



Media News Agenda for the period from 26 July - 2 August

The Media News Agenda is a weekly circular issued by the Sudan Media and Elections Consortium (SMEC). The media news headlines are collected by the Media Monitoring Unit at Sudanese Development Initiative (SUDIA) in Khartoum and the Media Monitoring Unit in Juba. The units are monitoring the media through a qualitative and quantitative methodology since February 2010. Beyond the quantitative and qualitative monitoring, the units collect news headlines of the main media outlets in Sudan to provide an overview of the news agenda of the Sudanese media. This media news agenda is prepared by a group of media monitoring experts at the units who, on a daily basis, monitor newspaper headlines and then analyze these to determine the main trends and the most important issues handled by the media in a week.

Summary of the news

The most important issues the media concentrated on this week were issues concerning the referendum (code: REF) and the celebrations staged by the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement to mark five years since the death of the late Dr. John Garang and the extension of the UNAMID mission in Darfur by another year.

Concerning the referendum the media relayed comments by President Al Bashir in which he reiterated his government's obligation to hold the referendum in its' agreed time as well as its' respect for the choice made by the people of the South. On his part, Mr. Silva Kirr confirmed that there is hope for unity even after separation, and that the Peoples' Movement would not declare separation unilaterally. In a related matter, Mr. Ali Osman Taha declared that separatists have moved towards being isolated, and escaped from the battle of diversity.

The media in the North also covered the activities connected to the development schemes that aim to strengthen the choice for unity; the most important of which was the opening of the Maridi dam. At the same time it was announced that talks between the two partners would start concerning after the referendum arrangements in Cairo on Monday. On their part, Al Merghani and Al Mahdi have both welcomed any gathering to discuss the after the referendum issues. Meanwhile, the National Congress Party renewed its' refusal to hold the referendum before the completion of the border demarcation operation, although the Peoples' Movement sees that border demarcation is not a pre- condition for

holding the referendum. In the Southern media there was attention for Referendum related activities and events and signs of Campaigning as the Youth Association launched a Referendum Campaign.

The past week also witnessed the celebrations held by the Peoples' Movement to commemorate the fifth year of the passing of its founder, the late Dr. John Garang.

There was also media interest in the African Union summit held in Kampala, which declared its' support for Sudan and Al Bashir, and accused the International Criminal Court of targeting African leaders, all this while President Al Bashir was noted for his absence during the summit. A new development occurred in the France's position regarding the International Criminal Court after it declared its' willingness to facilitate the participation of the Darfurian movements that reject the Doha Platform.

Concerning developments in the situation in Darfur, the past week had been an eventful one for the media on the security and political levels, as it witnessed the crash of the Russian made UNAMID plane in Darfur, with the loss of one of its pilots; whose body was recovered after several days. There were bloody incidents at the Al Himedia and Kilma refugee camps in Darfur, in which a number of people were killed or injured. The government had blamed Abdelwahid Muhammed Noor for inciting the violence inside those camps, and then the South Darfur government followed that up by imposing measures to limit the movements of the UNAMID forces, and accused them of providing arms to the forces of Abdelwahid Muhammed Noor inside the Kilma camp. The authorities were able to procure the release of the two kidnapped German hostages without any conditions. The transportation of the murderers of the diplomat Granville from Al Junaynah was delayed to another date. Politically, the President of the republic has decided to reassign Dr. Ghazi Salaheldien to the Darfur file, and called for the formation of a committee to assist him made up of five ministers. Also the parliament inaugurated a campaign to solve the Darfur crisis internally.

The media also covered other issues like the innocent verdict delivered in the case of the French news agency photographer in a case without precedent involving photography. The Sudanese Football Association elections ended with the election of Mu'tassim Ja'ffer to a post, and the appointment of his list to the executive office. The Jordanian authorities have backtracked from their decision to ban the granting of visas to Sudanese patients for visiting Jordan. Concerning the noticeable rise in consumer prices, the government had assured the public of the plentiful supply of sugar in the markets for the next four months, and at normal prices. The Sudanese Scholars Organization has demanded that the most stringent sentences be handed to proponents of sexual deviancy and vise.

The Southern media also focused on news specifically related to Southern politics and events, such as: social projects, Southern politics and investments in Southern Sudan. During the last days of the week the Southern Media drew the attention to the death of former GOSS Minister of Information Samson Lukare Kwaje, who passed away 1st of August. Kwaje was a senior member of the SPLM Political Bureau and served as the spokesman of SPLM/A during the war. He served as Minister of Agriculture and forestry in the Government of Southern Sudan.

