



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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## Darfur on UN agenda

The United States is threatening to impose sanctions on Darfur rebel leaders who refuse to attend the October 27 peace talks in Tripoli, Libya. The threat came from Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte during a September 22 meeting on Darfur on the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has appointed a special envoy to attend the peace talks in Tripoli. Ban also announced the establishment of a fund to finance diplomatic efforts to resolve the Darfur crisis. (*Akhir Lahza, Al-Sahafa*)

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Lam Akol met September 22 with Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Zalmay Khalilzad, and Special Envoy for Sudan Andrew Natsios. They discussed the October 27 peace talks in Tripoli and those issues which are preventing normalization of U.S.-Sudan relations, especially U.S. sanctions on Sudan. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## NGO workers attacked in South Darfur

Unidentified attackers ambushed employees of Worldvision, killing at least two and injuring six. The ambush took place on September 20 in Bulbul town in South Darfur, according to a UN official in Khartoum. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Rai Al-Shaab*)

## Massacre in South Darfur during Iftar

Sudanese Liberation Movement (Minawi faction) disclosed a massacre in Sheiria, South Darfur. The massacre was committed by Janjaweed militia on September 20 during Ramadan Iftar. More than 12 people were killed and others were injured, according to an SLM spokesman. (*Akhbar Al-Youm*)

## Darfur rebels slam Al-Qaida

Over the weekend, Darfur rebel groups denounced statements by Al-Qaida's second in command, Ayman Al-Zawahiri, who called for attacks against international peacekeepers in Darfur. The government also said that it is taking the threat seriously. (*Akhbar Al-Youm, Sudan Vision, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al*)

## Bashir: U.S. adopts negative stance on Darfur

In an interview with Al-Arabiyya TV, President Omar El-Bashir accused the United States of adopting a negative position on Darfur because of its interest in Sudan's natural resources. He acknowledged that the U.S. had played a positive role in helping resolve the North-South conflict. (*Alwan*)

## SPLM, SPLA delegations in Washington

Delegations from the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) and Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) are in Washington for high-level meetings focusing on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, technical support for the SPLA, as well as the Abyei border issue. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

## Verdict expected in killing of Al-Wifaq editor

The Khartoum North criminal court is expected to issue a final verdict on November 10 in the case of Mohammed Taha, editor in chief of *Al-Wifaq* newspaper, who was beheaded last summer. (*Al-Sudani*)

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