



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### Endorsing Abyei agreement today

Minister of Foreign Affairs Deng Alor told reporters that the Presidency will endorse today the Abyei agreement document drafted by the SPLM-NCP Joint Work Team. Details about the agreement were offered by the Government of Southern Sudan's Vice President, Dr. Riek Machar. A joint administration for Abyei is to be formed, as stated in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), the president of this administration will be selected by the SPLM, and the NCP will select his deputy. As for Abyei's borders demarcation, the document says it will be left for an international arbitration committee. (*Akhbar Al-Yom, Al-Wefaq, Al-Khartoum, Al-Ayyam, Al-Intibaha, Raay Al-Shaab.*)

### Haroun denies his kidnapping attempt

The State Minister of Humanitarian Affairs Ahmed Haroun denied that he was the subject of a failed attempt to kidnap him late last year by the International Criminal Court (ICC) in collaboration with another country. The plan to kidnap Haroun was revealed Friday by an ICC official. Florence Olara, the ICC spokesperson, said that her organization planned to divert an aircraft carrying Haroun to Mecca where he was to perform Hajj, but Haroun evaded capture when he disembarked from the aircraft after learning of the ICC operation. Commenting on the statement Haroun denied he intended to perform Hajj last year as he was pre-occupied with the work of the NCP-SPLM committee. For his part, Justice Minister Abdel-Bassit Sabddrat labeled the alleged kidnapping attempt a crime violating international law which renders ICC untrustworthy of conducting just trials. (*Sudan Vision, Al-Sudani, Al-Sahafa, Akhbar Al-Yom, Al-Ray Al-Aam, et al*)

### US-Sudan Dialogue is not over

The door is not closed for continuing the dialogue between US and Sudan despite the suspension of talks in Khartoum last week. The US Special Envoy Richard Williamson is expected to hold several meetings with US government high-level officials to brief them on the results of his recent round of talks and his vision about future talks between the two countries. (*Al Sudani*)

### Mirghani reveals why his return is delayed

Al-Sayed Mohamed Othman Al-Mirghani, the Democratic Unionist Party spiritual and political leader, revealed the main reasons for delaying his return to Sudan from his self-imposed exile in Cairo: his house renovation is not complete, and he is finalizing arrangements for his bodyguards and security by the Government of Sudan. A local newspaper will reveal a third reason tomorrow. (*Al-Watan*)

### Deby in a secret visit to Libya

Diplomatic sources in N'Djamena said that Chadian President Idriss Deby visited Libya secretly on Friday. Deby returned to Chad late that night to coincide with the arrival of the UNSC delegation to the country. Deby refused to meet the international delegation claiming that he was exhausted by the trip. The news about the visit came amid accusations by Sudanese sources that Libya supported the JEM attack on Omdurman in May. (*Al-Sudani, Al-Khartoum*)

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