



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS



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### **Rice: Sudan playing "cat and mouse" diplomacy**

- U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, speaking at a joint Washington forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the African Union (AU), accused Sudan's government of playing a "cat and mouse" game in the planned deployment of a joint African Union-UN peacekeeping force for Darfur. "We must not let the government of Sudan continue this game of cat and mouse diplomacy, making promises, then going back on them," she said. Rice stressed that democratic nations "must remain resolved to end the suffering and end the violence in Darfur." She continued, "Too many have died, too many women have been raped, and too many children have been torn away from their families." Rice told the forum, "It is our responsibility, as principled nations, as principled democracies, to hold Sudan accountable." (AP, *Al-Sahafa, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al*)

### **AMIS explains delays in peacekeepers' salaries**

- The African Mission in Sudan (AMIS) stated that it is not responsible for any of the delays in payment of AU peacekeepers' salaries, underscoring that EU money goes first to AU headquarters in Addis Ababa before it is disbursed to AU peacekeepers. AMIS spokesman Nouredine Mezni announced that financial support did not go directly into AMIS coffers, adding that such support was provided in tranches. He added that a report has to be submitted to the donors before the release of the next tranche. (*Al-Ayaam*)

### **Al-Bashir inaugurates Bashayer Port**

- President Omer Al-Bashir on Wednesday inaugurated the second Bashayer Seaport for oil exports in Red Sea State. The Bashayer Port was constructed by the Ministry of Energy and Mining, in collaboration with Petrodar Petroleum Operating

Company at a cost of \$2 billion. The port will be used for exportation of oil from blocks 3 and 7 in the Upper Nile and the White Nile States. It will include six tanks, each with a capacity of 500,000 barrels. (*SUNA, Al-Wihda, et al*)

### **Abyei's fate is in hands of its people**

- A prominent leader of the Misseriya tribe, Abdel Rasoul Al-Nour, strongly criticized recent statements made by Sudan People's Liberation Movement Secretary General Pagan Amum on Abyei. Al-Nour stated that Amum's calls for U.S. mediation in directing the region of Abyei "does not reflect any seriousness and does not present a solution to the controversy regarding this issue. There is no power in the universe that could impose a solution on the people of Abyei without their consent. The people of Abyei are the ones who will decide on their future. Pagan's statement regarding the U.S. reflects an old mentality of custody and guardianship which has long been abandoned. I do not think that the U.S. or any other country will impose any solution on us by force." (*Alwan*)

### **Bread prices to be stabilized**

- The Ministry of Finance has reached an agreement with the Bakery Union regarding the recent increase in bread prices. The Ministry has agreed to cover some of the costs of bread production and therefore bread prices will return back to their original level. (*Al-Ayaam*)

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