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August 30

(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 0400 GMT 30 Aug 10)

- Sudan thanked the AU for its support against the International Criminal Court (ICC) for targeting Sudan on political grounds. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sudan expressed gratitude to Kenya and Chad and their people in particular for their support and solidarity and their respect for the African summit resolutions calling for support for Sudan and rejection of the ICC's decisions against Sudan's president. Sudan also expressed thanks for the AU's statement in August which noted its regret that the Security Council refused to suspend the ICC decision against the Sudanese president. This decision confirms the disregard for justice and objectivity on the part of the U.S. and Western members of the Security Council.
- A meeting was chaired on August 29 by President Omar al-Bashir and in the presence of First Vice-President and GoSS President Salva Kiir Mayardit and Vice-President Ali Uthman Muhammad Taha. The meeting resulted in the adoption of several measures meant to do away with the remaining obstacles confronting the Referendum Commission. President al-Bashir issued a directive on the completion of border demarcation between the north and south and created a committee to support the border demarcation process politically and technically in order to ensure that the work is carried out according to schedule. The presidency also asked the international community to respect its pledges and commitments to make the referendum in South Sudan a successful one and requested that it participate in monitoring the referendum and ensuring that the environment allows for a free and fair referendum process. Presidential Advisor Lt Gen Eng Salah Abdallah told the press that the joint political committee proposed a way to resolve the issue of appointing a secretary-general for the Referendum Commission and his deputy, and noted that the presidency accepted the proposal. He added that the presidency would form a joint-political committee to be chaired by Salah Abdallah and Pagan Amum that would remain close to the border demarcation committee and provide it with the necessary support. He also noted that the presidency planned to meet with the Referendum Commission on August 30 to provide support and address any remaining obstacles. Pagan Amum, the secretary-general of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), established a plan to deal with the current situation, the referendum process, and completion of the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). He stated that the coming period would reveal

cooperation between ruling partners to do away with the problems related to border demarcation and the referendum and noted that they had agreed to continuous efforts to deal with this important period.

(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1500 GMT 30 Aug 10)

- Gen Salva Kiir Mayardit, First Vice-President of the Republic of Sudan and President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS), met Joshua Diu Dau, the Chairman of Non-Muslims Rights Commission, in Khartoum to discuss the commission's activities and operations. Kiir was also briefed by the chairman on the future plans of the commission and informed of the peaceful relations between citizens of varying cultures and religions in the nation's capital.

September 2

(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 1300 GMT 2 Sep 10)

- Sudan's Referendum Commission convened in Khartoum on September 2 in a meeting attended by its chairman, Muhammad Ibrahim Khalil, and all of its members. The chairman told the radio station that Muhammad Uthman al-Nujumi has been nominated as the secretary general of the commission and commented that this shift will put an end to the differences that previously impeded the commission's work. He noted that he had presented the nomination to the President of Sudan in order for the appointment to be adopted and made official. The chairman also welcomed the upcoming September 15 arrival of the UN delegation to assist in conducting the referendum and said that the referendum structure was now complete. He asked all parties to support commission members in executing their duties.
- The technical committee for north-south border demarcation held a meeting at the commission's headquarters to discuss ways of laying out a road map to implement the president's directives on carrying out its work on the ground and preparing its field teams for the demarcation exercise. The committee's chairman, Prof Abdallah Sadiq, told Sudanese radio that the committee would begin by approving the border between Upper Nile, Sinar and Blue Nile. He added that teams would be formed to begin the demarcation exercise.

(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1900 GMT 2 Sep 10)

- Dr. Riek Machar, the Vice-President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS), received a delegation from the general national television headed by its general manager, Mu'atassim Fadl, in his office in Juba. Machar received an explanation on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the federal ministry of information and the GoSS ministry of information and information on how to implement it.

September 3

(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1030 GMT 3 Sep 10)

- The September 3, 2010 sermon by Shaykh Al-Mahdi Rizq Allah, broadcast live on Sudan TV from the Al-Shahid Mosque in Khartoum, discussed religious matters in general as well as the importance of reciting the Holy Koran, especially during Ramadan. A second sermon also focused on issues of religious concern.

September 4

(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 0400 GMT 4 Sep 10)

- Gen Salva Kiir Mayardit, the First Vice-President of Sudan and President of the GoSS, met with Mrs. Obiageli Katryn Ezekwesili, the vice-president of the World Bank for the African Region, to discuss ties between the World Bank and the GoSS. The World Bank's representative stated that the talks related to several development projects in the areas of health, education, capacity and infrastructure in Southern Sudan.