



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **Defense lawyer challenges constitutionality of charges against Omdurman attackers**

The lawyer for the defense in the case against those accused of participating in the attacks on Omdurman in May asked the court to withdraw the charges “on the basis that they are unconstitutional.” The defense claimed that the Terrorism Act, which the defendants are being tried under, is in “direct violation of the constitution and the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).” (*Ajras al-Hurriya, Al-Ayaam*)

### **SLM warned not to impose pressure on NCP**

*Al-Intibaha* reports that presidential advisor Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail has warned the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM-Minnawi faction) from “imposing any pressure on the National Congress Party (NCP) to implement the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA).” He said that “it is not necessary for the SLM to create a media storm” and that it would be wrong to “impose any pressure by foreign agents.” Dr. Ismail added that the DPA has its own mechanism for implementation and that the parties to the DPA “need to sit down and resolve their differences to achieve peace and stability in Darfur.” *Al-Sudani* reports that Minni Minawi has shot back accusations of “opportunism in foiling the DPA.” (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Sudani*)

### **Sixteen from Popular Congress Party re-arrested**

Sixteen members of the Popular Congress Party (PCP) were again arrested yesterday for “being involved in the planning with the May Omdurman attacks.” These sixteen PCP members had previously been arrested in 2004 for “attempting to plot a coup against the Government of Sudan” and have already served several years in prison. (*Al-Ayaam, Al-Rai Al-Yaam*)

### **CAA allows Sudan Airways to resume flights**

The Sudanese Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has said it will now allow Sudan Airways to operate again after the crash earlier this month, as the company is taking steps to “comply with international safety standards.” (*Akhir Lahza*)

### **Traders worry over security at new sites**

In the wake of the demolition of the Customs Market in Juba, traders are concerned about security at new sites for their shops. In the wake of the removal of prime trading sites, many merchants have also voiced concerns about the cleanliness and high-price of alternative locations to re-establish their businesses. (*The Citizen*)

### **Prices continue to rise in Juba**

Commodity prices in Juba continue to rise, with many goods continuing to come in from neighboring countries. It is reported that water is still being imported from Uganda and that beer & wine are imported from Ethiopia. A current survey indicates that the price of a gallon of gasoline is USD 10 and the price of a gallon of diesel fuel is USD 7. One 90-kilogram sack of sorghum is USD 50, while one bottle of Pepsi is USD 3 and one bottle of water is reported to cost USD 2. (*Akhir Lahza*)

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