Media headlines

Date	Code*	Headline	Note
26-Jul Al Sudani	PA-EXT	African summit start, and Bashir will not participate	
26-Jul Al Sudani	EN	El Khidir: all diseases in Khartoum is about Environmental sanitation	
26-Jul Akhir Lahza	PA-EXT	Said it is targeting Africa, African Union Chairman: accusation list of ICC against al-Bashir undermine peace in the continent	
26-Jul Ajras Al huriah	REF	Meetings of the post-referendum arrangements begin tomorrow SPLM demand that African leaders have a strong position for (transparent referendum) in the south	
26-Jul Ajras Al huriah	PA-INT	Under the theme (dr. John Garang de Mabior / vision does not die) SPLM celebrates the fifth anniversary of the death of Garang, and call to inspire the spirit of reconciliation	
26-Jul Sudan TV	PA-INT	Government renewed its commitment to achieving peace in Darfur without opening any new path of negotiation	
26-Jul Sudan TV	REF	Peace partners (NCP and SPLM) reaffirm support for the option of giving priority to unity and to hold the referendum on time	
27-Jul Al Sahfa	PA-INT	Presidential decree forming a committee to follow up Darfur issue, headed by Ghazi, and membership of the ministers of defense, interior and finance.	
27-Jul Al Ray Al Aam	REF	Luca Bionq: the collapse of the country's economy is not in the interest of the South, the basic rights of southerners in the north must be guaranteed after the referendum	
27-Jul Al Ray Al Aam	REF	Britain promise to support Darfur Peace and call for smooth referendum	
27-Jul Ajras Al huriah	PA-EXT	Sudan: African Union approved sanctions on cooperative countries with ICC	
27-Jul Ajras Al huriah	O	Salah Idris loses the position of President of the Sudan Football Union against Mutasim Jafar	
27-Jul Akhbar Alyoum	PA-EXT	EU promise to go to an intensive dialogue with the government and confirms the existence of opportunities for peace and stability in Sudan	
27-Jul Al Ayam	REF	SPLM warns against postponing the referendum and calls for an agreement for the four freedoms agreement	

27-Jul Sudan TV	REF	Bashir renewed commitment of the Government to hold referendum in time and respect the choice of people of the South	
27-Jul Sudan TV	HRD	Taha and Mashar launch Maridi dam and Mnqla Port and pledge to implement more development projects	
28-Jul Al Sahfa	SEC	Two Germans released, they were kidnapped at last June	
28-Jul Al Ray Al Aam	REF	When he opened Maridi dam he called citizens to give priority to unity in the referendum Ali Osman: Bashir promises for South (will not fall down)	
28-Jul Al Sudani	REF	Salva Kiir: There is hope for unity, even after separation	
28-Jul Akhir Lahza	HRD	El Khidir directed to provide water wells by electric power	
28-Jul Akhir Lahza	SEC	Authorities be able to release two German hostages without conditions	
28-Jul Ajras Al huriah	REF	Eastern Sudan Forum decide to send convoys to the South to support the Unit	
28-Jul Akhbar Alyoum	PA-EXT	SPLM refused to criticize their participation in the Summit of Kampala, and reveal the talks in Cairo with NCP	
28-Jul Akhbar Alyoum	SEC	Army spokesman talking about the incident plane of UNAMID in Darfur and losing one of the Russians pilots	
28-Jul Al Ayam	SEC	Peacekeeping mission denies that rebels takeover Russian helicopter in Darfur	
28-Jul Sudan TV	REF	During meeting with the Joint Defence Board in Juba, Salva Kiir calls for the importance of maintaining the stability of the country during the referendum	
29-Jul Al Sahfa	BE	Finance ministry undertook to pay 43 million pounds amount of debts to resolve the problem of railways retirees on Monday	
29-Jul Al Sahfa	REF	Accused the GOSS of obstructing the process: NCP No waiver of the demarcation of the border before the referendum	
29-Jul Al Ray Al Aam	REF	Foreign Affairs: movements with impressive parties to make attractive unity	
29-Jul Al Ray Al Aam	PA-EXT	Ki-moon: Abdalmahmood made outstanding contributions in United Nations activities	
29-Jul Al Sudani	O	Court exonerates journalist of AFP, it is the first Judicial precedent about photography	

