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## **SUDAN NEWS-FEED**

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- **Top Stories from the Sudanese Press**
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## **Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – June 1, 2006**

### **Situation In Darfur**

- “UN Threatens to Withdraw its Humanitarian Assistance Staff from Darfur” (Alwan)
- “VP Kiir to Meet with Minawi and Abdel Wahid in Yei within next 48 hours” (Alwan)
- “Annan Announces Plan for UN Force Deployment within Next Four Months” (Al-Adwa)
- “Armed Forces Announce Two-Phase Disarmament Process for Janjaweed” (Al-Sahafa)
- “AU Threatens Action Against Khalil Ibrahim and Abdel Wahid” (Al-Ayaam)
- “Minawi Survives an Assassination Attempt in Darfur” (Rai Al-Shaab)
- “UNSC Delegation to Arrive Khartoum on Monday to Prepare for International Force Deployment” (Al-Intibaha)

### **Darfur Peace Agreement Aftermath**

- “Dissidents from Rebel JEM May Sign Darfur Peace Deal” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Darfur Rebels Face Deadline” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Head of GOS Abuja Negotiating Team: We Will Not Open the Door for More Discussions on the DPA” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)\*
- “President of Slovenia to Meet JEM Leaders” (Al-Intibaha)
- “Quadruple Committee to Resolve Crisis Between Sudan and Chad” (Al-Sudani)
- “Jordan and Saudi Arabia Affirm Support for DPA” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)\*

## Other Headlines

- “Sudan Forum Launches Its First Activities” (Al-Sudani)
- “Political Parties Respond Positively to Kiir’s Call” (Sudan Vision)
- “NDA to Organize Meeting with Egyptian Ambassador to Discuss National Reconciliation” (Al-Sahafa)
- “Vandals Target Imam Mahdi’s Dome in Odurman” (Al-Hayat)
- “Talks Between Kampala and LRA to Be Held In Juba” (Al-Sahafa)\*
- “LRA Attacks Village Killing One” (Khartoum Monitor)

## Leading Commentaries

- “The Notion of the Party and the Notion of the Family” (Columnist criticizes certain high-level SPLM appointments as based on nepotism: if the NCP is known to appoint officials on grounds of loyalty, the SPLM risks the same, but on kinship grounds.” (Al-Sahafa)\*
- “Sudan is for All” (Editor commends NCP and SPLM calls for national consensus, arguing that other parties, outside the GONU, should come on board.) (Sudan Vision)\*
- “Who Brought About the CPA” (Editor criticizes VP Kiir’s statement applauding NCP role in bringing peace through the CPA, arguing that the NCP is the last, not the first, on the list of those who brought peace.) (Khartoum Monitor)
- “From Abuja to Slovenia” (Editor wonders how a country like Slovenia could succeed in bring DPA opponents to the table, when the AU has failed.) (Al-Intibaha)
- “Thank God, We Have Started” (Columnist reviews objectives of the new “Sudan Forum,” as set out in its first meeting, stressing that the party is open to all Sudanese who recognize the need for political reform.) (Al-Sudani)\*

## Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

(Right-click the title and choose “Open Hyperlink”)

### [Intensive Talks Continue for Darfur deal](#)

Talks continued Thursday to convince rebel groups to sign the Darfur peace agreement, the African Union said, a day after one of the holdout factions rejected an accord to resolve the crisis in western Sudan.

AP, June 1, 2006

### **Darfur rebels refuse peace as deadline passes**

Two Darfur rebel groups refused on Thursday to sign a peace deal ahead of a deadline set by the African Union to end the three-year-old conflict that has killed tens of thousands in Sudan's remote west.

*Reuters*, May 31, 2006

### **Deadline for Darfur**

Time has run out for those factions who still oppose the Abuja treaty ending the war in Darfur, says today's al-Watan

The deadline for all factions to accept the internationally-sponsored Abuja peace treaty for Darfur expires today (Wednesday).

*Mideast Mirror*, May 31, 2006

### **Darfur solution: Send in the mercenaries**

So the United States has brokered a cease-fire among the warring factions in Darfur, and the U.N. Security Council has authorized the deployment of a peacekeeping force. To anyone blissfully unfamiliar with history, this sounds like a decisive step that will finally end the violence that has left at least 200,000 dead and 2 million homeless.

*LA Times* May 31, 2006

### **World - UN official rejects troop deployment for Darfur**

United Nations humanitarian chief Jan Egeland warned against the deployment of a Western military force to Darfur yesterday.

Some right-wing US politicians have called for troops to be sent to Sudan.

*Morning Star*, May, 31, 2006

### **Darfur peace deal deadline passes**

A deadline for the two remaining rebel groups in Sudan's Darfur region to sign up to a peace agreement has expired.

African Union mediators had been trying to persuade them to sign the 5 May deal before 2100 GMT on Wednesday. The two groups have demanded changes to the text of the agreement aimed at ending the conflict, in which at least 200,000 people have died. The Justice and Equality Movement and a faction of the Sudan Liberation Army rejected the deal, initial reports say.

*BBC*, May 31, 2006

### **Sudan and Angola wait at Opec's door**

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is considering enlarging its membership – for the first time in more than 30 years.

*Financial Times*, May 31, 2006

## **Sudanese Press Websites:**

Al-Ayaam <http://www.alayaam.net>  
Al-Rai Al-Aam <http://www.rayaam.net>  
Al-Sahafa <http://www.alsahafa.info/news>  
Sudan Vision <http://www.sudanvisiondaily.com>  
Sudan News Agency (SUNA) <http://www.Suna-sd.Net>

## **Other Websites for Sudan News:**

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/Archive/2005/May/12-676357.html?chanlid=washfile>

<http://www.state.gov>

<http://allafrica.com>

[Sudan Online](#)

<http://www.sol-sd.com>

[U.N. OCHA-IRIN](#)

<http://www.irinnews.org>

<http://www.Sudanmirror.com>

[Sudan Radio Service](#)

<http://www.Sudanradio.org>

<http://Sudan.net>

[Sudaneseonline.com](#)

<http://www.Sudantribune.com>

<http://smcSudan.net>

[www.sudanreeves.org](http://www.sudanreeves.org)

[Civilian Protection Monitoring Team website](#)

<http://www.cpmtSudan.org>

IRIN News (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs--SUDAN page)  
[http://www.irinnews.org/frontpage.asp?SelectRegion=East\\_Africa&SelectCountry=Sudan](http://www.irinnews.org/frontpage.asp?SelectRegion=East_Africa&SelectCountry=Sudan)

UN News Centre (SUDAN page)  
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=88&Body=Sudan&Body1>

Relief Web (SUDAN page):  
<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc108?OpenForm&emid=ACOS-636PJO&rc=1>

Alertnet (SUDAN page)  
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/emergency/246397.htm>

Humanitarian Information Center for Darfur:  
<http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/darfur/default>

Al Bab: Khartoum Handbook and Diary  
<http://www.coreSudan.com>

Refugees International:  
<http://www.refugeesinternational.org>

NATO  
<http://www.nato.int/>

U.S. European Command  
<http://www.eucom.mil/english/index.asp>

Sudan Information Gateway  
United Nations System in the Sudan  
[www.unsudanig.org](http://www.unsudanig.org)

Association for Media Development in South Sudan  
[www.gurtong.com](http://www.gurtong.com)