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12 more JEM rebels sentenced to death

The last group of the Justice and Equality Movement rebels who launched an attack on Omdurman in May 2008 were sentenced to death yesterday. The group included 12 people, including the half-brother of JEM leader Khalil Ibrahim. *(Al-Sudani)*

Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi to return to Khartoum

The National Umma Party leader, Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi, will return to Khartoum tomorrow after a long 3-month absence from the country. *(Al-Sahafa)*

Warning of health crisis in Bahr Al-Gazal

Three people died of cholera yesterday in northern Bahr Al-Ghazal state, while another 16 are currently under treatment. The state's Minister of Health has warned of an outbreak of the disease and has called for more aid from the international community. Meanwhile, local authorities have closed down all schools to slow down the spread of the disease. *(Al-Sahafa)*

Sudanese national elections to cost US\$1.1 billion

The president of Sudan's National Elections Commission, Abel Aleir, briefed ambassadors about preparations for the elections to be held in Sudan. Aleir mentioned that the Commission has concentrated on three areas: the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, the constitution and elections law, and informing the public throughout Sudan about elections. He urged the ambassadors and representatives of international organizations to encourage their governments to meet the cost of the

elections, which he estimated to be around US \$1.1 billion. *(Al-Sudani)*

AF countries "back away" from ICC withdrawal

More than 30 African countries which are members of the International Criminal Court (ICC) have failed to agree on a mass withdrawal from the court during meetings in the Ethiopian capital. The proposed move was to be in a protest of the arrest warrant issued by the ICC for Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir last March. *(SudanTribune.com)*

Last night's Sudan TV program summary:

- Foreign Minister Deng Alor held talks with the Syrian president in Damascus, affirming his rejection to "any foreign intervention" that may threaten Sudan's sovereignty.
- The Ethiopian prime minister has affirmed his support to Sudan and has "hailed developed relations" between the two countries.
- President Al-Bashir will open an ethanol factory in Kenana today, June 10, and address a mass rally.
- Vice-President Taha stresses the importance of providing fertilizers for agricultural work in Sudan.
- Presidential Advisor Nafie held talks with political leaders in west Omdurman to discuss "national issues."
- The governor of Khartoum has held meetings with city officials on preparations to prevent floods.

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