



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS



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### Debate over further U.S. sanctions

Several dailies reported that the Bush administration opposes a U.S. Senate bill that would prohibit the U.S. Government from dealing with any foreign company that does business in Sudan. On October 3, a bill calling for divestment was introduced in the Senate Banking Committee. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer stated that the legislation, if passed, would have a negative effect now that the Government of Sudan has agreed to accept a UN-AU hybrid peacekeeping force for Darfur. (*Akhbar Al-Youm, Al-Sahafa*)

### At UN, Foreign Minister focuses on Darfur

Sudan's Foreign Minister, Lam Akol, told the UN General Assembly on October 3 that the international community should take extreme measures against those who refuse to participate in the October 27 peace talks in Tripoli, Libya. He also asked "international powers" that host some rebel leaders to demonstrate their credibility by pressuring those rebel leaders to attend the talks. Akol called on Darfur rebels to immediately cease all hostilities and participate in the talks. He further accused certain international players of utilizing the Darfur issue to serve their own agenda in Sudan. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

### Security official angers Jimmy Carter

Security authorities in Kabkabya town in North Darfur prevented former U.S. President Jimmy Carter from meeting with tribal leaders on October 3. Carter reportedly had a heated exchange with a security officer who said the visit was not part of the scheduled program. Carter replied that the security officer did not have the power to prevent his visit. Carter was in Darfur as part of "The Elders" mission, which is trying to persuade all

sides in the conflict to reach a peace agreement. Meanwhile, Carter announced that the government of Sudan had promised to allocate \$300 million to rebuild the Darfur region. (*Al-Sudani, AP*)

### Kiir appoints SPLM deputies

In his capacity as chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), Salva Kiir has appointed Riek Machar, James Wani, and Malik Agar as his first, second, and third deputies, respectively. The appointments will strengthen the SPLM, said Telar Ring, State Minister at the Presidency. Ring strongly criticized Pagan Amun, the SPLM's secretary general, stating that he has sown division within the party. (*Akhbar Al-Youm, Sudan Vision, Khartoum Monitor*)

### Guantanamo detainees to be free soon

Al-Samani Al-Wasila, State Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, announced on October 3 that the government had received notice from the U.S. Government about conditions for the release of Sudanese detainees at Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility. The conditions include guarantees that the release of the Sudanese will not affect U.S. security. Al-Wasila expected the release within two months, but he did not specify who was going to be released. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

### Hearing in case of murdered journalist

A hearing is scheduled for October 6 in Khartoum North Criminal Court in the case of the summer 2006 killing of newspaper editor Mohamed Taha in Khartoum. A U.S. Embassy guard, Adam Bush, is a suspect in the case. (*Al-Rai Al-Shaab*)

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