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## **SPLM will offer unprecedented concessions over the pending issues- NCP**

*Akhbar Elyoum Khartoum*, 02/3/11- The joint committees between the NCP and SPLM continue their talks on the pending and disputed issues before the end of the interim period on 9 July.

The member of the political bureau of the NCP Dr. Nazar Khalid Mahjoub stated in a statement to (smc) that the joint committees have embarked intensively to discuss the disputed issues like debts, oil, borders and Abie before the two parties get engaged in their internal situations.

He indicated that SPLM has shown new stances on the negotiating arena and has remained keen to resolve all the issues with the NCP before the end of the interim period. He added: SPLM will offer concessions over all the disputed issues, contrary to what it was planning previously with American Administration to change the shape of governance in the country, specially, the political and constitutional changes in Kenya did not occur in the interest of the Movement. In addition to the features of the collapse of the Egyptian regime which the Movement would take to pass the agendas of the American administration for its own interests during Nevasha.

Mahjoub expected that the Movement will offer unprecedented concessions in the dossier of Abei because of the fragile security state that wide sectors of Southern states have started to witness immediately after separation.

## **Al- Tahir informs ( SPLM ) bloc officially of dropping its membership by the end of March.**

*Al-sahafa Khartoum*, 02/03/11- The Speaker of the National Assembly Ahmed Ibrahim Altahir informed the SPLM parliamentary bloc officially that the last day of its presence in the National and States Assemblies will be the end of the current month. He revealed that the General Secretariat of the National Assembly has been tasked to prepare a list of the new membership after dropping the membership of the Southerners as per article 118 of the Constitution. Al-Tahir said in statements after holding a meeting with the head of SPLM bloc in the parliament Thomas Wani Iga yesterday that the National Assembly began arrangements to resume its sessions in April with the membership of the Northern MPs including the MPs of Blue Nile and Southern Kordofan. He mentioned that SPLM would retain eight members from the two areas. While three constituencies in the north in which southern MPs were represented will be dropped: geographic constituency, national constituency and women constituency. He added (accordingly all the southern members of SPLM and NCP who won the southern constituencies will be dropped and the Assembly will hold sessions with the new membership, confirming that the membership is ready now and will be sent to media for dissemination.+

Al- Tahir stressed that he had informed the Parliamentary legislative of SPLM with this decision. He added (we told them that the last day for them in the National Assembly will 31 of current

March and that all their rights stipulated by law will be observed up to that date).

He noted that according to a political agreement that the institutions of the CPA will continue up to the end of the interim period except for the members of the national legislative and National Elections Commission members and the Political Parties Affairs from the south.

He mentioned that there are issues like the presence of NCP in the south and SPLM in the north or not, the issues of recognizing the new State, Abyei and the borders still under discussion, indicating that there are proposals from Mbeki's panel in this regard.

Al-Tahir disclosed the reduction of the parliament committees in the frame of the new arrangements to 12 committees instead of 17 due to merging them. He firmly defended his decisions by adding that the constitutional clause is very clear and there is no ambiguity in it.

### **The South will be transformed to (black Israel)- El-Mahadi**

*Al-sahafa Khartoum*, 02/03/11- The leader of the Umma Party Al-sadiq El-Mahdi expected that the State of the South Sudan will be transformed in the future to what he called (black Israel) if it opts to polarize the foes of the north, affirming that the stopping of this trend is dependent on the alertness of the latter and the kinds of policies in it.

El-Mahdi said during a meeting with the Sudanese in Qatar that the separation would not put an end to the problem of the south and its resolution is dependent on options of the independent State in the future, either by heading to the north for friendship and brotherhood or to the south to have brotherhood with other bodies to polarize the foes of the north, by this the south will transform to "black Israel" in the Nile Valley.

He added that the choice of the south to one of the mentioned two options is dependent on the alertness and the ability of the north and on the kinds of the policies in it whether they are attractive or not. He warned that Sudan may face many challenges if the relations between the north and south turn to animosity, stating that this will lead to proxy war. The north will support the factors of fragmenting the south and the latter will take similar steps. In addition, the south will support the Darfuri armed movements which would create two failed states.

El-Mahadi identified another danger which will come from the 'new south' referring to the areas of south Kordofan, Nuba Mountains and southern Blue Nile, affirming that all of them will seek to cause troubles in the north. He stressed that more than two million southerners will refuse to go to the south in spite of the separation, and would not go out from the north except if the authorities did ethnic cleansing which we will not approve and consider as correct.

