



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **President Bashir defends Janjaweed figure Hilal**

In a press conference during his visit to Turkey, President Al-Bashir defended the appointment of the Darfur Janjaweed leader Musa Hilal as a government minister, saying that he is an influential leader in Darfur and will play an important role in restoring peace and security in the region. Bashir added that the “real criminals” are being hosted in European countries. (*Al-Shafa, Al-Rai Al-Am, Al-Intibaha, Al-Ayam*)

### **Representatives from the central government and a number of states governors agree to resolve inter-state tensions**

Representatives from the central government and the governors of South Kordofan, Unity, North Bahr Al-Gazal, and other influential civil administration leaders agreed to reach solutions to tensions between nomads and settlers by holding conferences for peaceful coexistence. The first conference will be on January 30 between Unity and South Kordofan states and the next one will be on February 20 between North Bahr Al-Gazal and South Kordofan States. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

### **MFA State Minister briefs visiting U.S. group**

In his meeting with a visiting American academic group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs State Minister Ali Karti claimed that the United States government was hindering joint understanding efforts, but confirmed that Sudan wishes to have balanced relations with the United States. (*Al-Shafa*)

### **Minster of Justice will meet with the U.S. Chargé**

Minister of Justice Mohamed Ali Al-Mardi will meet today with the U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Alberto Fernandez to discuss the status of Sudanese

detainees at Guantanamo. The minister confirmed that his ministry contacted the U.S. Chargé through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, asking why the U.S. has not released detainees in spite of previous promises to do so. (*Akhir Lahtha*)

### **South Sudan Parties Parliamentary Group rejects federal system**

The South Sudan Parties Parliamentary Group has rejected the proposition launched by the Deputy Leader of the SPLM and the Governor of the Blue Nile State for the adoption of a confederate system in Sudan. (*Sudan Vision, Khartoum Monitor*)

### **Nomad Group threatens to launch war in South Kordofan**

A nomad group living near Talodi has threatened to launch attacks in South Kordofan State against farmers. It has been reported that the group stops individuals, interrogates them, and threatens future attacks. (*Ray-Al-Shaab*)

### **Bloody confrontations and state of insecurity overwhelms Juba**

Last week, instability increase in Juba due to violence from armed groups in which dozens of people were killed and others were injured in places near the city. (*Al-Intibaha*)

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