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Special Envoy Natsios Visit

- U.S. Special Envoy for Sudan Andrew S. Natsios discussed yesterday with UN Deputy Special Representative to Sudan Tayé-Brook Zerihoun the deteriorating situation in Darfur and plans for deploying a hybrid UN-African Union (AU) peacekeeping force. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- Special Envoy Natsios visited the town of Malakal (Upper Nile State), and Abyei area to review the situation following the recent clashes in Malakal and to see first-hand progress on implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in South Sudan. (*Akhbar Al-Youm*)

Darfur

- The spokesman for the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS), Nour Eldin Al-Mazni, stated that two AU peacekeepers in El-Fasher have been kidnapped yesterday by anonymous armed persons. Meanwhile, the governor of El-Fasher town, Al-Tigani Ahmed, stated that the curfew has been lifted and the situation in El-Fasher is stable. (*Al-Sudani, Al-Aayam*)

- The Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sudan Liberation Movement (Abdelwahid Nour Faction), Mohamed Abdulkarim, stated that Abdelwahid has received an official invitation from President Bush to visit Washington in the coming few days. He added that Abdelwahid will discuss with President Bush the situation in Darfur. (*Al-Sudani*)

- The Mayor of Zalengi (South Darfur), Al-Zubair Ibrahim Khamis, stated that 41 civilians have been kidnapped from Al-Hasahisa Internally Displaced Persons camp, and that two women were found dead after being raped outside the camp. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

- The Deputy Team Leader of the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) Implementation Monitoring Team, Ambassador Bobo Nyang, confirmed that the AU Mission in Sudan faces a serious funding deficit in the coming six months. Meanwhile, the AU Peace and Security Council released a statement in Addis Ababa yesterday reiterating the need for the deployment of peace monitors along the Sudan-Chad border. (*Al-Wihda*)

Miscellaneous

- Minister of Defense Abdulrahim Hussein reported to the National Assembly that 85 people were killed and another 286 injured in the recent clashes in Malakal (Upper Nile State). (*Al-Adwa*)

- The Under Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Al-Sheikh Al-Mac, stated that South Sudan's share of national oil revenues stood at \$73.5 million for October 2006. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

- Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniya was received at the airport yesterday by Sudanese Presidential Assistant Nafi Ali Nafi. Haniya will be meeting with President Al-Bashir today. Haniya stated that his visit was aimed at breaking the international isolation of his government

Quote of the Day

"The morale of Mini Minnawi's forces in Darfur has collapsed." – Malik Adam Terab, spokesman for the National Redemption Front [non-signatory to the Darfur Peace Agreement]

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