



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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## **Clashes at the Sudan-Chad Border**

- Sudanese Armed Forces Spokesman Mohammed Al-Aghbash stated yesterday that Chadian troops crossed the border and attacked Sudanese troops before being forced to withdraw. Al-Aghbash added that 17 army and police personnel were killed while 40 others were wounded in the attack, which also resulted in numerous civilian casualties. In his statement Al-Aghbash warned: "We send a strong message to all traitors and those who seek to escalate the situation; the response would be strong and through all legitimate means." The cross-border skirmish came after deadly battles between the Chadian army and rebels during the last two days in eastern Chad.

Meanwhile, Chadian Information Minister Hourmadji Moussa Doumgor stated that a convoy of 200 rebel vehicles from Sudan was defeated after attacking army positions in the border village of Aldjirema. At least eight Chadian soldiers and numerous rebels were killed. He further added that "Chad expects the international community to unequivocally condemn this enemy aggression led from Sudan against Chad and to take appropriate measures to compel the Sudanese government to abandon its expansionist plans to destabilize Chad." the minister said in a statement. (*Al-Wihda, Reuters*)

## **Government accepts UN Heavy Support Package for Darfur**

- African Union (AU) Peace and Security Commissioner Djinnit stated yesterday that: "The Government of Sudan (GOS) gave its approval for the UN to start sending reinforcements to AU peacekeepers in Darfur. The GOS made a series of remarks and questions to the AU and UN, which clarified these points and have therefore agreed on this second package." Djinnit was speaking

following talks between UN, AU, and Sudanese government officials in Addis Ababa over the three-stage plan for international peacekeeping in Darfur. Djinnit added that the Sudanese representatives agreed on all but "one outstanding point" of the second-stage plan to send UN troops to support the AU force; he did not specify what this point was. He added that the GOS promised to respond to this outstanding issue "within days," after further consultations with Khartoum. (*AFP, Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

## **Miscellaneous**

- Hundreds gathered in Khartoum yesterday to bid farewell to Jasim Al-Magboul, a civilian killed during the explosion of a large Sudanese army truck full of ammunition earlier this week. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

- Police authorities in Khartoum found yesterday a bomb in an unidentified hotel in mid-Khartoum. According to sources, the hotel was evacuated and authorities were able to dismantle the bomb. (*Alwatan*)

- The Southern Council Committee headed by Dr. Jimmy Wongo started investigations yesterday on Government of South Sudan (GOSS) Minister of Finance Arthur Akwien Chol. Chol is being investigated in relation to the overpricing of vehicles purchased by the GOSS for official use. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Quote of the Day**

**"Clashes between Sudan and Chad will not affect the normalization of relations." Sudanese Armed Forces Spokesman Mohammed Al-Aghbash.**

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