



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### Abyei crisis

-- UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has called on the Sudan government and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) to abide by the cessation of hostilities signed between them on May 18. The Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) said it lost 22 soldiers during recent clashes. (*Al-Ayaam*)

-- Addressing the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SPLM/A yesterday, SPLM leader Salva Kiir pointed out that the failure to implement the Abyei Protocol is a major problem because of its impact on the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). He asserted that the SPLA is prepared to withdraw from the area once the SAF withdraws. He also said that the shooting death of the second in command of the 31<sup>st</sup> SAF Brigade in Abyei is a loss to the country as a whole. He went on to say that he has ordered the Ministry of Interior and Security in the Government of Southern Sudan to pursue those who loot property in the guise of the SPLA. (*Al-Ayaam, Al-Rai Al-Aam et al*)

-- The head of the SPLM in Abyei, Edward Lino, has slammed the SAF for its air raids on Abyei. He accused the SAF of looting and said he intends to file a formal charge against the SAF for use of aircraft against civilians in Abyei. (*Sudan Tribune*)

-- The Parliamentary Committee on Peace and National Reconciliation intends to send a team to Abyei to see the situation on the ground there. The committee also seeks clarifications from the Minister at the Presidency, Idriss Abdelgadir, to brief them on progress in the implementation of the CPA and, especially, the Abyei Protocol. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

### SPLM wraps up Second Convention

The Second Convention of the SPLM has tipped Vice President Salva Kiir as its nominee for President of Sudan in the 2009 national elections. The final day of the convention yesterday also saw the election of Riek Machar, James Wani Igga, and Malik Aggar as Vice Chairmen of the party. (*Al-Sahafa*)

### Darfur violence

UNAMID said that the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA-Minnawi) and the SLA-Freewill faction have clashed in an area between El-Fasher and Kutum. Both are signatories to the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) and are said to be fighting over sources of revenue from the agriculturally rich area. (*Al-Ayaam*)

### Sudan donates to China quake victims

Sudan has donated \$250 million to the aid effort for the victims of the recent earthquake in China. Acting Foreign Minister, Ali Karti, said that Sudan is in solidarity with China as it copes with the disaster. (*Akhir Lahza*)

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