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## UN/AU force helicopter shot at in Darfur

A helicopter belonging to the UNAMID forces in Darfur was fired at on Monday, but there were no reports of casualties. It was not immediately clear as to who was behind the attack. UNAMID officials say they are struggling to deploy adequate troops and air power in Darfur and need more transport and attack helicopters to protect civilians adequately. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Khartoum, et al*)

## U.S envoy holds meetings in Sudan

- Special Envoy Williamson also met in Darfur on Monday with Mini Arco Minnawi, Sudan Liberation Movement faction leader and one of the signatories to the 2006 Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) signed in Abuja. Minnawi complained that the National Congress Party did not intend to implement the DPA, therefore, he saw no point in returning to his office as Senior Presidential Adviser to President Omer Al-Bashir. "Returning to Khartoum was pointless if the DPA was not implemented," said Minnawi. (*Al-Watan, The Citizen, Al-Khartoum, Al-Sahafa*)

- Special Envoy Williamson visited UNAMID headquarters in El-Fasher where he met with the UNAMID chief who briefed the envoy on the mission and its challenges. Williamson expressed his concern over the slow deployment of peacekeeping troops and urged the mission "to step up its efforts in deploying troops in order to protect the civilians and its peacekeepers." Williamson conveyed Washington's support to the UNAMID's mission and role in carrying out its mandate effectively. During his visit, Williamson also visited internally displaced persons camps where he was presented with a list of complaints regarding food, insecurity, and reduced health services, as

well as a request for assistance to return to their homelands. (*The Citizen, Al-Watan*)

## UN holding back information on Darfur

*The Citizen* published an article by Sudan scholar Eric Reeves in which he accuses the UN of withholding information on the humanitarian conditions in Darfur. He said the UN Humanitarian Coordinator Amirah Al-Haq was responsible for "emboldening Khartoum" and "allowing the Khartoum regime to suppress publications and dissemination of numerous reports on malnutrition by both the UN and international non-governmental organizations." Reeves warned that the Darfuris "have entered the most perilous season of destruction since the advent of humanitarian operations." According to the UN, up to 300,000 people have died and more than 2.5 million have fled their homes since the conflict erupted. Sudan blames the Western media for exaggerating the conflict and puts the death toll at only 10,000.

## SAF not fully withdrawn from Abyei

Luka Biang, Government of Southern Sudan Minister for Presidential Affairs, said the Sudan Armed Forces have not fully pulled out of Abyei, but he described the situation in Abyei as "calm." (*Rai Al-Shaab, Al-Sudani*)

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