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VIOLENCE IN HAITI AS MANIGAT, CELESTIN ADVANCE TO RUNOFF

(SBU) Announced results conflicted with the EU-backed National Observation Council's preliminary reports that Michel Martelly led government-backed candidate Jude Celestin in the vote, media report. Embassy Port-au-Prince reports civil society representatives took care in announcing early findings, but the information was reported locally as hard fact. Post notes gunfire could be heard throughout Port-au-Prince after results were announced late December 7.

(Ops/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail, Port-au-Prince 1590, CNN)

MBEKI MEETS WITH SUDANESE LEADERS TO DISCUSS ABYEI

(SBU) Thabo Mbeki, head of the African Union Panel on Sudan, described the meeting with President Bashir and First Vice President Kiir as positive, according to press. The Office of the Special Envoy for Sudan comments the meeting was held to discuss an African Union paper outlining options for resolving the Abyei issue. Bashir and Kiir committed to meet one-on-one to develop a solution and said they would keep Mbeki informed as their discussions progress.

(Ops/Office of the Special Envoy for Sudan e-mail, Sudan Tribune)

DPRK CONDUCTS ARTILLERY DRILL NEAR MARITIME BORDER

(SBU) The drill, heard in the Republic of Korea, was contained within Democratic People's Republic of Korea territory, according to press. Embassy Seoul comments the action was a defiant gesture in the face of international pressure to show restraint and likely connected to Admiral Mullen's visit to the ROK. *(Ops/Embassy Seoul e-mail, AP)*

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