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More details revealed on Sudan terrorist threat

- Sudanese officials met with Western diplomats on Aug. 19 following the discovery of large quantities of explosives in a Khartoum suburb last week, the official SUNA news agency reported. Following last week's explosion and continued raids on Khartoum residences, the UK embassy in Khartoum released a statement saying it was temporarily suspending consular services. Mutrif Siddig, a senior official at the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, met with representatives from the United States, Britain, France and the United Nations on Aug. 19 to brief them on the government's investigation. The government previously announced the arrest of 20 people, but did not provide their names or nationalities. "All persons involved in these events, save two, have been arrested ... and there is no need for fear or concern about the safety of these embassies or their subjects," Siddiq said. (*Sudan Tribune*).

- The Sudanese Minister of the Interior, Dr. Al-Zubeir Bashir Taha, announced Aug. 19 that the terror suspects were "raising the banner of fighting foreign intervention in Sudan." Also, the Secretary General of the Council of Ministers, Omar Salih, said that the extent of weapons and explosives is "quite limited," adding that "the security authorities are quite capable of containing any negative effects" of the terrorist plans under investigation. Officials added that intelligence and security personnel have been observing and monitoring the suspected individuals for "a long time." (*The Advocate*)

Protest over Guantanamo detentions

About 25 demonstrators gathered at the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum Aug. 19 to protest the detention nine Sudanese in Guantanamo Bay for the last five years. The protesters included six relatives

of detainees. The demonstration was peaceful and well organized. *Al-Ayaam* reported that Minister of Justice Muhammad Ali Mardi announced that the U.S. authorities would release Al-Jazeera TV cameraman, Sami Al-Haj, in the next two to three weeks. (*Al-Ayaam, Al-Jazeera TV, et al.*)

Darfur developments

- Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir has assigned the dossier on Darfur to Nafie Ali Nafie, a presidential assistant and the deputy leader of the ruling National Congress Party (NCP), the pro-government *Akhir Lahzah* newspaper reported Aug. 20. Nafie will replace the late Majzoub Al-Khalifah in representing the Government of National Unity on Darfur issues. (*Akhir Lahzah, Sudan Tribune*).

-Ahmed Hussein Adam, the spokesperson of the rebel Justice and Equality Movement, criticized statements by officials from the Sudanese Ministry of Defense regarding the protection of civilians by the hybrid forces. Adam said that these officials' statements constitute a "vicious campaign" by the Sudanese government to undermine the UN Security Council Resolution 1769. In a press conference held on Aug. 18, Minister of Defense Abdelrahim Ahmed Hussein described the UN resolution as supportive of the country's sovereignty, security, and stability. (*Sudan Tribune, et al.*)

- Two police were killed and nine others were wounded in an attack on two police stations in IDP camps south of Niyala Aug. 19. (*Al-Sudani, et al.*)

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