



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS



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## U.S. oil companies offer mediation role

- Sudan's ambassador to Washington John Ukec Lueth Ukec stated to *Al-Rai Al-Aam* newspaper that several American oil companies, which are affected by economic sanctions on Sudan, have expressed their willingness to mediate between the U.S. Administration and the Sudanese government. Meanwhile, an informed government source revealed that the Government of Sudan has no objection to conducting dialogue with the USG on the condition that the U.S. Administration does not make any demands of Sudan that affect Sudan's sovereignty. Sources also revealed that USG officials met with Sudanese officials on the sidelines of the recent Sharm Al-Sheik Summit on Iraq and conveyed the U.S. Administration's willingness to reach a settlement regarding economic sanctions on Sudan. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

## Senators: China accountable for Darfur conflict

- Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kansas) and Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) will introduce a Senate resolution today calling for China to use its influence to stop genocide and violence in Darfur region. The resolution criticizes China for being "reluctant" to use its political capital to end the conflict in Darfur. Brownback stated that "China should be held accountable to act consistently with the Olympic standard of preserving human dignity in Darfur, Sudan and around the world." (*The Hill*)

## UN Support Packages vital to AU

- The African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) issued a statement yesterday underscoring the importance it attaches to the UN Support Packages for AU forces deployed in Darfur region. These Support Packages are "vital elements for boosting the mission work and enabling it to perform its

tasks," according to the statement. AMIS further announced that the tripartite mechanism to follow-up on the implementation of the UN Light Support Package agreement would hold its eleventh meeting today at UN premises in Khartoum. (*Sudan Vision*)

## Sudan-Chad ties: Deby in Khartoum in June

- The National Assembly, chaired by Deputy Speaker Atim Garang, ratified a bill on the protection of investments between the governments of Sudan and Chad for 2006. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Al-Samani Al-Wasila told the Sudan News Agency that Chadian President Idriss Deby would visit Sudan in early June. The Sudanese official described the visit as part of the normalization of relations between Sudan and Chad in accordance with the Riyadh reconciliation agreement signed on May 3. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Ayaam, Al-Sahafa*)

## University of Khartoum professors to strike

- University of Khartoum professors announced that they will begin a three-day strike to protest the forced retirement of certain lecturers from the university. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Ayaam, et al*)

## South Sudan militia disarms

- A militia known as the Sudanese peace force has reportedly disbanded in South Sudan. Some 600 members of the group surrendered their weapons as part of the disarmament program. (*Sudan Tribune, The Citizen, et al*)

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