



MORNING NEWS

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Darfur

- Secretary of State Rice states that the African Union (AU) forces are not capable of facing challenges in Darfur. Meanwhile, violence continues in South Darfur resulting in the displacement of 10,000 civilians, according to the UN. Wali of South Darfur states that deployment of UN forces in Darfur will result in genocide in the region. Further, Senior Assistant to the President, Minni Minnawi, condemns the recent attacks in Gereida, emphasizing the importance of initiating a comprehensive Darfurian conference for reconciliation. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Ayaam et al*)
- Pro-GOS dailies criticize Secretary Rice's efforts to exert pressure on Sudan regarding Darfur, while failing to take action in Palestine and Lebanon. (*Al-Wihda, Al-Hayat [Sudan]*)
- GOS announces its approval of the UN plan to support the AU forces by providing technical and logistical needs. (*Various publications*)

CPA

- Governor of Unity State accuses Sudan Armed Forces of prolonging withdrawal from Upper Nile and Unity States. In addition, the SPLM reportedly arrested a Sudan Armed Forces officer in Juba yesterday. (*Akhir Lahza, Alwan*)

East Talks

- East Sudan Movement adheres firmly to its demand for allocating 15% of national

revenue for development projects in East Sudan. (*Alwan*)

Committee for Unifying the National Ranks

- Head of the Umma Party Al-Saddig Al-Mahdi and Head of the Popular National Congress Party Dr. Al-Turabi call for the formation of a government of national unity which encompasses all political forces. (*Various Arabic-language publications*)
- Commentaries: Independent dailies continue to emphasize the importance of forming a government representing all political forces. (*Al-Sudani, Al-Sahafa*)

LRA-Uganda

- Independent *Khartoum Monitor* calls on VP Kiir to take action against increased violence in Northern Uganda, and stressed the importance of resuming talks between the LRA and the Ugandan government to avoid a negative impact on the South.

Quotes of the Day

“Cooperation with the UN and the AU will expedite reaching a settlement in Darfur.” -- President Al-Bashir

“The AU Forces are not capable of facing challenges in Darfur.” -- U.S. Secretary of State Rice