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

Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – September 21, 2006

US-Sudan Relations

- “US Envoy Appointment Would not Change Government Rejection of UN Forces, Khalifa” (Sudan Vision)
- “Bush- Al-Bashir Meeting Did Not Take Place; Sudanese-Egyptian Summit in Cairo Today” (Al-Sudani)

UN Peacekeeping Controversy

- “Al-Bashir in New York : We Will Not Allow for a New Colonization of Sudan” (Al-Intibaha)
- “AU forces to Extend its Mission in Darfur Until the End of the Year” (Al-Sahafa)*
- “President Al-Bashir Holds Influential International Parties Responsible for Working to Undermine Abuja Agreement” (The Citizen)
- “Taha Says UN Troops ‘Do Not Fit in Darfur’” (The Juba Post)
- “London Rules Out Possibility of Military Intervention” (Al-Wihda)
- “Sudanese-Egyptian Summit to Convene Today in Cairo” (Sudan Vision)*
- “GOSS Council of Ministers Supports Intervention of International Forces in Darfur” (The Citizen)
- “SPLM Political Bureau Supports UN in Darfur” (The Juba Post)
- “AU Stays in Darfur to be Replaced by UN” (The Juba Post)
- “Envoy for Sudan Says Accord Through Balanced Needs all Parties on Board” (The Citizen)

News from Darfur

- Agreement Between Salvation Movement and Minnawi” (Al-Adwaa)
- “French NGO Funds Darfur Rebels providing Fuel , and Communication Devices” (Al-Adwaa)

- “South Darfur State Begins Security Arrangements” (Sudan Vision)*
- “Shartai Jaafar Abdel-Hakim Announces Stability in West Darfur” (Sudan Vision)*

News from South Sudan

- “Bahr El-Ghazal University Closed, Some Students Arrested: Report” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Lakes state Starts Mass Disarmament Campaign” (The Juba Post)
- “Lack of Funds Threaten UNHCR Repatriation Program” (The Juba Post)
- “Ministry Assesses Juba’s Bird Flu Epidemic” (The Juba Post)
- “Renk Malaria Outbreak kills 65 People” (The Juba Post)

Other Headlines

- “Imminent Lifting Of State of Emergency in the East” (Al-Sudani)
- “Reduced working hours during the month of Ramadhan; some restaurants in Khartoum receive special permits to operate” (Al-Sudani)
- “Rains hamper traffic in Khartoum; turn main runway at the Khartoum International Airport into a pool of rainwater” (Rai Al-Shaab)
- “Sudanese Faith Leaders Criticize Pope” (The Juba Post)
- “Precautionary Measures to Counter Expected Ban” (Khartoum Monitor)

Leading Commentaries

- “Censorship and the Interim Constitution” (Reviewing VP Taha’s recent statements on press censorship, Editor Mahgoub Salih argues that censorship is against the interim constitution, and poses a main threat to democratic transformation”) (Al-Ayaam)*
- “A Serial Drawing” (Criticizing Minister of Justice’s claim of ignorance about recent acts of press censorship, commentary argues that it is not acceptable for the Minister to be ignorant of this and wonders how he was selected for “such a critical position in the GOS?”)(Al-Sudani)
- “Minister of Defense Threatens Repression” (Noting threat by Minister of Defense to “crush those who support the UN intervention,” editorial argues that the government may be able to “crush” ordinary citizens, but how will it crush dissident [SPLM and SLM] members of the GONU?) (Al-Ayaam)*
- “Where is the Principle of Subsidiarity?” (Editorial argues that the GONU should be able to finance urgent projects from its own resources (esp. oil revenues), without having to resort to foreign aid.) (The Khartoum Monitor)

Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

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

[AU peacekeepers to stay in Sudan through end of year](#)

The African Union announced Wednesday it will extend the mandate of peacekeeping forces in Darfur through the end of the year, ensuring that international troops will remain in the war-torn Sudanese province for now.

AP, September 20, 2006

[SUDAN: AU mission extended with Arab League and UN support](#)

The African Union (AU) peacekeeping mission in Sudan will be extended until December 31, with regional and United Nations support, Burkina Faso's President and current AU President, Blaise Compaoré, announced today after a high-level meeting with AU Peace and Security Council members.

IRIN, September 20, 2006

[Sudan Rejects UN Peacekeepers in Darfur](#)

President Omar al-Bashir Tuesday categorically rejected the U.N. Security Council resolution extending the mandate of U.N. peacekeepers in southern Sudan to include Darfur. He spoke to reporters through a translator shortly before addressing the U.N. General Assembly.

VOA News, September 20, 2006

[Sudan blocking West's efforts to help Darfur](#)

The warnings from the United Nations, Europe and the U.S. are dire: The war-ravaged Darfur region of Sudan is headed toward disaster, and Sudan's government must allow in peacekeepers to prevent it.

AP, September 21, 2006

[Sudan's Pres.: UN Troops in Darfur for 'the Security of Israel'](#)

The president of Sudan, Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, has rejected the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers in Darfur, where genocide of Black Africans by Arab Muslims has been ongoing for years. According to Al-Bashir, such UN deployment would be part of a plan by the West for the benefit of Israel.

Israel NN, September 20, 2006

[Legislators Move to Strengthen Divestment Efforts against Sudan](#)

A group of Democrats in the House of Representatives will try to supplement US Congressional efforts to strengthen economic sanctions against Sudan. They will soon unveil new legislation barring Federal contracts for companies doing business with Sudan until attacks and rampant killings in the troubled Darfur region are stopped.

VOA News, September 20, 2006

[West Stymied By Sudan In Darfur](#)

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AP, September 20, 2006

[Sudan: Groups exaggerate Darfur crisis](#)

Sudan's president claimed that human rights groups have exaggerated the crisis in Darfur to help their fundraising, and charged that demands for U.N. peacekeepers there are meant to protect Israel, carve up Sudan and get access to its oil reserves.

AP, September 20, 2006

Sudanese Press Websites:

Al-Wihda	www.Alwahada.com
Akhbar Al-Youm	www.akhbaralyoumsd.net
Rai Al-Shaab	www.rayalshaab.info
Al-Watan	www.alwatansudan.com
Al-Shari Al-Siasi	www.sharisiasi.com
Al-Sudani	www.alsudani.info
Al-Khartoum	www.Khartoumnewspaper.com
Sudan News Agency (SUNA)	www.Suna-sd.Net
Sudan Tribune	www.sudantribune.com
Sudan Vision	www.sudanvisiondaily.com

Other Websites for Sudan News:

<http://usinfo.state.gov>

<http://www.state.gov>

<http://allafrica.com>

[Sudan Online](#)

<http://www.sol-sd.com>

<http://www.Sudanmirror.com>

Sudan Radio Service

<http://www.Sudanradio.org>

<http://Sudan.net>

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<http://www.Sudantribune.com>

<http://smcSudan.net>

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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United Nations System in the Sudan

www.unsudanig.org

Association for Media Development in South Sudan

www.gurtong.com