29-Jul Ajrass Al huriah	REF	Joint Defense Council discusses the arrangements and decide to limit the weapons in Khartoum	
29-Jul Ajrass Al huriah	REF	SPLM boundary is not a requirement of the referendum and NCP refuse	
29-Jul Akhbar Alyoum	SEC	Killing and wounding of IDPs in bloody events in Alehida Camp in Zalingei	
29-Jul Akhbar Alyoum	PA-EXT	A new development: Paris expresses its readiness to append rejected Darfurian movements to Doha platform and new position of France regarding ICC	
29-Jul Al Ayam	PA-INT	Salva Kiir calls on the Joint Defenses Council to stabilize the country and protect it	
29-Jul Al Ayam	ED	Specialist team working on writing the history of the South to include in the curriculum	
29-Jul Sudan TV	REF	Southern parties alliance discussing the arrangements for the referendum and Dr. Nafie calls to prepare climate in the south	
29-Jul Al Tayar	REF	NCP: No referendum before the demarcation of the border	
29-Jul Al Tayar	BE	Establishment of petroleum refinery in south line to Medani and Gedaref	
30-Jul Al Sahfa	REF	Talks between the two partners on the arrangements for the post-referendum in Cairo on Monday: Pagan and Nafie and Depart on Sunday evening to Egypt	
30-Jul Al Ray Al Aam	REF	Nafie: practical proposals submitted to the United Nations to ensure the integrity of the referendum	
30-Jul Al Ray Al Aam	SEC	Government accuses Abdul Wahid of fomenting violence in Kalma camp	
30-Jul Al Sudani	SEC	New clashes in Kalma camp and government criticized UNAMID and threatened to intervene	
30-Jul Akhira Lahza	PA-EXT	Bashir directed to support and strengthen strategic relations with Egypt	
30-Jul Akhira Lahza	SEC	Releasing of kidnapped Russian pilot in Darfur	
30-Jul Ajrass Al huriah	H	3 heart centers and 10 ambulances for the West Darfur	
30-Jul Akhbar Alyoum	SEC	Transmission of war to Kalma camp, killing and wounding of (20) and escape of others	
30-Jul Akhbar Alyoum	BE	Government confirms the availability of sugar for the coming four months and regular prices until the new season	

30-Jul Omdurman Radio	PP	Today the fifth anniversary of the departure of Dr. John Garang, one of peacemakers in the country and seeker of unity of the nation	
30-Jul Al Tayar	BE	SPLM members of parliament talked about high prices gasoline in the south	
31-Jul Al Sahfa	SEC	Kasha accused UNAMID of supplying weapons to the Abdel Wahed group inside Kalma camp, he announced procedures to reduce the movements of UNMIS personnel and NGOs	
31-Jul Al Sahfa	REF	Lawal: Salva Kiir is convinced that the South will return to the umbrella of the unity during the five years	
31-Jul Al Ray Al Aam	PA-EXT	UN Security Council extends the mission (UNAMID) in Darfur for another year, and asked UNMID to use its full capacity to protect civilians	
31-Jul Al Sudani	SEC	Kasha threatens to receipt of detainees from UNAMID by force	
31-Jul Akhira Lahza	REL	Sudan Ulama Organization calls for the signing of the maximum penalties for advocates of homosexuality and prostitution	
31-Jul Akhira Lahza	REF	NCP: the political parties boycott the Meeting of the presidency to blow up the unit	
31-Jul Ajras Al huriah	REF	Salva Kiir exclude declare independence unilaterally	
31-Jul Al Ayam	PA-INT	Salva Kiir calls the Joint Defence Council to work on the stability of the homeland and protect it	
31-Jul Sudan TV	PA-EXT	(joint mechanism of Arab support for Darfur) meetings start and the mechanism put forward League of Arab States's vision to establish projects for resettlement of returnees	
31-Jul Sudan TV	PA-INT	President of the National Council briefed on budget for next year before submit it at the council table	
31-Jul Omdurman Radio	PA-INT	President of government delegation to Doha negotiations confirms that the chances of reaching a comprehensive peace agreement in Darfur now is more than ever before	
31-Jul Al Tayar	REF	Kiir: We will not declare independence from one side	
31-Jul Al Tayar	PA-INT	Parliament is leading campaign to resolve Darfur issue from the inside	
1-Aug Al Sahfa	REF	Cairo put the four freedoms mechanism between the north and south in the case of separation	

