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Darfur

- The Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) has announced its intent to target military and security sites inside Khartoum and called on civilians to avoid these zones to ensure their safety. The SLM statement affirmed that the SLM does not adhere to the cease-fire in Darfur and does not believe in negotiations. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

- French President Chirac is currently organizing a tripartite summit that will bring together the presidents of Sudan, Chad, and Central African Republic on the sidelines of the France-Africa summit scheduled to begin this week. The tripartite summit would aim to discuss means to resolve tensions between the three states. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- Sources expect African Union special envoy Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, who is scheduled to be in Khartoum today, to present new ideas to narrow differences between the Government of Sudan and Darfur Peace Agreement non-signatories, and to help implement a cease-fire in Darfur. (*Al-Ayaam*)

- Five women and children were killed, and eight other persons injured in an ambush in the region of Saleea in West Darfur yesterday. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Lord's Resistance Army

- English language dailies carried a report that Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan have decided to fight Lord's Resistance Army rebels operating along their common borders. The decision came after a meeting in Kasese, Uganda, chaired by the Ugandan People's Defense Forces. Meanwhile, the governor of Eastern Equatoria State has announced that he has deployed forces to protect the local population

from LRA attacks. (*Khartoum Monitor, Sudan Tribune*)

Miscellaneous

- Libya has declared several Sudanese diplomats as persona non grata and requested that they leave the country within a week. A Libyan source, however, affirmed that this measure has nothing to do with the recent deterioration in relations between Sudan and Libya. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)



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Quote of the Day

"I am not a dictator and appointing posts is my right." – Senior Assistant to the President Mini Minawi, responding to criticism of his recent appointments of fellow tribesmen to the Darfur Transitional Authority.

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