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Visit of Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister to Sudan

- Spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ali Al-Saddig refuted reports that the scheduled visit of the Chinese President Hu Jintao to Sudan came following pressures from the U.S. For his part, Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister for Africa Zhai Jun stated that his visit to Sudan is in the framework of preparations for the visit of the Chinese President in February. Jun dismissed reports that his visit aims to convince Sudan to change its rejection of international forces. (*Al-Adwaa*)

Situation in Abyei

-The National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLM) exchanged accusations yesterday regarding responsibility for the recent incidents in Abyei, where civilians reportedly took control of the Abyei Administrative Unit headquarters. The head of the NCP division at the Abyei Protocol, Al-Direeri Ahmed, called on the Presidency to expedite agreement over the disputed area. Al-Dirdeeri argued that the constant absence of First Vice President Salva Kiir is the reason for the delay in resolving this issue. Meanwhile, the head of the SPLM bureau in Abyei, Moses Meli, stated that five members of the Abyei Development Committee took control over the Abyei Unit until a decision is made by the Presidency. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

GOS- Chadian relations

-Chadian Foreign Minister Ahmed Alami stated that he has summoned the Sudanese Ambassador to N'djamena to convey to him Chad's objection to the

Sudanese government's support for rebels. The Chadian government reportedly also objected to Sudan Armed Forces flights over Chadian army zones. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Darfur

- Ten UN military experts arrived in El-Fashir yesterday. The deployment is in the framework of the Light Support Package of the UN for the AU, in which 105 military staff officers, 33 police advisers and 48 civilian staff will be sent by the UNMIS to Darfur. The experts are from the following countries: Madagascar, Senegal, Nigeria Rwanda and Egypt. (*Al-Rai Al-Aaam*)

Quote of the Day

"The solution of the question of Darfur should be based on the respect of the sovereignty Sudan and the safety of the Sudanese soil." -- Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister for Africa, Zhai Jun

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