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## **President Al-Bashir visits Turkey**

President Omer Al-Bashir is heading a Sudanese delegation, which arrived in Turkey on Monday to attend an African-Turkish summit. The summit is intended to establish a mutual framework for promoting Turkish-African dialogue and will review cooperation in the fields of economic, social and human resources development, as well as education and culture. This is the first Turkish-African summit of its kind and is part of Turkey's outreach to Africa. (*Akher Lahza, Akhbar Al-Yom, Al-Sudani, et al.*)

## **Beja Congress dismisses its leader**

The Beja Congress has dismissed presidential adviser Amna Dirar and some other senior members of the party. The party said in a press release that "it would take legal steps to relieve the concerned from their constitutional posts." An official spokesperson from the Beja Congress told Miraya FM Radio that "the move was in line with the Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement, which was signed by the Eastern Front." The move was seen as a reprisal for Dirar's statement to suspend the membership of the Chairman of the Beja Congress Musa Mohamed Ahmed, who was accused of splitting the party along tribal lines. In the press statement, the Beja Congress further warned the Sudanese government of the deterioration of public services in the Eastern region of Sudan, as well as a risk of famine. (*Al-Ahdath, Akher Lahza, et al.*)

## **SPLM arranges to meet with JEM in London**

Leading officials from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) are planning to set up a visit in London to meet with Khalil Ibrahim, Justice and Equality Movement leader. The step is considered the first of its kind since Khalil's attack

on Omdurman on May 10. The initiative was welcomed by the National Congress Party who announced that "any step to unify the rebel movements in Sudan is a positive one." (*Al-Sudani*)

## **SPLM heads for U.S. to meet Democratic Party**

A delegation from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) headed for the U.S. yesterday, in response to an invitation by the Democratic Party. Luka Biong, head of the delegation and cabinet minister in the Government of Southern Sudan, told Miraya FM Radio that the visit is a good chance to bolster the relations between the two countries. Meanwhile, Biong announced that the SPLM also extended an invitation to the arbitrators appointed to represent the Abyei road map issue to visit Sudan to assess the situation in Abyei. (*Miraya FM*)

## **Sudan seeks Cuba's support**

Presidential Envoy and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ali Karti is on an official visit to Cuba to seek support for Sudan's efforts to oppose the International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo's quest to obtain an arrest warrant against Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir for genocide in Darfur. Karti met with Cuban Vice President Carlos Davila who confirmed his country's rejection of the ICC prosecutor's action against Sudan and its leadership. Davila expressed his country's support to Sudan and praised the Sudanese government's efforts to boost peace in Sudan. (*Miraya FM*)

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