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Major rubrics:

- **Top Stories from the Sudanese Press**
- **Articles from the International Press**

Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – September 20, 2006

US –Sudan Relations

- “Bush Appoints Natsios as Envoy to Sudan” (Akhir Lahza)
- “President Bush says African Union Troops Inadequate to Protect Civilians in Darfur” (Al-Intibaha)
- “Bush to Name Former USAID Head as Envoy for Darfur” (United Nation/The Citizen)
- “GOS: The US Envoy will Not Change Our Rejection of Deployment of International Forces to Darfur” (Al-Hayat)*
- “Contradictory GOS Statements Regarding the Appointment of US Envoy to Darfur” (Al-Adwaa)

Darfur Peacekeeping Controversy

- “Al-Bashir: UNSC Resolution Paves the Way for Breaking up Sudan into Five States” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- “UNSC Holds Meeting on Darfur with Seven African Countries Participating” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- “President Bashir Increasingly Isolated Over Darfur” (ST/Sudan Tribune)
- “Sudan NCP Criticizes SPLM Support for UN Force” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Darfur DPA Signatories Agrees to Unify Ranks” (Sudan Vision)
- “UK Representative does not Rule Out a Military Intervention in Darfur” (Al-Addwa)
- “China Says Sudan Consent is Unavoidable for UN Troops” (Sudan Vision)
- “European Commission Chair for Talks in Sudan” (Sudan Vision)
- “France Postpones Vote on Sudan Accountability” (Sudan Tribune)

- “Qatar Fulfills Pledges Made to AU” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*

News from South Sudan

- “Sudan’s Yei Population Protest Against Price Increase” (The Citizen)
- “UDSF [United Democratic Salvation Front] Criticizes Unity State Governor” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “SSDF [Southern Sudan Defense Forces] to Stop Military Operations for Dialogue with SPLM” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Sudan: Lack of Funds Threatens Refugee Repatriation – UNHCR” (IRIN/Sudan Tribune)

Other Headlines

- “National Commission for Constitutional Review Kicks Off” (Sudan Vision)
- “UN Security Council Should Deploy Forces without Sudan Consent” (The Citizen)
- “Bishop Gabriel Roric Says Pope’s Comments on Islam are Personal Views” (Sudan Tribune)

Leading Commentaries

- “Relations between Sudan and the US Should be Based on the Principle of Give and Take” (Commentary reviews the workshop on Sudan-US relations organized by the Sudanese-American Friendship Association, arguing that social and academic cooperation between the American and Sudanese people will improve tense relations between the two countries.) (Al-Sudani)
- “Britain’ Policy of the Double Standard” (Rebutting British statements regarding possible military intervention in Darfur, editorial alludes to Sudan’s long history of countering foreign invaders, and argues that such threats are against democratic principles and the right of nations to decide.)(Sudan Vision)*
- “The Deceptive Mirage” (Criticizing the U.S. for not fulfilling its promises of normalization of U.S.-Sudan relations, columnist Ziada calls on GOS officials to give up on this ‘deceptive mirage:’ Washington will “never normalize relations with Sudan as long as Ingaz Salvation Movement is in power.”) (Sudan Vision)*
- “Sudan’s Arab Brothers” (Editorial criticizes the GOS for constantly mobilizing support on issues troubling its Arab “brothers” who themselves seem indifferent to the problems of Sudan. It recommends that GOS just offer press statements of support instead of organizing demonstrations – demonstrations featured on TV while other popular protests are ignored or even tear-gassed.)(Khartoum Monitor)

Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

(Right-click the title and choose "Open Hyperlink")

Bush and Sudan's Leader at Odds Over Sending U.N. Troops to Calm Darfur

President Bush challenged world leaders on Tuesday to overcome Sudan's unwillingness to let United Nations peacekeepers into Darfur, but Sudan's president reiterated his objection to any forces other than those from the African Union.

The NY Times, *September 19, 2006*

President Bush urges UN to move quickly on Darfur

President George W. Bush challenged world leaders on Tuesday to move quickly to get peacekeepers into Sudan's Darfur region, saying lives are at stake as well as the credibility of the United Nations.

