



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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## Gunmen attack senior peacekeeper in Darfur

Four unidentified armed men attacked the car of a Ghanaian colonel in El-Fasher in North Darfur, wounding his driver and seizing the vehicle, according to an AMIS spokesman on December 16. The Joint UN-AU envoy Rodolphe Adada on Sunday met Governor Osman Kibir to raise the question of security for the UNAMID mission. Kibir blamed rebel groups for the violence. The North Darfur governor also blamed the AMIS and other international agencies for not immediately notifying the police of the carjacking. He said authorities found the stolen car. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

## Presidency to discuss Abyei today

President Bashir meets with First Vice President Salva Kiir today to discuss the issue of Abyei among other key issues, sources report. The meeting that was scheduled for December 15 had to be postponed due to reports of the death of the president's uncle. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## Minister wants MP stripped of immunity

Justice Minister Mohamed Ali Al-Mardi requested yesterday that MP Al-Rayah Juma be stripped of his immunity so that he can answer charges about his alleged involvement in violent incidents in Gereida, Darfur. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

## Rebels say government detaining Darfur Arabs

The spokesman for the Revolutionary Forces Front, Al-Hadi Ajab Al-Dour, accused the government yesterday of detaining a number of Arab tribal leaders in Zalengei and in areas west of the Jebel Marra in Darfur. He said that there is a buildup of government forces in those areas. He also accused the government of using some elements from the Arab tribes in a bid to "stem the wave of

awareness" as the people in the region try to put an end to the crisis in Darfur. (*Al-Ayaam*)

## SLM: SPLM efforts in Darfur doomed to fail

Abdul-Wahid Mohamed Nur has denounced efforts by the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) to reunite rebel movements of Darfur. Reacting to the creation in Juba of a new umbrella rebel group under the name, Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) and headed by Ahmed Abdul-Shafei, Nur, who heads the parent SLM, said, "Any work to falsify the will of our people is doomed to fail." He accused the SPLM of "associating itself with the NCP in efforts to fabricate rebel groups in order to falsify the will of the people of Darfur." (*Sudan Tribune*)

## Turabi says he will not meet President Bashir

Dr. Hassan Turabi, the leader of the opposition Popular Congress Party, has listed a number of preconditions for talks between his party and the National Congress Party. These included the release of political prisoners. He rebuffed reports by some NCP members saying that he will be soon be holding bilateral talks with President Bashir. (*Al-Ayaam*)

## Reporters arrested

Authorities in Khartoum arrested two reporters for possession of anti-government leaflets yesterday. Fakhredeen of *Al-Wifaq* and Salma Adam of *Al-Wihda* are alleged to have been involved in the distribution of anti-government leaflets during a court hearing related to the plot to sabotage the government this past fall. (*Al-Ayaam*)

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