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Major rubrics:

- **Top Stories from the Sudanese Press**
- **Articles from the International Press**

Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – September 13, 2006

US-Sudan Relations

- “Rice Warns Sudan of Relation with U.S.” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Rice Presses Sudan to Accept UN” (CNN/Khartoum Monitor)
- “Sudan Ready for Improved Relations with USA” (The Citizen)
- “NCP Rejects Rice’s Conditions for Normalization of Relations (Al-Sahafa; Akhbar Al-Youm)
- “NCP: Washington’s Conditions Are Not Acceptable (Al-Sahafa)*

Darfur Peacekeeping Controversy

- “Ministry of Foreign Affairs Organizes Media Forum on UNSC Resolution 1706” (Sudan Vision)
- “Government Receives UN Comments on Plan to Address Situation in Darfur” (SUNA/Sudan Vision)
- “African Peace and Security Council Holds Emergency Meeting Today to Discuss Situation in Darfur”(Al-Ayaam)
- “Strongly Condemning Escalation of Violence in Sudan, Secretary General Tells Security Council ‘It is Time to Act’” (The Citizen)
- “Egeland: Foreign NGOs Will Leave Darfur Due to Escalation of Violence” (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- “Sudan Flouting DPA: Annan” (UN News Service/Khartoum Monitor)
- “EU Envoy Reports Continued Government Bombing of Darfur Villages” (The Citizen)

Other Darfur News

- “Civilians in Darfur Held Hostage to Deadlock Between Sudan and the UN” (Amnesty International/Khartoum Monitor)
- “Sudan’s Antinovs Drops More Bombs on Darfur Villages” (Sudan Tribune)

Minister of Interior Press Conference

- “Minister of Interior: The Country is Being Exposed to Terrorist Operations and We Are Ready to Provide Protection to Whoever Requests it” (Rai Al-Shaab)
- “Minister of Interior Accuses Zionist Groups of Funding Terrorist Activities in Sudan” (Al-Sahafa; Al-Ayaam)*

News from South Sudan

- “UN Aid Coordinator Jan Egeland in Juba” (The Citizen)
- “Jan Egeland Urges LRA to Release Abductees” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Egeland Reviews Uganda Peace Talks with GOSS President” (Sudan Tribune)
- “400 LRA Fighters Assemble in Equatoria” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “South Sudan Detects its First Case of Bird Flue” (Sudan Vision)
- “New Sudanese currency to enter circulation in northern Sudan next January; in Southern Sudan in December” (Al Ayaam)*

Other Headlines

- “President Al-Bashir to Participate at NAM [Non-Aligned] Summit in Havana” (SUNA/The Citizen)
- “Foreign Ministry Receives Russian Ambassador” (The Citizen)
- “Government, SLM/A Joint Committee to Start Meetings Today” (Sudan Vision)
- “Opposition Parties to File Case Against Police Aggression” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Opposition Parties Blast Government for Violations of the Constitution, to Pursue Court Action Against Police” (The Citizen)
- “Opposition Parties to Seek Assistance of the Constitutional Court for a review of Price Increases (Al-Sahafa)*
- “Qaeda ‘Leader’ Claims Beheading of Sudan Editor” (Reuters/Khartoum Monitor)
- “32 Killed Following Explosion of Landmine in Kassala”(Al-Rai Al-Aam)*

Leading Commentaries

- “Darfur Peace and Development” (Editor Mahgoub Salih applauds the work of the Darfur JAM [Joint Assessment Mission], arguing that it addresses the main obstacles hindering development in Darfur.) (Al-Ayaam)*

