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## GoS welcomes Khartoum University proposal

First Vice President Salva Kiir welcomed the memo submitted by the faculty of the University of Khartoum, which includes “a scientific and academic vision concerning the allegations of the International Criminal Court (ICC) against the President of the Republic.” This came during Kiir’s meeting with the delegation, which included a number of senior lecturers and specialists from the University of Khartoum. The delegation told reporters from the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) that “the university's memo is not a substitute for any of the existing initiatives, but rather supportive of them.” The head of the University delegation, Mohammed Ahmed Al-Shaikh, said that “the University was planning to hold a forum to formulate a plan that could be helpful to negotiators,” and added that “specialists, government officials, and all political parties will be invited to participate in this forum.” (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Al-Ahdath, Ajras Al Hurria*)

## UNAMID helicopter fired at in Darfur

Yesterday, UNAMID announced that militiamen in Darfur fired at one of its helicopters. The helicopter was on its way from Tawila to Shangil Tobaya, in North Darfur, when the shots were fired about 37 kilometers from its destination. UNAMID reported that the helicopter was carrying 12 passengers and 4 crewmembers and was able to land safely. Investigations are taking place to find out who was behind the attack. (*Al-Ayam*)

## Malaysian peacekeepers join UNAMID

Seven Malaysian police officers and nine other personnel headed for Darfur yesterday to join the UNAMID forces operating in the region. The team will stay in the region for approximately a year and will take up the role of collecting logistical data and information to enable UNAMID to assess the situation in Darfur. (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Ahdath, Al-Ayam*)

## SAF justifies its operations in Darfur

Mohammed Al-Agbash, the official spokesperson of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), stated that “the operations that SAF implemented in Darfur do not contradict with the Sudanese Government’s efforts to realize peace in Darfur,” and “the objective behind these operations was to secure the region from bandits and looting.” (*Ajras Al Hurria, Al-Khartoum, Al-Ayam, Sudan Vision*)

## University students demonstrate in Juba

Students from the University of Juba demonstrated yesterday after SPLA elements entered the University campus and arrested two students “loyal to the democratic front” who allegedly attacked the Government of Southern Sudan, “accusing it of corruption.” (*Sudan Vision*)

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