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Darfur

- The United States Special Envoy to Sudan Andrew Natsios submitted to President Bush a report regarding the humanitarian situation in Darfur, which insiders described as “gloomy.” President Bush and Natsios also discussed a future plan for deployment of international forces in Darfur. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)
- During his visit to the UK, Vice President Salva Kiir affirmed to Prime Minister Tony Blair that priority is now being given to convincing opponents of the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) to join the peace process. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)
- British Prime Minister Tony Blair warned that Sudan will face international isolation if the problem of Darfur is not resolved. Blair further called on the Government of Sudan to demonstrate some progress in Darfur prior to a meeting of African leaders in late November focusing on Darfur. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)
- The Sudan Armed Forces refuted accusations made by the National Redemption Front of its involvement in the burning of villages in West Darfur and the death of 63 civilians. (*Al-Ayaam*)
- The Government of Sudan has received an official protest from the Central Africa Republic regarding the penetration of rebels into their territory and the occupation of the region of Biyaro by rebels. (*Al-Sahafa*)
- Libyan envoy Abdel Al-Salam Al-Tureiky discussed yesterday with Sudanese President Al-Bashir the deterioration of relations between Chad and Sudan. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

- The UN is planning to send a fact-finding mission to Chad and the Central African Republic to assist in halting the deterioration of the security situation along the three countries’ borders. (*Al-Sahafa*)
- In an interview with Al-Jazeera TV, UN Special Representative to Sudan Jan Pronk stated that the Government of Sudan does not adhere to the Darfur cease-fire agreement, and added that Sudan violates the agreement by bombarding civilians and amassing pro-government militias. Meanwhile, the UNSC is supporting UN Secretary General Kofi Annan’s decision to allow Pronk to complete his mandate in Sudan. (*Al-Wihda*)

Miscellaneous

- The Sudan People’s Liberation Movement is threatening to bring the controversial issue of Abyei’s boundaries to the national parliament for discussion. The SPLM is also expressing frustration over the presidency’s delay in resolving this issue. (*Al-Sudani*)
- President Al-Bashir was due to depart for China today to attend the Chinese-African Partnership Summit in Beijing. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Quote of the Day

“What I have heard about Darfur is appalling. The U.S. is now formulating a plan of action.” -- President George W. Bush during his meeting with Special Envoy for Sudan Andrew Natsios

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