



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **Security Council calls for Darfur ceasefire**

The UN Security Council has called for the Sudanese government and the armed groups in Darfur to halt fighting. The Council also called for the full cooperation of all parties for the deployment of the joint AU-UN force. Meanwhile, UN Special Envoy for Darfur, Jan Eliasson, arrived in Khartoum yesterday and will soon be joined by his AU colleague, Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim. They will be holding talks with Sudanese government officials and representatives of rebel groups in a bid to bring the parties to the negotiating table. *(Al-Ayaam)*

### **Sudan resentful of Security Council decision**

The Sudanese government has expressed resentment over a statement by the UN Security Council last Friday condemning an attack by “elements of the Sudanese armed forces” on a UNAMID convoy. State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Al-Sammani al-Waseela, is quoted by the BBC as saying that he hoped that the attack would not be construed as a pre-meditated attack. “Let us refer to it as a ‘joint error’ until the results of the investigation into the incident proves otherwise,” he said. He went on to point out that the Sudan is a member of the UN and, as such, is very much committed to the hybrid operation that it hopes will be able to keep the peace in Sudan. *(Al-Ayaam)*

### **SLM spokesman calls for Minnawi resignation**

Al-Tayeb Khamis, the Spokesperson for the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM), has renewed calls for the resignation of SLM leader, Minni Minnawi. He pointed out that Minnawi has failed in his duties as leader of the party. He further added that the opposition Minnawi received during his last visits to Gereida and Muhajariya in Darfur are signs he is losing ground among his supporters. *(Rai Al-Shaab)*

### **JEM proclaims three states**

The Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) has proclaimed three states under its control in Darfur. JEM leader, Dr. Khalil Ibrahim, revealed yesterday that the states are the Wahat, Jebel Marra, and Bahr-el-Arab. *(Rai Al-Shaab)*

### **IDPs reject population census**

Hassan Abu-el-Shartay, a spokesman for a body representing internally displaced persons of Darfur, said that a government delegation had tried to enter the Abu-Shouk IDP camp in el-Fasher on the pretext of carrying out a census. He said that the IDP population turned them out of the camps and pointed out that the IDPs wanted peace and not a population census. *(Al-Ayaam)*

### **U.S. delegation in Khartoum**

The U.S. administration called upon the Sudan government yesterday to accept the deployment of more UN troops to Darfur. A U.S. delegation led by Principal Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Linda Thomas, held talks with Foreign Minister Deng Alor and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Al-Sammani Al-Waseela. The talks focused on outstanding issues in bilateral relations between the two countries and means to improve bilateral relations. She said that the discussions also covered means to provide more protection for U.S. embassy staff. *(Al-Ayaam)*

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