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Darfur

- Arabic daily *Al-Rai Al-Aam* reported that the GOS allowed U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Andrew Natsios to travel to Juba and Darfur after four days of delay.
- British Envoy to Sudan Hilary Benn said that the Security Council must look into other options if Khartoum continues to reject UN troops for Darfur. Benn added that President Al-Bashir admitted the need for more troops on the ground but still rejects transferring the AU mission to the UN. (*Al-Aayam, Al-Wihda et al*)
- President Al-Bashir stated in his meeting with the Committee of Unification of National Ranks that the door is still open to dialog with anti-DPA groups. (*Al-Aayam, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al*)
- The EU Foreign Ministers in Brussels called on all parties to the conflict in Darfur to reconcile for the sake of the humanitarian situation in the region. (*Al-Wihda*)
- UN Special Representative Pronk reportedly stated that the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) have been defeated in the military campaign against the rebels in Darfur. The spokesman of SAF harshly criticized the statement, calling it “hostile;” he added that the rebels receive backing from Chad and “some European countries.” (*Al-Aayam, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al*)

Miscellaneous

- *Al-Intibaha* Arabic daily reported that SPLM leader Atim Garange stated that the SPLM does not agree with President Al-Bashir’s decree restricting the mobility of the American diplomats in Khartoum and called it “diplomatic war.”
- *The East African* highlighted the new report of the International Crisis Group think tank. The report says that petroleum is the largest source of foreign revenue for the GOS and can, therefore, be used to exert influence on Khartoum.

Quote of the Day

“The Darfur Peace Act penalizes the parties which signed Abuja agreement.” -- President Al-Bashir

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