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Different opinions emerge on draft UNSCR

- The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) announced yesterday that within two days it will formally respond to the latest draft resolution put forward by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). MFA spokesman Ali Al-Sadig stated that the amended version is far better than the first draft. Sudan's U.N. Ambassador, Abdalmahmood Abdalhaleem, criticized the amended version, saying that it is still ambiguous when it comes to the deployment of the hybrid forces and its exit from Sudan. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*).

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires meets with Shiekan Insurance Company

- U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, Alberto Fernandez met with Director of Shiekan Insurance Company, Osman Abdulhadi on Wednesday. Abdulhadi described the Chargé's response to his request to lift his company's name from the sanctions list as "positive." Shiekan was designated on May 28 2007 as a specially designated company for U.S. sanctions. Abdulhadi stated that he was puzzled how his company had been put on that list when it is the only company which will insure relief operations and humanitarian organizations in Darfur. He added that that his company insures, in particular, the non-profit charity "Save the Children" and all of its personnel in Sudan. Fernandez stated that the companies on the sanctions list have a link with the government of Sudan in some way. (*Al-Sahafa*).

U.N. World Food Program (WFP) condemns attacks on aid workers in Darfur

- In a press release issued yesterday in Khartoum, the WFP condemned the escalation of attacks on aid workers, relief convoys, and aid workers' vehicles. The press release stated that nine convoys have

been attacked in the last two weeks. Meanwhile U.N. spokeswoman Radia Ashouri stated in a press conference yesterday that 76 vehicles have been carjacked and 77 convoys have been attacked. (*Al-Sudani*)

U.N. Human Rights delegation visits Sudan

- The Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations, Sima Samar, started a visit to Sudan yesterday as part of her assessment mission. Samar met yesterday with the Human Rights Council at the Ministry of Justice. She discussed the recent Kajbar demonstrations that resulted in four dead, the continued detention of journalists and the Political Parties Act and the expected Police and Security Force Act. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Aayam, et al*)

U.S. judge says Sudan should pay for attack on USS Cole

- A U.S. judge has ordered Sudan to pay nearly eight million dollars to the families of 17 sailors killed in a 2000 terrorist attack on the USS Cole in Yemen. Families of the victims accused Sudan of providing financial support and training members of the Al-Qaida terror network. In March, the judge ruled that Sudan should be held accountable for the incident. Two Yemeni al-Qaida-linked terrorists carried out the suicide attack on the ship in the port of Aden. (*VOA News*)

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