



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS



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## GoNU keen on overcoming obstacles to the CPA

Addressing a dinner held in honor of federal ministers yesterday, President Bashir said that the Government of National Unity (GoNU) is determined to overcome all obstacles to the peace process in the country. He highlighted the efforts the government had undertaken to seek a comprehensive negotiated political solution to the Darfur conflict. He expressed hopes that the new cabinet members will give momentum to the executive body. *(Al-Ayaam)*

## MPs seek peaceful coexistence in tension areas

The Bahr-el-Ghazal caucus at the National Assembly has held on to its initiative seeking to mend the social fabric and consolidate peaceful coexistence between the tribes of these border areas. The parliamentarians called upon those tribes to tap on the historic relations that bound them together. They accused the Popular Defense Forces (PDF) of arming the Misseiriya tribesmen and instigating attacks on the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). *(Al-Ayaam)*

## JlUs to deploy to oil areas

The Joint Integrated Forces (JIUs) will be deployed to the oil producing areas within the next two days, announced the Joint Defense Board (JDB). The JDB has also called on the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) to withdraw from those areas by the scheduled date of January 9, 2008. The JDB also said it has formed a committee to investigate the recent violence between the Misseiriya and the SPLA around the Mairam area. *(Al-Ayaam)*

## Ministry says no new probe on Garang death

Ambassador Siraj-el-Deen Hamid, the head of the Crisis Department at the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, has ruled out possibilities for a renewed probe on the helicopter crash that claimed the life of the late First Vice President and SPLM leader, Dr. John Garang. He criticized those people calling for a renewed probe into the incident but pointed out that a renewed investigation will only turn out the same result as before. *(Akhir Lahza)*

## Minister says authorities cooperating with FBI

Justice minister Mohamed Ali Al-Mardi told the press yesterday that the Sudan government team set up to investigate the killing of USAID officer John Granville and his Sudanese driver, Abdulrahman Abbas, is cooperating with the FBI agents in the investigations. "We are benefiting from their (the FBI's) vast experiences and technical expertise," said the minister. Walter Braunohler, a U.S. embassy official, said that the FBI agents have set to work and are aware of the recent claims of responsibility for the shooting by an unknown militant group. "Everything is being looked into. What we are really interested in are facts," he told Reuters. *(Al-Ayaam)*

## Chad threatens military incursions

Chadian President Idriss Debe threatened yesterday to send his soldiers inside Sudanese territory in pursuit of Chadian rebel elements whom he said have backing from Khartoum. He has also threatened to sever diplomatic ties with Khartoum. Sudan has denied Chadian claims that it supports the rebels. *(Al-Hayat et al)*

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