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## Armed rebels hijack plane from Nyala

- A Sudanese passenger plane was hijacked yesterday evening while it was on a flight from Nyala Airport to Khartoum and was forced to head to Libya, where it landed safely at Al-Kufra Airport. A spokesperson from the Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement that the plane was on a regular flight to Khartoum with 87 passengers and eight-member crew on board when the hijacking took place half an hour after taking off. The hijackers demanded the pilot to change the plane's course and head towards Libya, where the plane landed. Contacts are underway with the Libyan authorities to deal with the incident. Meanwhile, Dr. Farah Mustafa, Deputy Governor of South Darfur State and Minister of Social Affairs, told reporters that the passengers on board included a number of senior officials from the Darfur Transitional Regional Authority, including the Commissioner himself. They were among a delegation that had participated in a workshop organized by the Authority in Nyala. Mustafa added that the government of the state is following the developments of the incident and he affirmed that passengers got off the plane safely. (SUNA)

- According to various reports from *Al-Rai Al-Aam* and *Al-Ahdath*, the reported hijacker and three other rebels from the Sudan Liberation Movement/Minnawi faction were attempting to obtain refuge in France. The hijacker was said to have threatened the pilot with a knife which a woman had brought into the Nyala airport VIP lounge.

## Resignations over Kalma Camp clashes

Six officials from the regional government of South Darfur handed in their resignations in protest over events that occurred in a refugee camp on Monday. Many were killed and many more injured when

hundreds of Sudanese soldiers and security officers entered Kalma camp and opened fire on the residents of the camp. The officials include the Minister of State for Agriculture, two advisors to the South Darfur governor, Al-Magdoom Salah Fadl and Al-Shertai Ibrahim, two municipal officials, and two members of the South Darfur legislative body. Al-Fadl told reporters that the attack was "a rueful act." (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Agras Al-Hurria*).

## JEM warns of reprisals if members executed

*Khartoum Monitor* reported that Al-Fadil Bushara, the commander of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), had formed a special body to recruit fighters to retaliate against Sudan's leadership should executions be carried out against JEM members captured during the May 10 attack on Omdurman. "We do not recognize these courts and warn the government against executing our men as there will be a reprisal for that," Bushara said.

## Floods affect thousands in Jonglei

At least 3,350 persons have been left homeless following floods in Bor County in Sudan's Jonglei State. Health conditions in the area have declined, with children, pregnant women, and the elderly among the victims. Acting commissioner of Bor County said in a press briefing that his government is unable to combat the situation. "I call upon the State government, the Government of Southern Sudan and the UN agencies to intervene," he said. (*Sudan Tribune*)

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