



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **JIU will be deployed tomorrow in Abyei**

The Joint Integrated Units will be deployed to the Abyei region tomorrow, according to the Sudan Media Center. The units will be coordinating with the Sudanese Armed Forces, the Sudanese People's Liberation Army, and the United Nations. (*Ray Al-Shaab*)

### **Parliament approves the Police Act**

Yesterday, the parliament approved the Police Act with a majority vote. Some members of the assembly had reservations about the act, however, specifically the ability of the Presidency to form a "special police force." (*Al-Ayyam, Ray Al-Shaab, Al-Sahafa, Al-Sudani*)

### **Arab League Special Envoy arrives in Khartoum**

The Arab League Special Envoy to Sudan, Ambassador Salah Halima, arrived in Khartoum yesterday for a one-week visit to meet with "concerned parties." The Envoy said he wants to "push for peace efforts in Sudan in general and in Darfur in particular." Ambassador Halima "commended the recent efforts by the NCP and the SPLM regarding Abyei," and "hoped that the agreement might be the final resolution to the Abyei problem." (*Ray Al-Shaab*)

### **Chronic food shortage in Darfur**

A member of the national assembly from North Darfur stated that "Darfur states are experiencing a chronic shortage in food, especially in North Darfur." He estimated a current shortage of 300,000 sacks of sorghum. The member speculated this was because of the increase in price of sorghum (according to the member, one 90kg sack of sorghum has risen in price to 150 Sudanese

pounds.) He went on to request that the Sudanese government "send an emergency shipment of sorghum to Darfur immediately." (*Akbar Al-Yom*)

### **Sudanese ambassador: no ICC handover yet**

Yesterday, the Sudanese ambassador to the United Nations, Abdalmahmoud Abdalhaleem Mohamed, said that the United Nations Security Council "failed to compel Sudan to hand over Darfur suspects to the International Criminal Court." "Instead," the ambassador stated, "the Security Council requested parties in Darfur to cooperate." The ambassador continued that "if Sudanese courts fail to handle the cases, Sudan will refer the cases to the ICC." The ambassador stressed the "justice and transparency" of Sudan's judiciary branch. (*Al-Ray Al-Yam*)

### **Cartoon of the Day** (source: Ray Al-Shaab)



"Procedure to Solve the International Food Crisis"

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