



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **U.S. Special Envoy extends his stay in Sudan**

- U.S. Special Envoy Richard Williamson decided to extend his stay in Khartoum “by at least a day.” More talks with the Sudanese delegation are “supposed to take place today on the implementation of peace agreements, bilateral relations, and the Abyei crisis.” The Special Envoy described the devastation of Abyei as a “tragedy,” condemned all forms of violence, and called for an investigation to bring those responsible to justice. Williamson indicated that “the U.S. is not the guardian of any side in Sudan,” stressing that the solution to the Abyei crisis “should come from the two partners of the peace agreement – the NCP and the SPLM – and pointed out that there is “no excuse to allow this failure to result in ending the chance of real peace in Sudan.” (*Al-Sudani, Al-Sahafa, and Al-Ayyam*)

- Yasser Arman, Deputy Secretary General of the SPLM, said that the SPLM is “looking forward to reaching a joint solution to the Abyei crisis,” and that the SPLM has presented to the NCP “a detailed solution on the implementation of the Abyei Protocol,” adding that the “U.S. Special Envoy is exerting efforts to narrow the gap between the two partners.” Arman declined to offer details on the U.S. proposals, but did say that “the two sides are facing obstacles,” but that they will resume their meetings on the subject this Wednesday. (*Al-Wefaq, Al-Wahda*)

### **Another JEM official arrested**

Security authorities in Ghadaref State announced the arrest of Awad Al-Nour, the half-brother of Khalil Ibrahim, leader of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) that launched an attack in Omdurman in early May. Dr. Qorashi Bukhari, the Minister of Government affairs in Ghadaref State,

said authorities “arrested Al-Nur and his entourage in the mosque of a hospital.” He said that Al-Nur was the logistics officer in the attack and that Al-Nur “provided useful information on the arrangements to get Khalil out of Omdurman.” (*Al-Ray Al-Aam, Akhabar Al-Yom, Al-Intibaha*)

### **Delegation to Egypt to discuss Sudanese refugees**

- Sudan is considering sending an official delegation from the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss with the Egyptian government the migration of Sudanese to Israel through Egypt.

- A group of Southern Sudanese refugees urged the Israeli prime minister to grant them residency status, asking for the similar arrangements made by Tel Aviv to refugees from Darfur. The letter sent to the Israeli Prime Minister described the Southern Sudanese as “refugees from genocide.” (*Khartoum Monitor, Sudan Tribune*)

### **Umma to discuss agreement with the opposition**

The Umma Party has scheduled a meeting on Thursday to discuss its recent reconciliation agreement with the NCP. The agreement has been subjected to criticism by the other opposition parties, most notably from the Communist Party. (*Al-Ray Al-Aam*)

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