



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### Decree establishes Abyei administration

President Bashir issued two presidential decrees yesterday. One established “an administration for the Abyei area” while another “a development fund for North-South border region projects to ‘make unity attractive in Sudan.’” The decree on Abyei, however, “will have no bearing on the final and permanent status of the region’s boundaries.” (*Al-Sudani, Sudan Vision, Akhir Lahza*)

### Chief Justice forms courts for Omdurman attacks

Under the Sudan Terrorism Act, the Chief Justice of Sudan, General Jalal-Eddin Mohamed Osman, established five criminal courts and one appeals court in Khartoum to try those accused of “participating in the May attacks on Omdurman.” The courts will begin trials on Wednesday of the 39 people accused of taking part in the attacks. (*Akhir Lahza, Al-Ayyam*)

### MoD: Minimal Existence of Al-Qaeda in Sudan

During his visit to Egypt, Sudan’s Minister of Defense denied that there was “any military wing of Al-Qaeda in Sudan,” but acknowledged there may be a minimal number of “Al-Qaeda ideologists” present in the country. (*Al-Intibaha*)

### South African president to arrive in Khartoum

South African president Thabo Mbeki will arrive in Sudan tomorrow for a 2-day visit. Mbeki will meet with President Bashir and the two are set to discuss bilateral relations. (*Al-Ayyam*)

### National Assembly to discuss Police Act today

The National Assembly is set to finalize the Police Act today. (*Akhir Lahza*)

### SLM/Minnawi to finalize date to implement DPA

SLM/Minnawi party spokesman El-Tayeb Khamis said that his movement will be soon specify a “final date to implement the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) with the National Congress Party (NCP).” Continued Khamis, “if we receive no response from the NCP, we will take another option,” though he did not clarify what those options would be. (*Al-Ayyam*)

### NCPP withdraws licenses for 3 political papers

The National Council for Press and Publications withdrew the printing licenses for the newspapers of three local political parties: Al-Addwa, Al-Khabir, and Al-Hyatt. (*Al-Sudani*)

### Cartoon of the Day (source: Al-Sudani)



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[sign reads “Darfur”]

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