



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS



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## US-Sudan Relations

- Senior Assistant to the President Mini Minawi met yesterday with the visiting bipartisan Congressional delegation following the delegation's visit to Darfur. The meeting discussed the humanitarian and political aspects of the conflict in Darfur and means to resolve it. In addition, Minawi discussed with the visiting delegation the situation inside IDP camps and obstacles hindering the delivery of humanitarian assistance. (*Al-Hayat*)

- The National Press Council submitted to the US Embassy yesterday a memorandum demanding the release of Sami Al-Hajj, a Sudanese national detained in Guantanamo Bay for more than five years. (*Al-Ayaam*)

## UN Security Council to Discuss Situation in Sudan

- The UN Security Council is due to discuss a US-UK proposal to impose sanctions on Sudan today in response to Sudan's refusal to allow UN peacekeepers to be deployed in Darfur. It is not clear whether a draft resolution has already been introduced for debate. The British Permanent Representative to the UN, Sir Emyr Jones Parry, indicated last month that they are working on a draft sanctions resolution. (*Sudan Tribune*)

## AU Demands Logistical Assistance

- Sam Ibok, head of the African Union (AU) team charged with implementing the peace agreement in Darfur stated yesterday that AU forces need increased UN logistical assistance and more sophisticated weapons to cope with the dangers in Darfur. Ibok said, "We need more defensive weapons. AK-47s and the other weapons we have are not enough." Ibok further added that he was not calling for the immediate deployment of UN troops

to help the AU force, a move he said "would require the consent of the Khartoum government." (*Al-Sudani*)

## UN Accuses GOS of Obstructing Humanitarian Aid in Retaliation for Denouncing Rights Violations

- In a briefing before the UN Security Council yesterday regarding his trip Sudan, Chad and the Central Africa Republic, UN Undersecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs John Holmes said Sudanese officials repeatedly suggested that some NGOs engage in inappropriate "political" activities in Darfur. "This allegation generally referred to advocacy activities regarding protecting civilians from having their rights abused," he explained. Holmes further considered such accusations as "insidious pressure on agencies...to cause them to cease operations." (*Al-Ayaam*)

## LRA Wages Attacks in Eastern Equatoria

The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has waged fresh attacks in the Magwi area of Eastern Equatoria. Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) spokesman Kuol Deim stated that two attacks were launched in the area but that no casualties were reported. (*The Khartoum Monitor*)

## Quote of the Day

"The recent attack on AU forces in Darfur demonstrated our vulnerability." Sam Ibok, head of the AU team charged with implementing the peace agreement in Darfur.

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