- “Between Sudan and the Security Council” (Noting pressures on Sudan following from UNSCR 1706, columnist criticizes the UN for being the conduit for a covert American agenda.) (Al-Khartoum)
- “Faces of the Same Coin” (Editorial expresses amazement at recent challenges from the U.S.’s Rice and the UN’s Annan, both critical of Sudan’s Darfur policies and insisting on UNSCR 1706 – the former making this a “condition for normalization of relations” with the U.S. Their “role-playing,” however, “will never lead Sudan to bow to their pressures.”) (Sudan Vision)*
- “Unite the People of Darfur” (Editor Taban argues that the people of Darfur have been abandoned by the AU (“sent packing in disgrace”), the UN (which has “chickened out”) and the SPLM (never keen on Darfur rebel demands); if they cannot unite (as did the Southerners, around Garang), they are “doomed.”) (Khartoum Monitor)

Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

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

Pressure ratchets up over Darfur

With time running out on the African Union's peacekeeping force in Darfur, the United Nations may find out if the international community has the ability to stop renewed genocide.

The Christian Science Monitor, September 12, 2006

Sudanese lawmaker accuses Annan of spearheading a conspiracy against African country

A senior Sudanese lawmaker on Tuesday accused U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan of spearheading a conspiracy against the African country over a plan to deploy U.N. peacekeepers in the war-torn Darfur region.

AP, September 12, 2006

U.N. humanitarian chief: Darfur near collapse

The U.N.'s humanitarian chief said Tuesday it was vital that a U.N. peacekeeping force be allowed into the western Sudan region of Darfur to improve the security situation. Sudan, however, has resisted the plan for a U.N. force. A 7,000-strong African Union force now in the region is understaffed, starved of cash and eager to hand over to the U.N. Its mandate expires at the end of the month.

AP, September 12, 2006

Promises in Sudan peace deal said not met

Many of the most important promises made under a peace deal that ended a 21-year civil war in Sudan's south have not been met, threatening to plunge the long-suffering region back into violence, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a report Tuesday.

AP, September 12, 2006

Man claims beheading of Sudan editor for al Qaeda

A man purporting to lead an African branch of the al Qaeda militant network claimed responsibility on Tuesday for the beheading of a Sudanese newspaper editor who was found dead last week.

Reuters, September 12, 2006

US Court Rejects Sudan Abuse Claims Against Energy Firm

A U.S. court has dismissed a lawsuit against a Canadian energy company accused of a role in human rights violations in southern Sudan. The judge in New York said there was no evidence to justify the claims made against Talisman Energy, which operated indirectly in Sudan from 1998 to 2003.

VOA News, September 12, 2006

UN says Sudan peace agreement in trouble

A peace pact that ended a 21-year civil war in southern Sudan appears to be crumbling, with important pledges ignored or circumvented, according to a report by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan late on Tuesday.

Reuters, September 12, 2006

Uganda drops peace talks deadline

Uganda has dropped its deadline for the conclusion of peace talks, while rebels continue to gather in assembly points, as agreed in a ceasefire.

BBC, September 12, 2006

Sudanese Press Websites:

Al-Wihda
Akhbar Al-Youm

www.Alwahada.com
www.akhbaralyoumsd.net

Rai Al-shaab	www.rayalshaab.info
Al-Watan	www.alwatansudan.com
Al-Shari Al-Siasi	www.sharisiasi.com
Al-Sudani	www.alsudani.info
Al-Khartoum	www.Khartoumnewspaper.com
Sudan News Agency (SUNA)	www.Suna-sd.Net
Sudan Tribune	www.sudantribune.com
Sudan Vision	www.sudanvisiondaily.com

Other Websites for Sudan News:

<http://usinfo.state.gov>

<http://www.state.gov>

<http://allafrica.com>

[Sudan Online](#)

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

<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

Association for Media Development in South Sudan

www.gurtong.com

The African Mission in Sudan

www.amis-sudan.org

IRIN News (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs--SUDAN page)

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-636PJQ&rc=1>

Alertnet (SUDAN page)

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/emergency/246397.htm>

Humanitarian Information Center for Darfur:

<http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/darfur/default>

Sudan Information Gateway

United Nations System in the Sudan

www.unsudanig.org

Refugees International:

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org>

Al Bab: Khartoum Handbook and Diary

<http://www.coreSudan.com>