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## Clashes at IDP camp in Darfur

-According to *Reuters*, Sudanese forces attacked a camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Darfur at Kalma Camp on Monday, leaving “up to 27 dead and many wounded,” according to rebel leaders. The Government of Sudan has accused armed rebel supporters of “taking refuge” in Kalma while residents have accused government-backed militias of “conducting a series of attacks on the settlement.” Yahia El-Bashir, the spokesperson for the Sudan Liberation Army/Abdel Wahed Al-Nur faction, said government troops had gone into the camp to “try to clear it of residents.” He continued that “this is a message of defiance to the international community. We call on UNAMID peacekeepers to do their job and defend the IDPs.”

-Meanwhile, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) issued a statement denying the attack on Kalma Camp, but affirmed that SAF was there to “perform a search operation after obtaining a search warrant from UNAMID to look for hidden weapons and ammunition” that were reportedly stored at the camp. SAF said that elements inside the camp had opened fire on the authorities, forcing SAF to retaliate. (*Akher Lahza*)

## AU/UN Mediator calls for cease-fire in Darfur

The joint AU/UN Mediator called on all the concerned parties in Darfur to cease-fire until a common ground is realized by all parties for comprehensive reconciliation. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## Parliament concerned over tribal differences

Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir, spokesperson of the National Assembly, accused in a statement yesterday “unnamed foreign elements” of instigating trouble between the Rezigat and

Messairya tribes of South Darfur and Kordofan. Al-Tahir has asserted the government’s concern over the recent dispute between a number of tribesmen in the region. This assertion was made at a meeting held in Khartoum yesterday that included leaders of the two tribes. Al-Tahir confirmed the government’s efforts to reconcile the tribes by coordinating with the States of South Kordofan and South Darfur. Al-Tahir said that “the government will never allow bloodshed, whatever the reasons, between brotherly tribes.” Meanwhile, the leading figures of the two tribes underscored the importance of “mutual dialogue and means of reconciliation.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## Syria discusses ICC issues with Arab Parliament

Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad received the Chairman of the Arab Parliament, Jasim Al-Sagr, on Sunday to discuss current developments in the Arab arena, including the International Criminal Court issue, which is “currently threatening Sudan’s security, stability, and integrity.” Al-Assad and Al-Sagr both affirmed their support to Sudan and its endeavors to accomplish peace in Darfur. President Al-Assad and Sagr asserted their rejection to the “foreign attempts to intervene in Sudan’s internal affairs.” Meanwhile, President Al-Assad affirmed the importance of consolidation to the work of the Arab Parliament toward “reactivating joint Arab action” and “establishing a united Arab stance on the issues common to all Arab nations.” (*Sudan News Agency*)

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