1-Aug Al Sudani	LE	Cautious optimism for (30,000) graduate competing for (5000) posts	
1-Aug Akhir Lahza	O	Titawi: We will prevent any parallel body to the Union of Journalists	
1-Aug Akhir Lahza	SEC	List of assassinations targeting community leader in Darfur camps	
1-Aug Ajras Al huriah	PA-INT	SPLM: water will link north to the south more than oil	
1-Aug Akhbar Alyoum	H	The cancer rate become high up to 7 thousand cases a year	
1-Aug Al Ayam	REF	Taha: separatists escaping from the battle of diversity and tend toward solitude	
1-Aug Al Ayam	BE	Arrest (40) sell a commodity trader of sugar outside the competitive level	
1-Aug Al Tayar	SEC	Darfur parliamentarians demanding arrest of those who involved in the clashes of IDP camps	

27-July Liberty FM	ED	Teachers are not suppose to be downsized says Minister.	
27-July Liberty FM	PA – INT	SPLM – DC plot to destabilize South Sudan revealed.	
27-July GoSS Radio	ED	The Vice president of the Government of Southern Sudan say an ICT forum will enhance Government capacity in information capacity.	
27-July GoSS Radio	LE	The federal Minister of petroleum instructs SUDAPEC to accelerate the recruitment of 20% work force from Southern Sudan	
27-July Bakhita FM	O	South Sudan need high technology says VP	
27-July Bakhita FM	HRD	NGO to establish a house for street children in Juba.	
27-July Miraya FM	SEC	Over 1000 heads of cattle looted from <i>Chueibet</i> County last week have been recovered. The commissioner for Chueibet county - Lakes state, Madang Majok Mayen told Miraya FM that the Army managed to get the cattle from the raiders but over 100 heads are still missing. However he said that one soldier and one civilian died in the incident while seven attackers were killed in the process.	

27-July The Citizen Opening Page	PA – INT	8,000 SPLM – DC defectors join SPLM	
27-July Sudan Vision opening page	PA – EXT	British Attorneys: Arrest warrant against Sudan president was illegal.	
26-July Southern eye opening newspaper.	PA – INT	SPLM - DC plot to destabilize South Sudan revealed.	
26-July Southern eye page 2	SEC	Arrow boys in WES hand over four rescued captives.	
28-july Liberty Fm	REF	Maridi, Mangala Project focuses on voluntary unity says Riak Machar	
28-july Liberty FM	O	Machar orders Survey of Mangala.	
28-july Bakhita FM	PA – INT	GoSS and GoNU open unity projects	
29-july Bakhita FM	PA – INT	8,000 SPLM – DC defectors joins SPLM	
28-july Bakhita FM	O	Citizens give cash to hungry children.	
28-july The Citizen opening page	REF	Maradi, Mangala Project focuses on voluntary unity: Machar.	
28-july The Citizen page 3.	EPC	Dr. Adwork Otto: Scourge earth war on <i>chollo</i> people.	
28-july GoSS TV	SEC	The first vice president of the republic of Sudan and the president of Southern Sudan meet the head of the joint integrated unit (JIU) in Juba.	
28-july GoSS TV	BE	A South Korean investor has expressed his willingness to invest about 1.8 billion USD in Southern Sudan.	

28-july Khartoum monitor opening page	REF	North – South border demarcation “impossible” to complete before referendum: Official.	
29-july Liberty FM	PA – EXT	SPLM Delegation travel to Canada tonight.	
29-july Liberty FM	ED	Students boycott lectures at John Garang memorial University of Science and Technology.	
29-july GoSS Radio	SEC	The first Vice president of Sudan and the commander in – chief of the SPLA received a delegation of the joined defense committee on Wednesday.	
29-july Juba Post opening page	PA – INT	SPLM –DC SAGA intensifies as more than 37,000 defect.	
29-july Juba Post opening 3	LE	GoSS uncover 10,000 Ghost workers	
29-july GoSS TV	REF	The commander in – chief of the SPLA calls the SPLA forces to protect the referendum.	
29-july GoSS TV	EPC	South Sudan Vice president meets Shilluk intellectuals.	
29-july Bakhita FM	ED	Health ministry release reports on training.	
29-july Bakhita FM	REF	Youth Association launches referendum campaign.	
30-july The Citizen opening page.	O	Conflicting reports on the group that detains the Russian pilots.	
30-july Khartoum monitor opening page.	O	SPLM’s Northern sector commemorates Dr. John Garang today.	
30-july Khartoum monitor page 3.	O	GoSS: Egypt deserves to claim the Nile water.	

