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U.S. - Sudan Relations

- U.S. Special Envoy Andrew Natsios urged China to join the United States to exert diplomatic and economic pressures on the Government of Sudan (GOS) to accept an international force in Darfur region and stop the genocide. Natsios said in testimony to the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs last week: "I was a little disappointed with what happened recently in terms of the Chinese president's visit to Sudan. I have to be very candid, I was hoping for a little bit more diplomatic pressure from the Chinese," Natsios said. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter met on Saturday with President Al-Bashir and Minister of Health Tabitha Butrus. Prior to his arrival in Khartoum, Carter expressed reservations over the deployment of international forces in Darfur, arguing that additional forces would not resolve the crisis if not accompanied by a political settlement. In South Sudan, Carter held talks with Vice President Salva Kiir on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and methods to confront the Guinea worm and River Blindness in South Sudan. (*Al-Sudani, The Citizen*)

UN- Sudan Relations

- UN Special Representative to Sudan Jan Eliasson is scheduled to arrive in Khartoum today accompanied by the African Union Envoy Salim Ahmed Salim. The aim of the visit is to discuss with GOS officials and rebel groups the implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement and to push forward the peace process in Darfur. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Student Clashes in Khartoum

- Following the death of a student belonging to the ruling National Congress Party at Khartoum's Al-Nileen University on Thursday, there were student clashes between students belonging to the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) and students belonging to the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) at the University of Ismail Azhari resulting four injuries. (*Al-Sudani*)

Miscellaneous

- South Darfur authorities detained Al-Hurra Television photographer for one day during his coverage of the reconciliation conference between Al-Turjum and Rizeigat tribe. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)



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Quote of the Day

"The U.S. is trying to divide the South before the referendum." Minister of Finance, commenting on the exclusion of the GOSS from U.S. sanctions.

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