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Leaders to meet tomorrow over political rift

President Bashir meets First Vice President Salva Kiir on November 29 to follow up on discussions of the 6-member committee of the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in a bid to resolve the political dispute between the two parties. (*Al-Hayat*)

China concerned over safety of troops in Darfur

The Chinese ambassador to Sudan said on November 27 that his country was concerned over the security of their troops in Darfur following recent threats by rebel groups. China sent 135 engineers to Darfur last Saturday as an advance group of the 315 soldiers that would make up the Chinese contingent of a joint AU/UN force. (*Al-Hayat*)

Minawi blames government over Darfur

Senior Presidential Advisor and leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM), Minni Minawi, says he does not trust the government to abide by its pledges as set out in the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA). Speaking to the press in Doha at the end of an official visit yesterday, he said that the government has not implemented any of the provisions of the DPA and added that the Sudan government, and not a foreign hand, is largely to blame for the problems in Darfur. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

Situation deteriorating in S. Sudan, Natsios

U.S. special envoy Andrew Natsios said at a lecture at Catholic University that the U.S. neither supports any push to escalate the situation in Darfur nor does it support a return to war in southern Sudan. He said that he told Vice President Kiir during the latter's recent Washington visit that the SPLA will get U.S. military support for training purposes. Natsios said

the security situation in southern Sudan is deteriorating faster than Darfur despite the fact the SPLM/A has control over issues there. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Minister lashes out at President Bush, C. Rice

Interior minister Al-Zubeir Bashir Taha calls U.S. President George Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice "Iblis" (Satan). Addressing the 15th anniversary celebrations of the Popular Defense Forces in Kassala on November 27, he said that Rice blocked efforts at oil exploration in Sudan in the 1980s. He added that authorities have uncovered 17 barrels of explosives in Al-Salama area south of Khartoum in recent days. The quantity uncovered was enough to turn Khartoum into rubbles, he added. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Tension in Dongola as PCP insists on conference

Dongola in northern Sudan is tense as the Popular Congress Party insists it will hold its annual general conference there today despite a ban by authorities. Party leader Dr. Hassan Al-Turabi meanwhile addressed a political forum in Al-Sileim east of Dongola yesterday and called for a boycott of the forthcoming general elections. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Gibbons questioned over alleged insult on Islam

School teacher Gillian Gibbons was brought before state prosecutors yesterday to answer questions over an alleged insult on Islam. The principal at Unity High School, where Gibbons taught, says the school will close until January over security concerns. (*Al-Sudani*)

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