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Major rubrics:

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

Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – September 6, 2006

Darfur Peacekeeping Controversy

Official viewpoints:

- “Al-Bashir in Kassla : We Will Not Surrender to Colonization and UN Forces” (Al-Intibaha)
- “Al-Bashir Orders the Reopening of Popular Defense Forces Camps” (Al-Hayat)*
- “Minister of Defense: The U.S. Should Be Concerned Over the Implementation of the DPA Instead of International Forces Deployment (Al-Wihda)
- “ Washington Calls on Khartoum to Accept UN Forces Silently” (Al-Sahafa)*
- “African Troops to Stay if Sudan Okays UN Force-AU” (The Citizen)
- “Lam Akol: African Union Can Stay if they Decide to” (The Juba Post)
- “Government [Lam Akol] Retracts Darfur Expulsion Threat” (The Juba Post)
- “No Security Vacuum in Darfur: Senior Official” (Sudan Vision)
- “Alor Receives U.S. Charge D’affaires” (Sudan Vision)*

Other reactions:

- “Marginalized People want UN Peacekeepers; Opposition Leaders Voice Support for UN as Sudan Armed Forces go on the Offensive in Darfur” (The Juba Post)
- “Opposition Leaders Condemn New Government Offensive Darfur” (The Juba Post)
- “Al-Naji Abdalla: Dababean [anti-tank martyrs] will Fight in a Manner Similar to Al-Qaida and Hizbollah” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Jean Ziegler [UN Special Rapporteur]: Sudan has the Absolute Right to Reject International Forces” (Sudan Vision)*
- “Arab Advocates Association: UN Resolution Violates International Law” (Sudan Vision)*

Assassination of Al-Wifaq Editor in Chief

- “Assassination of Mohamed Taha Mohamed Ahmed; Ministry of Interior Accuses Foreign Parties of Being Involved” (Al-Hayat)*
- “Al-Wifag Editor in Chief Assassinated” (The Citizen)
- “Assassination of Editor in Chief of Al-Wifaq Newspaper” (Al-Ayaam)
- “Police Authorities Arrest Certain Suspects Involved in the Assassination of Mohamed Taha” (Akhbar Al-Youm)
- “Popular Congress Party Condemns the Use of Force; Render the NCP Responsible for Current Chaos” (Rai Al-Shaab)
- “Journalists Protest Taha’s Murder” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Assassination of a Renowned Sudanese Journalist” (Sudan Vision)
- “Kidnapped Journalist Found Dead” (Reuters/Khartoum Monitor, Sudan Tribune)

Opposition Demonstration

- “Police Disband Demonstration Organized by the Opposition” (Al-Sudani)
- “Opposition Forces Organize Demonstration in Khartoum in Objection to Increase in Prices” (Al-Sudani)
- “Sudan Cracks Down on Protests” (The Citizen)
- “Police Arrest Mariam Al-Sadiq Al-Mahdi” (Sudan Tribune)
- “Fuel Protestors Tried” (The Juba Post)
- “Opposition Defy Government To Stage Demonstration” (The Juba Post)
- “Opposition Organizes Demonstration Against Price Increases” (Al-Ayaam)

News from South Sudan

- “Fuel Prices 4 X Higher in Juba than Khartoum” (The Juba Post)
- “Fuel Crisis in Juba” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Trader Attacked on Torit-Juba Road” (The Juba Post)
- “Soldiers Attack Torit Police Station” (The Juba Post)
- “Militia Request Participation in Southern Government” (The Juba Post)
- “Arabic still Requirement of Juba University; Capacity for Accomodating 750 Students” (The Juba Post)
- “No Shelter, no Chance to Return to Northern Bahr-al-Ghazal State” (The Juba Post)

Other Headlines

- Eastern Rebels Disagree on Security Arrangements” (The Juba Post)
- “LRA Leader Warns War Crimes Indictments Could Derail Peace Process” (Sudan Vision)

Leading Commentaries

- “The Ugly Crime” (Editor condemns the assassination of renowned journalist Mohamed Taha, Editor in Chief of Al-Wifaq newspaper, arguing that this ‘ugly’ crime puts the country in a new era of violence.) (Al-Ayaam)*
- “Thought Should be Fought With Thought” (Editorial strongly condemns the assassination of Al-Wifaq editor, characterizing the incident as an isolated act that is alien to the tolerance of the Sudanese people.) (Sudan Vision)*
- “Cries in Khartoum” (Editor in Chief argues that Khartoum -- where incidents such as the killing of Mohamed Taha can take place -- is no longer safe, and wonders if the citizens should resort to self-defense.) (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Those Who Wish to Bury the Sudan” (Asserting that neither the opposition nor the Government would have been behind the assassination of Mohamed Taha, editorialist points to foreign elements as responsible.) (Al-Sudani)
- “Al-Wifaq Editor in Chief Assassinated” (Editorial notes that the assassination of the Al-Wifaq editor is the “first attempt to import into this country the practice widely spread in the third world of silencing the pen with the sword.” (The Citizen)

Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

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

[Arab League supports Sudan's plan to deploy troops in Darfur](#)

The Cairo-based Arab League Wednesday passed a resolution supporting Sudan's plan to deploy the government troops in its western region of Darfur, said AL Secretary General Amr Moussa.

Xinhua, September 6, 2006

[Sudan: Thousands Protest in Darfur Against Security Council Resolution for UN Deployment](#)

About 10,000 demonstrators have protested in the South Darfur town of Nyala against last week's Security Council resolution calling for the deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping force in the strife-torn Darfur region, the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) reported today.

UN News Service, September 6, 2006

[UN upset over AU's withdrawal from Darfur in Sudan](#)

The UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) expressed on Wednesday its upset over a possible withdrawal of African peacekeeping forces from the troubled western Sudanese region of Darfur. Radhia Achuri, spokeswoman of the UNMIS, told Xinhua that pullout of the 7300-strong African troops from Darfur, after the mandate of the African Union (AU) to

monitor a cease-fire between the conflicting sides ends by Sept. 30, could lead to a security vacuum in the region.

Xinhua, September 6, 2006

Rights group says Sudan bombing Darfur civilians

A leading human rights group accused the Sudanese military on Wednesday of indiscriminately bombing villages in rebel-held regions of Darfur without regard for civilian lives.

Reuters, September 6, 2006

New Mexico governor to serve as diplomatic troubleshooter in Sudan

Gov. Bill Richardson will travel to Sudan on Thursday to seek the release of arrested American journalist Paul Salopek, his office announced. The governor plans to meet with Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir and ask for the release of Salopek, a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, his driver and interpreter. They were arrested last month in the war-torn region of Darfur.

AP, September 6, 2006

Sudan's president says he'll consider case of award-winning journalist accused of spying

Sudan's president said Tuesday he would consider the case of a Pulitzer Prize-winning American journalist arrested in the war-torn Darfur region and accused of spying, a presidential aide said.

AP, September 6, 2006

Sudan papers mourn death of beheaded editor

The beheading of a Sudanese editor who had angered some Islamists might mark the start of a gruesome new trend, commentators said on Thursday.

Mohamed Taha whose decapitated body was found dumped on a dirt road on Wednesday had drawn protests from Islamic groups last year by reprinting a series of articles questioning the roots of the Prophet Mohammed.

Reuters, September 6, 2006

Abducted Sudanese Journalist Found Dead

A Sudanese newspaper editor who infuriated Muslim fundamentalists last year by printing an article that concerned questions about the parentage of the prophet Muhammad was found dead Wednesday in Khartoum, the capital.

Washington Post, September 7, 2006

Editor Accused of Insulting Islam Is Slain

The body of a Sudanese newspaper editor who had been accused of insulting Islam was recovered, a day after he was kidnapped by masked gunmen, officials said.

LA Times, September 7, 2006

Sudan: Editor of Khartoum Paper Kidnapped and Murdered

Reporters Without Borders expressed horror at the murder on 6 September 2006, of Mohamed Taha, editor of the privately-owned Sudanese daily al-Wifaq, who was snatched from his home east of Khartoum by masked men the previous evening.

Reporters sans Frontières, September 6, 2006

Sudan cracks down on protests

Sudanese security forces fired tear gas and beat people on Wednesday protesting against price increases for basic goods and a journalist was found beheaded in a further sign of rising political tensions.

Reuters, September 6, 2006

Sudanese Press Websites:

Al-Wihda	www.Alwahada.com
Akhbar Al-Youm	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/usinfo/Archive/2005/May/12-676357.html?chanlid=washfile>

<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

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>

Al Bab: Khartoum Handbook and Diary

<http://www.coreSudan.com>

Refugees International:

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org>

NATO

<http://www.nato.int/>

U.S. European Command

<http://www.eucom.mil/english/index.asp>

Sudan Information Gateway

United Nations System in the Sudan

www.unsudanig.org

Association for Media Development in South Sudan

www.gurtong.com