30-july GoSS TV	REF	Sothorn Sudan president reiterated his commitment for the referendum conduct.	
30-july Bakhita FM	PA – EXT REF	SPLM and NCP set off for Canada for referendum experiences.	
30-july Liberty FM	O	The Citizen in Juba celebrates Martyrs day.	
30-july Miraya FM	REF	A team of referendum <i>bearue</i> returns to Juba after meeting the Governors of the ten states.	
30-july GoSS Radio	O	The Sudan Agricultural Bank delivers 100 tractors to the Ministry of Agriculture.	
30-july GoSS Radio	SEC	Shilluk inter lectuals urges the government of Southern Sudan to stop insecurity in the region.	
31-july GoSS Radio	O	A liberation movement that does not shed blood for freedom and justice has no place under the sun in Southern Sudan: The Vice president Machar declared.	
31-july The Citizen opening page	PA – INT	Kiir slams NCP over borders.	
31-july GoSS TV	O	South Sudan ministry to clear media assets in Khartoum.	
31-july Bakhita FM	REF	NCP pushing people to choose unity which violates the law; says SPLM official	
31-july Bakhita FM	REF	Balot papers will determine Southerners Dreams.	
1-Aug Kartoum Monitor opening page.	PA – INT	NCP approves new strategy on Darfur.	
1-Aug Khartoum Monitor page 2	REF	Southern Sudan Taskforce returns to Juba after tour in ten states.	

1-Aug Sudan Vision opening page.	PA – INT	Goush call on Naivasha partners to find a way out for Abyei borders.	
1-Aug The Citizen opening page.	PA – INT	Public talk against toby's campaign	
1-Aug Miraya FM	REF	Kiir reveals the start of 2000 Southerners registered in the north for referendum.	
2-Aug Juba post page 3.	REF	Mayar: GoNU encourages unattractive unity to secede South.	
2-Aug Sudan Vision opening page.	REF	Egyptian Government, partners meeting on post – referendum issues kick - off today in Cairo.	
2-Aug Sudan Vision page 3.	PA - INT	Kiir pledges continuous efforts towards comprehensive peace in Darfur before Referendum.	
2-Aug The Citizen opening page.	PA – INT	SPLM boycott Gezira legislative council election.	
2-Aug The Citizen page 3.	PA – INT	Kiir rules out South declaration of independence unilaterally.	
2-Aug Liberty FM	O	The Southern Sudan Minister of Agriculture has passed away in Nairobi Sunday.	
2-Aug Liberty FM	PA – INT	Kiir pledges continuous comprehensive peace before referendum.	
2-Aug /GoSS Radio	O	The Government of Southern Sudan ministers and legislative members will pay their last respect to the late Dr. Samson Kwaje South Sudan legislative Assembly on Tuesday.	
2-Aug Miraya FM	H	The ministry of health has registered 7000 cases of cancer.	
2-Aug SSTV	O	The body of Samson Kwaje will arrive in Juba tomorrow.	

***Coding:**

- Political affairs – internal (Code: PA – INT): issues related to party and parliamentary affairs not involving elections
- Political affairs – international (Code: PA – EXT): external relations, diplomacy, etc.
- Elections and post elections (Code: EL): any issues related to the elections, post elections and postponed elections
- Referendum (Code: REF): any issues related to the referendum process, including campaign activities, voter education on Referendum
- Personal profile of politicians (Code: PP): coverage focussed on the private life of the actor
- Education (Code: ED)
- Health (Code: H)
- Labour and employment (Code: LE)
- Environment (Code: EN)
- Business and Economy (Code: BE)
- Security, crime and public order (Code: SEC)
- Religion (Code: REL)
- Art and culture (Code: ART)
- Ethnic and political conflict (Code: EPC)
- Human rights and Development (Code: HRD)
- Gender issues (Code: GEN)
- Public Administration (Code: ADMIN)
- Social affairs (Code: SOC): issues related to family, children, etc.
- Other (Code: O)