### **(Krafto) resort hosts economic talks between the two parties**

*Al ahdath Khartoum*, 02/03/11- Talks between the government and SPLM will start today in (Krafto) resort outside the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa to discuss economic pending issues

between the two parties. The State Minister at the Presidency Idriss Mohammed Abdelbagadir said that the session will start today to discuss the debts, oil issue and currency. He noted that the negotiations will last for five days. The Minister of Finance Ali Mamoud declared arrangements in all aspects, with studying the way to economically deal with the State of South. He expressed hope in a press conference that solutions to be reached, besides reconciling situations in the fields of customs and border trade. He added "we are keen to have different relations with the South, specially, there are joint topics and agreements with public companies so as not to affect the production and marketing of the oil". He added "The more we reach to accords with the South, better than arguments".

## Other Highlights

### **Sudan health minister reneges on surprise resignation – official**

*Sudantribune.com Khartoum, 01/03/11* – Sudan's federal minister of health has reversed his surprise decision on Tuesday to resign from his position and returned only hours later to exercise his duties, a Sudanese official has announced.

Abdalla Tiya, who serves as a minister of health representing South Sudan's ruling Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in the government of national unity with the north, made a surprising announcement on Tuesday that he had decided to quit his job, citing claims of sidelining by his subordinates who belong to the ruling National Congress Party in north Sudan.

The minister declared his resignation in a press conference in Khartoum, saying he can no longer accept to be a "puppet" minister, and claimed he was consistently kept off the loop regarding decisions falling within the purview of his jurisdictions.

Tiya said he had only seen the appointment of the ministry's undersecretary in media reports, adding that all the nominations he put forward for that position were ignored.

The minister complained of what he termed as "systematic marginalization" by ministers affiliated with the dominant National Congress Party (NCP) which he accused of seeking to undermine any minister who does not belong to it.

"I am the last to know what is happening within the ministry's corridors," Tiya said.

However, the state minister at Sudan's council of ministers, Mohamed Mukhtar, on Tuesday said that the minister had retracted his resignation and resumed his duties immediately.

### **The Misserya demand UN to relocate Abyei police**

*Dailies Khartoum, 02/03/11*- The victims of the clashes that occurred last Sunday and Monday at fadaj area, north of abyei mounted to more than 78 killed and wounded. The area witnessed cautious calm yesterday and accusations between the Dinka and Misserya tribes of consolidating the military presence .A leader from the Misserya tribe disclosed the sending of representatives from the tribe to the location of the incidents to return the assembled people and stop the clashes.

The Misserya tribe made a peaceful procession in Muglad yesterday to the UN HQ to demand of the relocation of Abyei police from the north of the area. In addition to demanding an immediate investigation on the recent events.

The protesters were carrying banners and chanting their right to Abyie area and not to abdicate it, while others demanding the implementation of Kadogli agreement.

## **The government calls the mediation to finalize negotiations before the end of March.**

*Al-ayam Khartoum*, 02/03/11- The government delegation to Doha negotiations informed the joint mediation the necessity of resolving and folding the dossier of negotiations before the mid of current March. While the parties meet today in the presence of the joint mediation to discuss the final document of Darfur peace to be presented in its final shape.

The head of government delegation Dr. Amin Hassan Omer said the purpose of the meetings the parties is to exchange the different proposals with the Libration and Justice Movement and Justice and Equality Movement to reach a compromise on the disputed issues, stating that the government presented its vision to the mediation and is waiting the presentation of the final document the fifteenth of the current month . He mentioned that the government will engage in the course of Darfuri- Darfuri dialogue at that time.

He affirmed that the government fulfilled all its obligations towards the peace process in Doha and it will not wait more than this, adding that the time identified by the mediation has come to an end and all the parties state their visions on the final document of Darfur peace.

## **Transporting 5,000 southerners from Kosti- UN**

*Al-Aladath Khartoum*,02/03/11- OCHA expects the beginning of transporting more than 5,600 returnees from Kosti to the south as of yesterday Tuesday. The deputy head of the office Sheeri Retseema:UN and GoSS agreed to transport the returnees waiting in Kosti for three months. Retseema stated that GoSS said that about 22,000 people in the north are living in squares. The UN weekly report states that a total of 140,000 persons returned to south Sudan from the north during the last period.

## **15 soldiers of SPLA killed by splitted group**

*Alwifag Khartoum*, 02/03/11- (15) persons of SPLA were killed yesterday by splitted group from SPLA in Northern BaharAlgazal State. Reliable sources said the splitted group ambushed another group belonging to SPLA between the areas of Gok Machar and safaha in Northern BarharAlgazal State and killed (15) soldiers and captured (15) rifles and military equipment and their personal belongings. The sources mentioned that the murders occurred in retaliation against the practices of SPLA at the backdrop of conducting wide arrests campaigns against the youth and Sultans from the splitted group, referring that the splitted group consisits of (300) soldiers led by an ex brigadier in SPLA.

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