



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS



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### Darfur

- The Presidents of Sudan, Chad, Libya, and Eritrea met yesterday in Tripoli to discuss the implementation of the Tripoli Declaration signed between Sudan and Chad last year. Both President Al-Bashir and Chadian President Deby affirmed their commitment to implement the Tripoli Declaration, in particular the article which highlights the cessation of hostilities. Both Presidents announced the normalization of relations between Sudan and Chad. President Al-Bashir announced that the leaders attending the summit agreed to convene a summit for Sahel and Sahara States to develop a vision of African government. (*Al-Sahafa, Sudan Vision*)

- President Al-Bashir was scheduled to meet with Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) opponents today in Tripoli, but the rebels did not arrive at the scheduled time. Sources revealed that a government delegation will stay behind in Tripoli to hold talks with some rebels who will arrive in the coming days. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- President Al-Bashir appointed Abu Al-Gasim Imam Al-Haj as a wali (governor) for West Darfur, following Jafar Abdel Kareem who was relieved from his post yesterday. (*Al-Sudani*)

- Arriving in Al Fashir from Mahajireeya in Southern Darfur state, Senior Assistant to the President Minni Minawi met yesterday with the governor of North Darfur State, Osman Muhammad Kibir. Kibir briefed him on the humanitarian and security situation, and progress in implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement. (*Alwan*)

- Kamal Eddin Haj Daoud, head of humanitarian affairs for the Sudanese Liberation Movement,

stated that, according to a statement from rebel officials on Wednesday, janjaweed militia backed by the Sudanese Government killed at least 20 people in an attack in southern Darfur. "Hundreds of janjaweed mounted on camels with four all-terrain vehicles attacked the area of Umm Dhai," said Haj Daoud. (*AFP*)

### Miscellaneous

- The trial of the suspects accused of killing Sudanese journalist Mohamed Taha Mohamed Ahmed opened yesterday in Khartoum amid tight security measures. (*Al - Ayaam, Al-Sahafa, et al*)

- Belarusian President Alyaksandr Lukashenka will pay an official visit to Sudan in the near future, reported the Belarusian news agency Belapan. (*Al-Ayaam, Sudan Vision*)

- The Ministry of Animal Resources banned the import of poultry from countries affected with avian flu. (*Al-Wihda*)

### Quote of the Day:

"The U.S. is using political deceit when it talks about genocide in Darfur." Ambassador Moses Ako, head of the European department at the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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