Reuters, *September 19, 2006*

Lawmakers Welcome Bush Appointment of Sudan Envoy

Democratic lawmakers in Congress are reacting to President Bush's appointment of a special envoy for Sudan, calling it a long overdue step that could help avert further bloodshed in Darfur.

VOA News, *September 19, 2006*

US Senate blocks bill to pressure Sudan

The Bush Administration and business interests have been accused of undermining efforts to pressure the Sudanese Government to stop the killing in Darfur. The United States Senate has blocked a bill that passed in Congress endorsing state legislation that forces publicly owned entities to sell holdings in companies with substantial business with Sudan, or sell Khartoum weapons.

The New Zealand Herald, *September 19, 2006*

Sudan: Won't Accept U.N. Peacekeepers

Sudan will not allow the United Nations to take control of peacekeepers in Darfur under any circumstance, the president said Tuesday, claiming that rights groups have exaggerated the crisis there in a bid for more cash.

AP, *September 19, 2006*

Sudan blames Israel and Jews for many of its woes

Sudan's president said on Tuesday his country would never allow U.N. peacekeepers into Darfur and charged that the West wanted to dismember his country in order to help Israel. It is very clear there is a plan to redraw the region," especially after the invasion of Iraq, President Omar Hassan al-Bashir told a news conference on the sidelines of a ministerial U.N. General Assembly session.

Reuters, September 19, 2006

What the new US envoy can do for Sudan

Welcome to the new US President envoy to Sudan, Andrew Natsios. However, US Administration should know that Sudanese people do not want an envoy who works for the interest of the White House only. They hope to see an envoy working for the realization of peace and democracy in their country.

Sudan Tribune, September 19, 2006

UN envoy urges beefing up African Union in Sudan

The United Nations should beef up African Union forces in Darfur with troops and logistical support, even if Sudan does not allow a full U.N. operation, a senior U.N. envoy said on Monday.

Reuters, September 19, 2006

Qatar makes first Darfur payment

Qatar has become the first country to contribute to the \$150 million pledge made by the Arab League to beef up the African Union monitoring force deployed in Sudan's war-torn Darfur region.

Al-Jazeera.net, September 19, 2006

Rebel faction: We need UN force

The only Darfur rebel faction to commit to a peace deal for the war-torn region urged Sudan's ruling party on Monday to let UN peacekeepers replace the largely ineffective African Union force.

AP, September 19, 2006

61st UN General Assembly: Sudan, Iran, Lebanon and Burma Are Top US Priorities

This week the new session of the United Nations General Assembly opens in New York. Kristen Silverberg, UN Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, says she thinks several issues will top this year's UN agenda – promoting democracy and economic development in post-war Lebanon, preventing Iran from becoming a nuclear-armed state, and deploying a UN peacekeeping mission in Darfur to bring an end to the violence there.

VOA News, September 19, 2006

Soyinka lashes Arab League over Darfur

NOBEL Prize winning author Wole Soyinka accuses the Arab League of “studied indifference” to the situation in Darfur, Sudan, in a speech to be delivered in Paris today. In a text prepared for delivery he says the world community has not acted with enough speed and will to prevent atrocities in Darfur.

Business Day, September 19, 2006

Sudanese Press Websites:

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| Al-Watan | www.alwatansudan.com |
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| Al-Sudani | www.alsudani.info |
| Al-Khartoum | www.Khartoumnewspaper.com |
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| Sudan Vision | www.sudanvisiondaily.com |

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www.sudanreeves.org

The African Mission in Sudan

www.amis-sudan.org

IRIN News (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs--SUDAN page)

http://www.irinnews.org/frontpage.asp?SelectRegion=East_Africa&SelectCountry=Sudan

UN News Centre (SUDAN page)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=88&Body=Sudan&Body1>

Relief Web (SUDAN page):

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc108?OpenForm&emid=ACOS-636PJQ&rc=1>

Alertnet (SUDAN page)

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/emergency/246397.htm>

Humanitarian Information Center for Darfur:

<http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/darfur/default>

Al Bab: Khartoum Handbook and Diary

<http://www.coreSudan.com>

Refugees International:

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org>

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