



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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## **Bashir: Foreign parties “starving” Sudan**

President Omar El-Bashir told a mass rally in Port Sudan yesterday that foreign parties are seeking to divide Sudan. “These are the same parties that impose sanctions and pressure to starve the people in Sudan so they will turn against their government; but they have forgotten that God provides,” he added. He also said these foreign parties wrongly accuse Sudan of bombarding civilians and of genocide while they commit these crimes using U.S. aircraft in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia. He called for unity behind the government. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## **UK minister will support improved relations**

UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown received yesterday a Sudanese government delegation led by Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman and Foreign Minister Deng Alor. Brown promised that his government will strive to bring relations between the two countries back to normal. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## **Consultations over security situation in Darfur**

The UN-AU Joint Mediation Team has launched extensive consultations with the parties to the conflict in Darfur in a bid to improve the security situation and bring about a ceasefire. Sources say the JMT has met with the National Front for Resistance, the AbdelShafei faction of the Sudan Liberation Movement, and the SPLM team for Darfur in Juba in the last two days. (*Al-Ayaam*)

## **Monitors to be deployed on Sudan, Chad border**

A meeting of the Sudan-Chad joint military committee concluded in Tripoli yesterday with agreement for the deployment of observers along the Sudan-Chad border. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

## **SAF denies bombing Jebel Moon**

The Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) rejected accusations by the Justice and Equality Movement that the military used Antonov bombers to bombard SLA-controlled territory around the Jebel Moon area in West Darfur. Osman Abass of the JEM said that the bombers dropped “at least twelve bombs” on their positions killing a 12-year old boy and a 63-year old woman. (*Al-Ahdath*)

## **SPLA starts redeployment from Kharasan**

-- The SAF has announced it will provide vehicles to enable the Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) conclude redeployment of its forces southwards from Kharasan in South Kordofan in two weeks as agreed. The SPLA has also started to redeploy south of the January 1, 1956 line from the Kailak area in South Kordofan, authorities say. (*Al-Ayaam*)

-- Key political players in Unity State walked out during a historic formation of the SPLM State Congress, a top official said. The boycott was in protest over Unity State Governor’s orders that SPLA forces leave Kharasana and Higlieig. (*The Citizen*)

## **Editors to endorse Covenant of Honor**

Editors of local newspapers are set to meet later today at the Journalists’ Union to endorse a “Covenant of Honor” for print media practitioners. A committee led by Mahjoub Mohamed Saleh of Al-Ayaam has just concluded drafting the document. (*Al-Sudani*)

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