



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS



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## Darfur

- Press reports say that up to 31 persons were killed and another 18 injured following attacks in an Internally Displaced Persons camp near the village of Beer Degeed in Western Darfur recently. MP Bashir Ibrahim Yahiya of the locality of Kulbus blamed Janjaweed militias for the attacks. The government of Western Darfur stated that it has no information regarding these militias. (*Al-Sahafa, Khartoum Monitor*)

- UN Assistant for Peacekeeping Forces, Hadi Annabi, held talks with President Al-Bashir regarding future UN logistical support for the African Union (AU) forces in Darfur. (*Al-Ayaam*)

- French Foreign Minister Philippe Douze-Blasty called for extending the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) to include parties that are non-signatories. Douze-Blasty further expressed concern over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Darfur. In addition, he announced that France was donating 1 million Euros to support AU forces. (*The Citizen*)

- The head of the National Congress Information Department, Ibrahim Ahmed Omer, asserted that the United Kingdom is currently seeking other alternatives to resolve the controversy over UNSC Resolution 1706 and will submit these alternatives to President Al- Bashir. (*Alwan*)

- The head of the Sudan Liberation Movement (Abdel Wahid faction) Abdel Wahid Mohamed Nur accused the Sudanese and Eritrean governments of plotting to assassinate him following his detention at Asmara airport. (*The Citizen*)

## Miscellaneous

- The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and the anti-SPLA South Sudan Defense Forces (SSDF)

supported by the Baggara tribe, clashed on Thursday in the Meeram town in Southern Kordofan state where three SPLA soldiers were shot dead and one wounded. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

- Minister of Social Welfare and Development Samia Ahmed announced that 35% of the Sudanese population lives below the poverty line. (*Al-Sudani*)

## Quote of the Day

“Only 1% of the Darfur Peace Agreement has been implemented.” — Senior Assistant to the President Minni Minawi.

Cartoon from *Akhir Lahza* Arabic daily



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