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## Sudan-US Relations

- The Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang announced yesterday that Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte discussed the situation in Darfur in a late-night phone call: "In their talks, the two sides discussed issues concerning the deployment a hybrid African Union-U.N. peacekeeping force to Darfur. However, this requires consultations between the Sudan government, African Union and the United Nations to decide the timing of the deployment and implementation of the plan." (*Reuters*)

- Informed diplomatic sources revealed that U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Negroponte will submit, during his visit to Sudan, a series of proposals to bridge differences between the Sudanese government and the U.S. regarding the deployment of UN forces and means to reach a political settlement in Darfur. These sources argued that this visit is a clear indication that Washington does not wish to close the door to dialogue with Khartoum, given that Sudanese President Al-Bashir has stated in a recent interview with NBC TV network that Sudan is keen to normalize relations with the U.S. (*Al-Wihda*)

## Sudan-Chad clashes at the borders

- The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the Chadian Ambassador to Khartoum to relay to him Sudan's protest against the recent aggression on its borders. The Ministry also summoned the Libyan and Eritrean Ambassadors in Khartoum to discuss the situation on the borders, given the two countries' role in the signing of the Tripoli Agreement between Sudan and Chad. State Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ali Karti questioned Chad's sincerity in implementing

the Tripoli Agreement. Karti described the incident at the borders as "a flagrant assault. Such incidents undermine the credibility of Chad and its commitment to the agreements signed with Sudan." Karti commented that the mechanism monitoring the implementation of the Troploli Agreement cannot deny Sudan's right to react, adding that Sudan is awaiting the outcome of ongoing consultations on that respect. (*Sudan Vision*)

## South African President arrives Khartoum

- South African President Thabo Mbeki arrived Khartoum yesterday where he was received by President Al-Bashir. President Mbeki is scheduled to visit to South Sudan to hold talks with Vice President Kiir regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. (*The Citizen*)

## Darfur

- The African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) announced that three AMIS protection force soldiers were seriously wounded yesterday, and that one of the injured soldiers later died as a result of injuries suffered during an attack. The attack occurred at Kube Water Point near Sortony in North Darfur. Reports reveal that one of the peacekeepers' vehicles was taken by the unknown attackers. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## Quote of the Day

"Chad is not committed to the Tripoli Agreement." – Ali Karti, State Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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