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## **State-Owned Media**

### **June 28**

**(Suna news agency website, Khartoum, in Arabic 28 Jun 10)**

- On June 28, Ali Ahmad Karti, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received a copy of the credentials of Ambassador Dr. Salih Husayn Ali Al-Tamimi as the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq to Sudan. At a meeting with the Iraqi ambassador, Karti referred to deep-rooted relations between Sudan and Iraq and affirmed Sudan's keenness to consolidate bilateral relations with Iraq. He also indicated Sudan's hope for stability and progress for the people of Iraq.

**(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1300 GMT 28 Jun 10)**

- The National Legislative Board, chaired by Gen Adam Hamid Musa, approved the nomination of the list of Southern Sudan Referendum Commission, including the chairman and members, after some amendments were made by the Presidency. Maulana Muhammad Ibrahim Khalil was elected to chair the commission. The legislative body also ratified the nomination of the Experts Team of the Commission for Allocation and Observation of the Financial Revenues.

### **June 29**

**(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 0400 GMT 29 Jun 10)**

- Next week Chinese special envoy to Sudan Liu Guijin will begin an official visit to the country lasting several days. During the visit, the Chinese envoy will hold talks with government officials on their plan regarding the Darfur peace process and the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in addition to talks on strengthening relations between Sudan and China.

### **July 1**

**(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1500 GMT 1 Jul 10)**

- Today in Juba the first vice-president and the president of Southern Sudan, Lt-Gen Salva Kiir Mayardit, and the second vice-president, Ali Uthman Muhammad Taha, discussed the implementation of the CPA and how best to kickstart a number of projects to be funded by the Support for Unity Fund in southern Sudan states. According to Ali Uthman, “We have discussed the implementation of laws that would make provisions of the peace agreement have legal and constitutional basis. The implementation of the basic laws has been completed. The remaining part was to introduce a law for the establishment of a Southern Sudan Referendum Commission which was ratified by the National Assembly and the States Council this week. A decree has also been issued to implement what had been ratified by the parliament regarding the establishment of the referendum commission, which is expected to start its work next week.”

## **July 2**

### **(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1030 GMT 2 Jul 10)**

- A sermon by Shaykh Abd-al-Jalil Nazir Al-Karuri was broadcast live on Sudan TV from the Al-Shahid Mosque in Khartoum on July 2. The first sermon focused on religious issues while the second one addressed the problem of drugs. The preacher condemned the alarming rate of drug use among youths, particularly among university students. The preacher said that one way to end this problem is to teach the youth Islamic moral values, including the necessity of taking the five daily prayers.

## **July 3**

### **(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 0400 GMT 3 Jul 10)**

- President Omar al-Bashir will leave on July 4 for Ethiopia to participate in the exceptional summit of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) on peace and stability in Somalia which is set to begin on July 5. During his visit, President al-Bashir will meet with the Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and several other leaders of IGAD member states to discuss bilateral relations and regional issues of common concern.

## **July 4**

### **(Akhbar al-Yawm, Khartoum, in Arabic 4 Jul 10)**

- The government of Algeria approved the appointment of Ambassador Megdi Mohammed Taha as a special envoy and commissioner of Sudan's embassy in Algeria. Ambassador Magdi is a distinguished diplomat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has served in Paris, New York and Djibouti in addition to serving as an administrative manager in the legal affairs department at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 0000 GMT 4 Jul 10)**

- President Omar al-Bashir arrived in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to take part in the IGAD extraordinary summit on Somalia. During the summit, President al-Bashir will also meet with IGAD presidents and heads of state to discuss regional and international issues of common concern. The IGAD one-day summit seeks to reach an end to the tension in Somalia and bring about reconciliation, peace and stability in the country.

**(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1500 GMT 4 Jul 10)**

- President Omar al-Bashir left for Ethiopia on July 4 on his way to the emergency summit of the IGAD Organization on efforts being made to achieve peace and stability in Somalia. The summit is to be held on July 5 in Addis Ababa.

**(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1500 GMT 4 Jul 10)**

- President Omar al-Bashir affirmed that his government is committed to holding the South Sudan referendum as scheduled during a meeting with Thabo Mbeki, chairman of the African Union Panel of Wise Men. Mbeki issued a press statement indicating that during their meeting they reviewed the steps taken by the Sudanese government to implement what remains of the CPA. He also commended the formation of the South Sudan Referendum Commission and its adoption by the parliament and noted that the international community would work in support of the government. Mbeki added that the meeting touched on the issue of Darfur and the desire of all sides to attain an appropriate solution to the crisis through the Doha negotiation forum.