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## **UNAMID and GoS hold talks**

The Sudanese government (GoS) and the UN/AU Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) met August 17 and agreed to rehabilitate and use the airports in Al-Fasher and Al-Geneina as runways for UNAMID aircraft. Both parties will work together along with the Sudanese Civil Aviation in order to ensure smooth air flight operations. UNAMID Joint Special Envoy and Chairperson, Rodolphe Adada, told reporters after the meeting that UNAMID required 20,000 more troops, and 6000 police officers, as well as civilian officers. (*Ajras Al-Hurria, Al-Rai Al-Aam, Rai Al-Shaab*)

## **More death sentences for Omdurman attackers**

The counter-terrorism court in Khartoum issued eight more death sentences for the Justice and Equality Movement rebels involved in the attacks on Omdurman in May 10. The accused were sentenced to death by hanging and were given two weeks to appeal to the court, which pronounced the rebels guilty under the Sudanese Criminal Law and counter-terrorism legislation. Defense lawyers argued that the special courts were “unconstitutional and did not guarantee the legal rights of their clients.” One defense lawyer, Kemal Omer, dismissed the court as a “political entity that would complicate efforts to find a solution for the five-year conflict in Darfur.” (*Al-Wifaq, Khartoum Monitor*)

## **Darfur probe will not exclude anyone**

Mustafa Osman Ismail, adviser to Sudanese President Al-Bashir, told reporters that “the committee appointed by the Sudanese government to probe war crimes in Darfur would not exclude anybody, President or Minister.” Ismail reiterated

the Sudanese government’s position vis-à-vis the International Criminal Court and said that the GoS “would not deal with a politically motivated court that served the American agenda and other western countries.” The adviser added that the GoS would “not stoop for America nor would they conduct any negotiations under the table.” (*Al-Sahafa*)

## **Beja Congress calls for international mediation**

The Beja Congress called for international arbitration to help resolve the Halaib conflict with Egypt. The East Sudan party requested immediate release of a number of citizens who had been detained by the Egyptian authorities in Halaib. The party renewed its support for Chairman Musa Mohammed Ahmed whose party membership was suspended recently by Anna Dirar, the party’s vice president and leader of the Eastern Front. Dirar accused Ahmed of trying to split the party along tribal lines. Abdullah Musa, a prominent leader of the Beja Congress, said the party was concerned about Egypt’s further penetration into the eastern borders and requested the Egyptian government to “show flexibility in resolving the border conflict around Halaib.” (*Al-Sahafa*)

## **Torrential rains cause disasters in South Darfur**

Torrential rainfall and floods have resulted in six deaths, while five persons are believed to have been swept away by torrents at the Kalma Camp for the internally displaced in Darfur. An estimated 1,500 homes were destroyed, leaving many homeless and in precarious health conditions. (*Al-Sahafa*)

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