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August 25

(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 0400 GMT 25 Aug 10)

- Scott Gration, the American President's envoy for peace to Sudan, set off on a two-day visit to Sudan on August 25 to meet with Sudanese government officials and discuss developments in the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and the situation in Darfur.

August 26

(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 0400 GMT 26 Aug 10)

- At a meeting chaired by Dr. Nafi Ali Nafi, the National Congress Party's (NCP) deputy chair for the party's affairs, the NCP's political bureau announced the importance of holding the referendum as scheduled in accordance with the stipulations of the CPA and noted that the NCP was doing everything it could to resolve problems that were obstructing the referendum commission's work. Fathi Shayla, the NCP's secretary-general of the information secretariat, told the radio station that the political bureau had heard a report on referendum preparations and emphasized the benefits that could result if procedures were rearranged in conformity with the decisions reached by the referendum commission.

(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1500 GMT 26 Aug 10)

- President Omar al-Bashir appointed Dr. Farah Ibrahim Al-Aqar as state minister for the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

August 27

(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 1300 GMT 27 Aug 10)

- President Omar al-Bashir arrived in Nairobi, Kenya on August 27 to participate in celebrating Kenya's new constitution and meet with President Mwai Kibaki. The meeting focused on bilateral ties between Sudan and Kenya and other issues of mutual concern. President al-Bashir updated President Kibaki on the situation in Sudan and focused on referendum-related issues and the peace process in Darfur. President al-Bashir joined in the official celebrations in Kenya along with several

other African leaders. The Sudanese ambassador to Kenya told Sudan Radio that the president's visit was historical insofar as it took place five years after the signing of the CPA and served as an opportunity for the two presidents to transform ties between Sudan and Kenya. He added that President al-Bashir received a warm welcome in Nairobi and met a number of African leaders during the celebrations.

August 28

(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 1300 GMT 28 Aug 10)

- President Faure Gnassingbe of Togo arrived in Khartoum on August 28 for a two-day visit to Sudan. President Omar al-Bashir and President Gnassingbe will meet and hold talks. President Gnassingbe was received at the airport by Mr. Joseph Malwal, Sudan's minister of environment and urban development, and several senior government officials.