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## China outraged at killing of oil workers in Sudan

A Chinese Foreign Ministry official, Jiang Yu, told a news conference that “China was outraged and strongly condemned the cruel and inhuman murders of the unarmed Chinese personnel.” The Chinese spokesperson’s statement was made in the wake of the recent killings of the five Chinese oil workers killed in Sudan by their kidnappers. Jiang Yu urged the Sudanese government to ensure the safety of Chinese workers in Sudan. Meanwhile, the Sudanese Minister of National Defense, in attributing the act to the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), condemned the group’s act, saying JEM was becoming a “dangerous terrorist movement” that threatened the entire region. (*Sudan-Vision*)

## Japanese financial assistance to Sudan

Following a meeting with Presidential Advisor Nafie Ali Nafie, the Japanese Envoy to Sudan stated that Japan would start implementing its financial assistance of USD 200 million, which it had previously promised Sudan for development progress in Sudan. (*SUNA*)

## Report on JEM attack approved by Parliament

The National Assembly endorsed a report by the fact-finding committee charged with looking into the May 10 attack on Omdurman. The committee made recommendations that stressed the importance of boosting the resources and capabilities of the security forces to help counter any future attacks. The recommendations underlined the importance of solving the Darfur crisis and ending the tension with Chad. (*Al- Intibaha, Al-Ayam*)

## Al-Jaz seeks ICC support from India

Awad Al-Jaz, Minister of Finance and National Economy, traveled to India yesterday to seek support regarding allegations by Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Luis Moreno Ocampo against Sudanese President Al-Bashir. During the visit, Al-Jaz will brief the Indian government on Sudan’s plan to resolve the Darfur issue. (*Sudan Vision*)

## Al-Mahdi defends Sudan forum on Darfur

According to an article published in *Al-Sahafa* yesterday, Umma Party Leader Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi rejected accusations that the agenda of the Sudan People’s Initiative forum was imposed by the National Congress Party (NCP). Al-Mahdi confirmed that the agenda had not been influenced by NCP and confirmed that the forum was “a positive step for handling national issues.” Al-Mahdi accused the political parties, who had boycotted the forum, of exploiting the Darfur issue and using the ICC allegations as instruments to effect regime change.

## Can there be peace without justice?

An editorial in *The Citizen* argues that peace in Darfur cannot be achieved without justice, as rebellion is typically brought on by injustice. The editorialist adds, “it is strange to hear and see diplomats and world leaders debating whether peace or justice should take precedence in dealing with the Darfur crisis.” He asks, “if rebels and IDP’s [Internally Displaced Persons] are wiped out, then who will be left to demand justice?”

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