightline.

#### **BBC TV:**

Bulletins every hour

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